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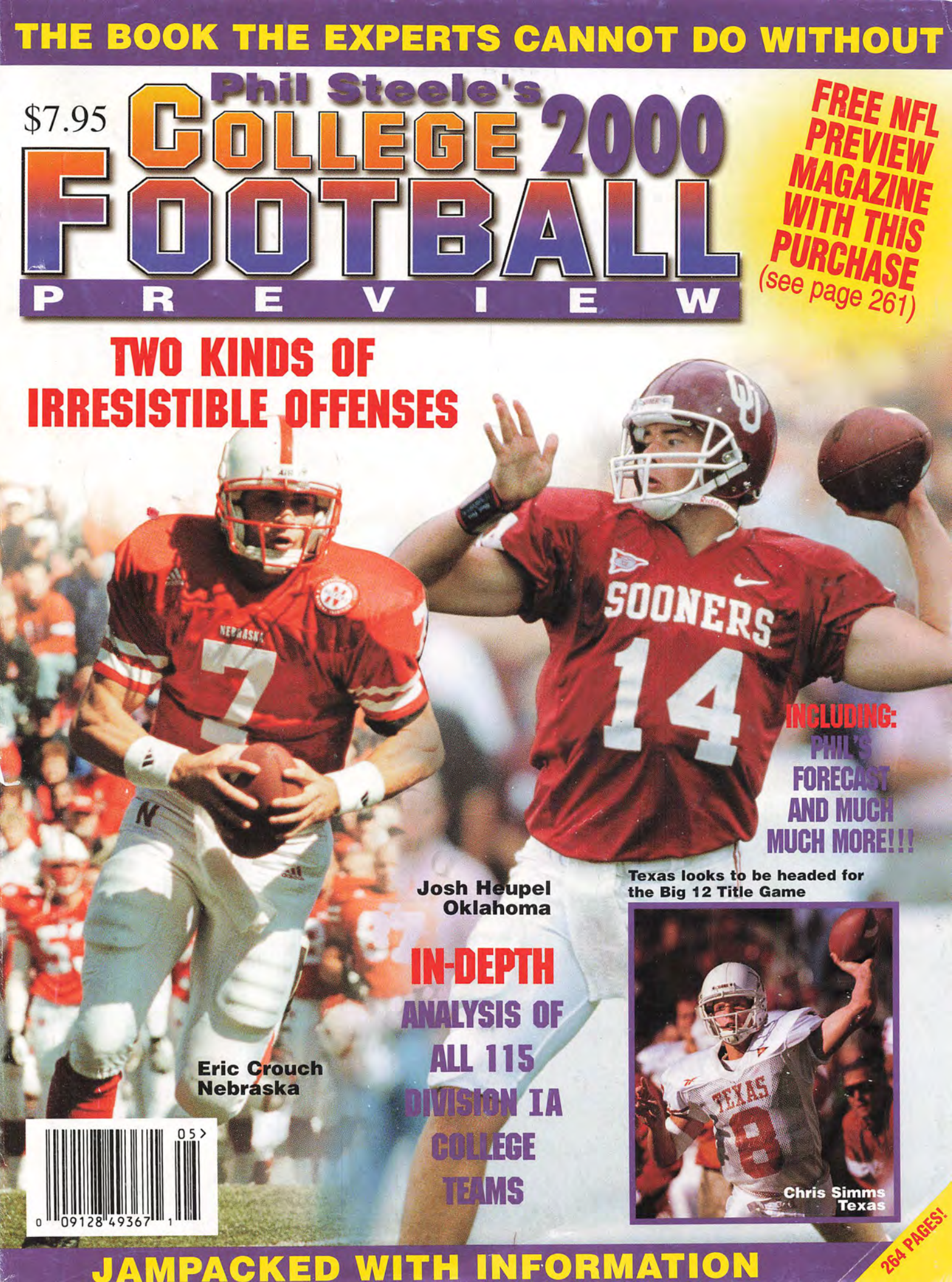


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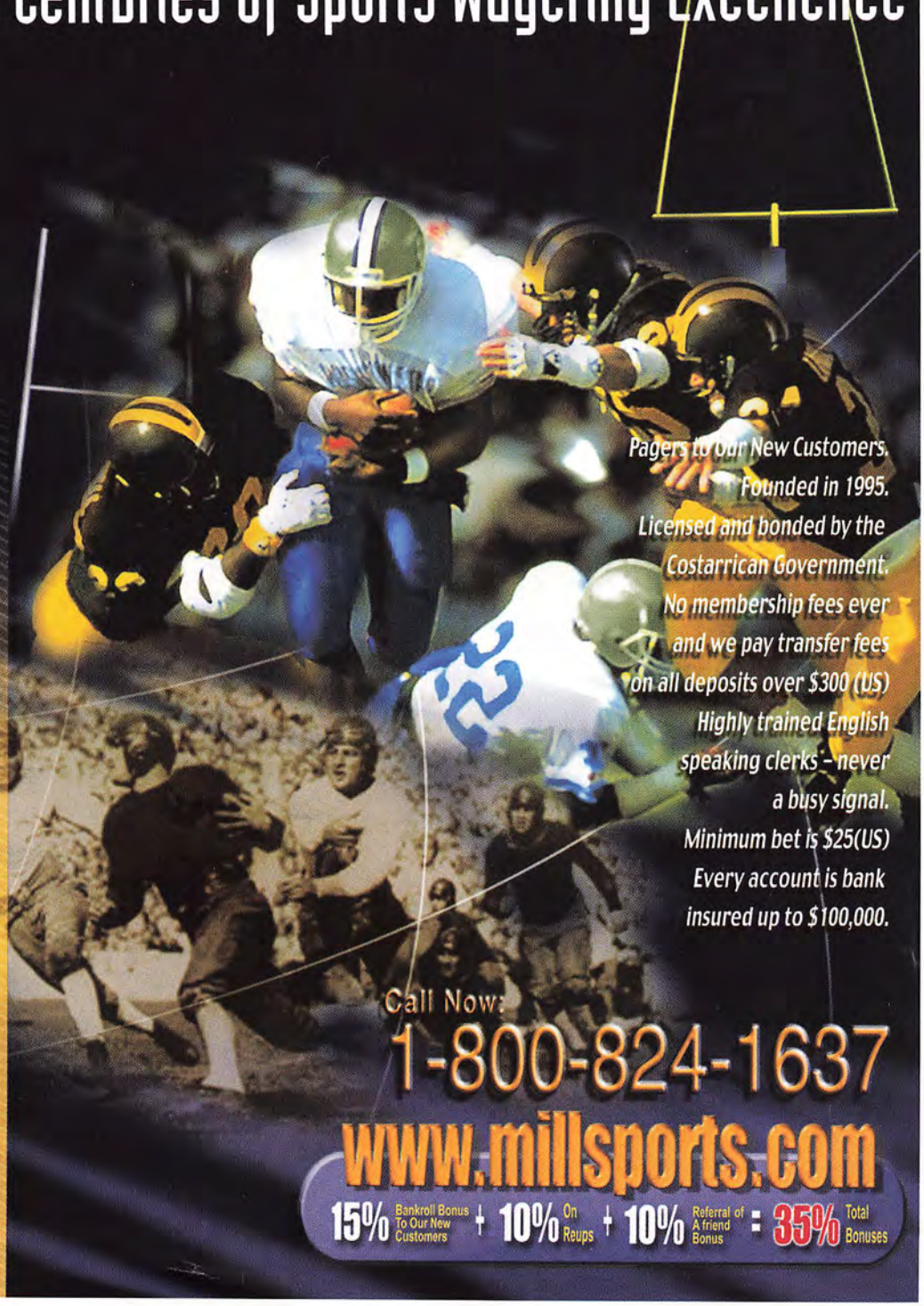

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You will notice there is a lot of small type and abbreviations in the writing. This is done so I could put as much information in this book as possible. Check out the glossary on page 2 (or on page 263) if you need assistance with some of the abbreviations.

I would like to thank my dad, Hank, who passed away a few years ago. He instilled in me a hard work ethic and a passion for football, which always will be my favorite sport. He is a true inspiration.

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AA | All American | FR | Freshman | LS | Long Snapper | REDS | Redshirt Frosh | TFL | Tackle For Loss |
| AC | All Conference | FS | Free Safety | LT | Left Tackle | RET | Return | TKL | Tackles |
| AD | Away Dog | G | Guard | LY | Last Year | RFR | Redshirt Frosh | TOP | Time of Possession |
| AF | Away Favorite | HB | Halfback/H-Back | MLB | Middle Linebacker | RG | Road Game(s) | TPG | Tackles Per Game |
| ATS | Against the Spread | HC | Homecoming | NG | Nose Guard | ROV | Rover | TRANS | Transfer |
| AG | Away Game | HD | Home Dog | NL | No Line | RS | Return Specialist | TRUE | True Frosh |
| B2B | Back to Back | HF | Home Favorite | NT | Nose Tackle | RT | Right Tackle | TTL | Total |
| C | Center | HG | Home Game | OC | Offensive Coordinator | RZ | Red Zone | TY | This Year |
| CB | Cornerback | HS | High School | OG | Offensive Guard | S | Safety | VL | Vertical Leap |
| CONV | Conversion | HT | Highly Touted Athlete (Top 100) | OL | Offensive Line/O-Line | SB | Slotback | VHT | Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit) |
| DC | Draft Choice/Def Coor | ILB | Inside Linebacker | OLB | Outside Linebacker | SE | Split End | WR | Wide Receiver |
| DD | Double Digit | INC | Incomplete | OOB | Out of Bounds | SK | Sack/SKS-Sacks | XP | Extra Point |
| DE | Defensive End | INCL | Including | OT | OffensiveTackle | SO | Sophomore | XPNG | Extra Point No Good |
| DL | Defensive Line/D-Line | INT | Interception | PEN | Penalty | SOD | Stopped on Downs | YD | Yard/YDS-Yards |
| DT | Defensive Tackle | JC | Junior College | PBU | Passes Broken Up | SR | Senior | YPC | Yards per Carry/Catch |
| EZ | End Zone | JR | Junior | POY | Player of the Year | SS | Strong Safety | YPP | Yards per Point |
| FB | Fullback | JUCO | Junior College Transfer | PPG | Points Per Game | ST | Special Teams | YPG | Yards per Game |
| FG | Field Goal | JV | Junior Varsity | PR | Punt Returner | SU | Straight Up | 1H | 1st Half, (2H) |
| FL | Flanker | KD | Knockdown for an OL | PS# | Phil's ranking out of HS | T | Offensive Tackle | 1Q | 1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q) |
| FD | First Down | K/P | Kicker/Punter | QB | Quarterback | TB | Tailback | 2PT | 2 point |
| FMBL | Fumble | KR | Kick Returner | RB | Running Back | TD | Touchdown | 2PTNG | 2 point conversion no good |
| FOLL | Following | LB | Linebacker | REC | Receiver/Reception(s) | TE | Tight End | | |

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

### This Year's Projected Championship Games:

**Big 12** Texas vs Nebraska
**SEC** Alabama vs Florida
**MAC** Toledo vs Marshall

### Past Championship Games:

**1999**

**Big 12** Nebraska 22 over Texas 6
**MAC** Marshall 34 over W Michigan 30
**SEC** Alabama 34 over Florida 7

**1998**

**WAC** Air Force 20 over BYU 13
**Big 12** Texas A&M 36 over Kansas St 33
**MAC** Marshall 23 over Toledo 17
**SEC** Tennessee 24 over Miss St 14

**1997**

**Big 12** Nebraska 54 over Texas A&M 15
**MAC** Marshall 34 over Toledo 14
**WAC** Colorado St 41 over N Mexico 13
**SEC** Tennessee 30 over Auburn 29

**1996**

**SEC** Florida 45 over Alabama 30
**Big 12** Texas 37 over Nebraska 27
**WAC** BYU 28 over Wyoming 25

**1995**

**SEC** Florida 30 over Arkansas 3

**1994**

**SEC** Florida 24 over Alabama 23

**1993**

**SEC** Florida 28 over Alabama 13

**1992**

**SEC** Alabama 24 over Florida 17

## 2000 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

**Mobile Alabama Bowl**
**E Carolina vs TCU**

**Las Vegas Bowl**
**Colorado St vs Illinois**

**Oahu Bowl**
**Oregon vs Georgia Tech**

**Aloha Bowl**
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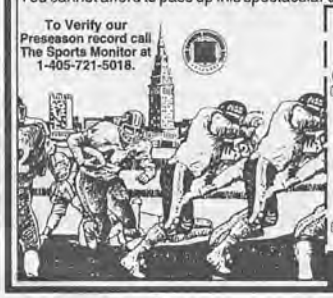


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| | 1ST TEAM ALL AMERICAN | 2ND TEAM ALL AMERICAN | 3RD TEAM ALL AMERICAN | 4TH TEAM ALL AMERICAN |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Chris Weinke, Florida St | Quincy Carter, Georgia | Drew Brees, Purdue | Michael Vick, Virginia Tech |
| RB | LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU | LaMont Jordan, Maryland | Anthony Thomas, Michigan | Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas |
| RB | T.J. Duckett, Michigan St | Deuce McAllister, Ole Miss | Kevin Brown, UNLV | DeShaun Foster, UCLA |
| WR | Santana Moss, Miami (Fla) | Ken-Yon Rambo, Ohio St | Ronney Daniels, Auburn | Kareem Kelly, USC |
| WR | André Davis, Virginia Tech | David Terrell, Michigan | Freddie Milons, Alabama | Arnold Jackson, Louisville |
| TE | Brian Natkin, UTEP | Tim Stratton, Purdue | Tony Stewart, Penn St | Todd Heap, Arizona St |
| C | Ben Hamilton, Minnesota | Dominic Raiola, Nebraska | Vince Azzolina, Wake Forest | Casey Rabach, Wisconsin |
| G | Steve Hutchinson, Michigan | Will Cuthbert, Alabama | Josh Lovelady, Houston | Russ Hochstein, Nebraska |
| G | Bill Ferrario, Wisconsin | Antwan Kirk-Hughes, Texas | Fred Weary, Tennessee | Jerry Carmichael, Florida St |
| T | Kareem McKenzie, Penn St | Chad Ward, Washington | John Stinchcomb, Georgia | Brett Williams, Florida St |
| T | Tarlos Thomas, Florida St | Leonard Davis, Texas | Marques Sullivan, Illinois | DeCorye Hampton, Memphis |
| DE | Kyle Vanden Bosch, Nebraska | Jamal Reynolds, Florida St | Dennis Johnson, Kentucky | Kenny King, Alabama |
| DT | Shaun Rogers, Texas | Richard Seymour, Georgia | Ennis Davis, USC | Wendell Bryant, Wisconsin |
| DT | Casey Hampton, Texas | Gerard Warren, Florida | Marcus Stroud, Georgia | Willie Howard, Stanford |
| DE | Alex Brown, Florida | Kindal Moorehead, Alabama | Justin Kurpeikis, Penn St | Andre Carter, California |
| LB | Tommy Polley, Florida St | Saleem Rasheed, Alabama | Victor Hobson, Michigan | Jashon Sykes, Colorado |
| LB | Dan Morgan, Miami (Fla) | Zeke Moreno, USC | Rocky Calmus, Oklahoma | Keith Adams, Clemson |
| LB | Eddie Strong, Ole Miss | Quenton Caver, Arkansas | Rick Crowell, Colorado St | Pernell Griffin, East Carolina |
| CB | Jamar Fletcher, Wisconsin | Gary Baxter, Baylor | Kevin Thomas, UNLV | Todd Howard, Michigan |
| CB | Anthony Vontoure, Washington | Nate Clements, Ohio St | Mike Rumph, Miami (Fla) | Kris Richard, USC |
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Minny C Ben Hamilton had 66 pancakes in 1999!!

VT WR André Davis is a big play threat.

Wolverine RB Anthony Thomas runs onto my 3rd Team.

Gator DE Alex Brown has NFL talent.

# PHIL STEELE'S 2000 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

## Quarterbacks
### 2000's Top QB Units

1. **Florida St**
Chris Weinke has NFL size (6-5 240), threw for 3,432 yards (61%) last year and is 21-1 SU as a starter. This should be the year that he starts getting his long overdue recognition.
2. **Georgia**
This one may come as a surprise with the plethora of talented QB's this year. Quincy Carter has the best size, speed, mobility, arm strength, accuracy and experience combination of all of this year's talented QB's.
3. **Purdue**
Drew Brees is clearly one of the best passers in the NCAA and is at his best when throwing on the run. He got more reps in the spring this year than he did in '99 and that plus an added year's experience should result in even stronger numbers.
4. **Virginia Tech**
The top individual performance in a single game last year was Michael Vick vs Florida St, WOW! He led the nation in pass efficiency as a freshman, and should be even better as a soph.
5. **Oklahoma**
Josh Heupel simply threw for 3,850 yards (63%) with a 35-16 ratio in his first year at OU. What will he do for an encore now that the whole offense has experience in the new passing schemes?
6. **USC**
Carson Palmer has 1st round draft pick written all over him and last year was hitting 73.6% until he was injured. This is actually his 3rd year but he is still a soph and it will be exciting to see how he does in a full year as starter.
7. **Washington**
Speaking of exciting, the 2nd best individual performance last year was Marques Tuiasosopo rushing for 200 yards and passing for 300 vs PAC 10 Champ Stanford. That tells you a lot about this gifted QB.
8. **Nebraska**
Eric Crouch won't have the passing stats of the top QB's but he did rush for over 1,000 yards last year, bulked up in the offseason, is a decent passer and has blazing speed. He may be the pilot of the nation's top offense.
9. **Texas**
No school in the country has TWO QB's like the Horns. Major Applewhite has proven to be one of the top QB's in the country and Chris Simms is a future first round pick in the NFL and is now a soph.
10. **Indiana**
Antwaan Randle El is an exciting QB and I might have ranked this unit higher but he may see a lot of time at WR this year. Backup Tommy Jones is good enough to have Cameron contemplating that move.

**The rest of the Top 20: 11. Mississippi 12. Penn St 13. Virginia 14. Alabama 15. North Carolina 16. Clemson 17. Illinois, 18. Arizona 19. East Carolina 20. LSU**

Georgia QB Quincy Carter heads a strong class of QB's in 2000.

## Running Backs
### 2000's Top RB Units

1. **Nebraska**
Depth was a problem with the Husker backfield the past two years but this year they are loaded with top notch quality talent and their famed I-back position has 7 players capable of starting at a lot of other schools.
2. **Florida**
Earnest Graham (PS #2) is a power back who had 654 yards despite missing half of last year. Bo Carroll (PS #4) is a track champ who has averaged 11.2 yards every time he has touched the ball. Good depth behind them.
3. **Florida St**
Travis Minor was PS #1 in '97 and has 2,466 yards rushing so far and should have his breakout year in 2000. Nick Maddox was the top back out of high school last year. They also have quality blocking FB's.
4. **Mississippi**
The Rebels use two TB's and they combined for 1,908 yards and 5.4 ypc last year. Deuce McAllister has NFL scouts taking notice and Joe Gunn is productive. They also have two top notch FB's who are among the best at their position.
5. **Maryland**
LaMont Jordan is the key to this unit and he rushed for 1,632 yards and a super 6.2 ypc in '99. There is some solid talent behind him and at FB but Jordan makes this unit among the elite.
6. **Michigan**
Anthony Thomas rushed for 1,297 yards while taking almost every carry last year. Justin Fargas (PS #1) is back from injury to help and that will keep Thomas fresher and more dangerous. Lots of HT's and VHT's behind them.
7. **Penn St**
Eric McCoo did not match his solid '98 numbers last year but should rebound. He will be pushed by numerous VHT's which Paterno just keeps landing each year.
8. **Miami (Fla)**
James Jackson (PS #16) and Najeh Davenport missed a combined 15 games last year due to injury and both return healthy. Clinton Portis and Jarrett Payton supply the depth.
9. **UNLV**
Yes, you are reading this correctly! Kevin Brown topped 1,000 yards at Wash St in '98. Jeremi Rudolph had 693 yards here last year despite injuries and originally signed at Flor St. Jabari Johnson is a top notch Wash transfer and James Wofford is solid.
10. **Michigan St**
T.J. Duckett has Ron Dayne type size and power but may be a little faster. That sentence should be reread and noted. He should be among the very best and as an LB/RB he avg 5.1 ypc last year. He is a full-time RB now!

**The rest of the Top 20: 11. TCU 12. Notre Dame 13. Texas 14. Indiana 15. Georgia 16. UCLA 17. Arkansas 18. Virginia 19. Washington 20. Tennessee**

James Jackson, Miami (Fla) helped the Canes to my #8 ranking.

## Wide Receivers
### 2000's Top WR Units

1. **Ohio St**
Reggie Germany and Ken-Yon Rambo may be the top set of WR's in the country and Cooper has plenty of talent behind them. TE Darnell Sanders has prototypical TE size.
2. **Michigan**
The Wolves' combination of David Terrell (PS #2) and Marquis Walker (PS #1) is potent and both are now juniors. Plenty of VHT's are waiting in the wings and TE should be solid.
3. **Tennessee**
The Vols always have top notch wideouts and this year is no exception. They return their top 3 from '99 in Cedric Wilson, Eric Parker and Donte Stallworth and also add in Bama transfer Eric Locke! TE is also solid with John Finlayson and this unit is one of the best.
4. **Miami (Fla)**
Santana Moss has the breakaway moves of Peter Warrick but is faster. Their WR corps is loaded with VHT's and is among the best.
5. **Georgia**
Terrence Edwards is Robert's brother and hauled in 61 rec (14.2) as a true frosh, living up to his VHT billing. TE Jevaris Johnson had 33 rec and all the top WR's are back. They add in a PS #1 and #4 from last year's class!
6. **Penn St**
Tony Stewart is one of the top TE's in the country. Most of last year's top WR's are back and with Paterno being a great recruiter, this unit is loaded with VHT's. They also add in Rod Perry, a USC transfer who was PS #5.
7. **Purdue**
In Joe Tiller's offense the receiving corps is always going to put up big numbers because of the amount of passes thrown. This year they have WR's that are NFL caliber and that makes them dangerous. Vinnie Sutherland has 4.35 speed, A.T. Simpson is a VHT and TE Tim Stratton was 1st team Big 10 last year. A large amount of HT's in the wings.
8. **Alabama**
Freddie Milons can do it all, as he showed in the SEC title game. Antonio Carter was PS #7 and was the 2nd leading receiver here in '99. Both are back and plenty of VHT's are behind them. TE Terry Jones is ready for a huge year.
9. **Virginia Tech**
Andre Davis averaged an amazing 25.5 ypc on 42 rec in '99! TE Derek Carter is very solid. They add Andrae Harrison (PS #11) who was Vick's favorite WR when they played in HS together.
10. **USC**
Kareem Kelly was PS #4 and Marcell Allmond was PS #5 and they form a potent WR combo. TE Antoine Harris is a VHT TE in his 4th year as starter. There are 4 more VHT's in the backup roles to provide solid depth.

**The rest of the Top 20: 11. Kansas St 12. UCLA 13. Oregon 14. Auburn 15. Florida St 16. Colorado 17. Notre Dame 18. Georgia Tech 19. Tulane 20. Kentucky**

OSU's Ken-Yon Rambo is the worst nightmare of many Big 10 DB's.

## Offensive Line
### 2000's Top OL Units

1. **Texas**
Everything is big in Texas and the Horns front wall averages 329 lbs per man. This unit is not just about size as it is comprised mostly of VHT's and it was inexperienced last year but is now a veteran group and should be powerful.
2. **Illinois**
The 5 players who started all 12 games last year for the most explosive Illini offense ever are back. This group is made up mostly of VHT's and NFL scouts looking for offensive linemen would be wise to spend some time in Champaign.
3. **UCLA**
The Bruins' offensive line was young and injury prone last year. This year practically everyone is back and VHT's are plentiful. Seven players are back with starting experience and this unit will better resemble the '98 version.
4. **Florida St**
The Seminoles OT's looked great in the Sugar Bowl, keeping VT's talented DE's at bay. Both are back as is the majority of the unit and of course almost everyone on the FSU roster is a VHT.
5. **Nebraska**
The Huskers are known for their "Pipeline" offensive line and after a rare off year in '98 returned to form last year and blew Tennessee's talented DL's off the ball in the Fiesta Bowl. This unit looks even stronger in 2000.
6. **Alabama**
The line returns almost intact from '99 but the one loss is notable in LT Chris Samuels who was #3 overall pick in the NFL draft. This unit still looks powerful and could be even stronger.
7. **Wisconsin**
Barry Alvarez does a great job with this unit and always has a big beefy and powerful offensive line on the field. 3 starters return from the unit that paved the way for Dayne's Heisman Trophy but they must replace AA OT Chris McIntosh.
8. **Michigan**
The Wolves are always loaded with NFL caliber players but have underperformed in the last few years and the running game has suffered. This group has 4 starters back and should fare much better.
9. **Penn St**
Last year Paterno went thru 13 different combos on the O-line due to injuries and ineffectiveness. Hopefully he can settle on 1 this year and has no less than 9 VHT's in the unit.
10. **Washington**
OT Chad Ward weighs 330 lbs, benches 500 lbs, but is still nimble with 5.1 speed. 4 starters are back from the unit that paved the way for a potent offense and Neuheisel has a good amount of VHT's on the 2nd string that will battle the starters for jobs.

**The rest of the Top 20: 11. Notre Dame 12. Cincinnati 13. Missouri 14. Minnesota 15. West Virginia 16. Virginia Tech 17. Virginia 18. Kentucky 19. Ohio St 20. Arkansas**

Cincy center Doug Rosfeld anchors my #12 Bearcats.

# PHIL STEELE'S 2000 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS *(continued)*

## Defensive Line
### 2000 's Top DL Units

**1. Florida**
This defensive front starts with AA Alex Brown (14 sacks) and returns almost intact from'99. This is a good sized group that is tough vs the run and can pressure the passer and has 10 VHT's in the unit overall.

**2. Alabama**
A VHT DL is one of the top 50 out of HS. This unit has me searching for a new term like a super VHT. Bama has 7 players in this unit who were rated among the top TEN! King, Moorehead & Smith combined for 48 tfl's in '99.

**3. Florida St**
FSU has produced 6 AA's from this unit the last 4 years. This unit is loaded with VHT's including 3 who are PS #1's & another PS #2 in Jamal Reynolds who had 10 sacks ly.

**4. Georgia**
Start with a great set of DT's in Stroud and Seymour who put 600 plus lbs in the middle but still combined for 22 tfl. Add in super DE Charles Grant (if recovered from injury). The rest of the unit is a nice blend of talent and experience.

**5. USC**
Sultan Abdul-Malik is a dominating DE (14.5 sks in '98) and moves back into this unit from LB. DT Davis is huge and had 16 tfl in '98 but was never 100% after injury in '99. He is 100% and will regain his 1st team Pac 10 form. Bernard Riley was PS #2 and is now a soph. These 3 are ready for much bigger years and the unit was solid last year.

**6. Texas**
Their super DT tandem of Rogers and Hampton combine for 620 lbs and had 10 sacks and 40 tfl in '99!! Overall this unit has 10 VHT's in the mix (including true frosh). They must replace their starting DE's but this unit is clearly among the best.

**7. Kansas St**
KSU always has a top notch defense and Snyder brought in a couple of JUCO VHT's at DT last year and both Cliff Holloman and Mario Fatafehi were strong. They now have a whole year in the system. This should be DE Monty Beisel's (PS #15) breakout year as he is getting bigger and stronger.

**8. Tennessee**
Much like Bama, this unit not only has VHT's, it has 5 players who were among the top 10 out of HS. They do lose 2 starters but their Fiesta Bowl showing has them working even harder this year.

**9. Nebraska**
You can write DE Kyle Vanden Bosch down on your post season AA sheet in pen. He should dominate. Three players return with starting experience and there are a good amount of VHT's plus Nebraska has a superior weightlifting program so they are all big and strong.

**10. Wisconsin**
Alvarez always fields tough D-lines and this group is very tough vs the run and expected to put a lot of pressure on opposing QB's. They must replace their top sackmen but there are 5 VHT's in the mix and I see some pass rushers that will emerge.

**The rest of the Top 20: 11. Ohio St 12. Miami, Fla 13. Oklahoma 14. Syracuse 15. LSU 16. Arkansas 17. Miss St 18. Stanford 19. Penn St 20. S. Mississippi**

R. Seymour (93) and M. Stroud (97) give the Dawgs' defense real bite.

## Linebackers
### 2000's Top LB Units

**1. Texas A&M**
The Aggies always have an excellent set of LB's in their Wrecking Crew defense. This year all 4 starters return from a very talented group and they add 3 VHT redshirt frosh to the mix. Brian Gamble was Big 12 Frosh of the Year while he and VHT OLB Roylin Bradley combined for 26 tfl in '99. A very deep and experienced group.

**2. Florida**
This unit must replace two starters BUT has 4 players back with starting experience and brings in 3 VHT's in Bama transfer Travis Carroll, JUCO Kennard Ellis and rFr Matt Farrior. Another group loaded with talent and a good amount of experience on one of the top defenses in the country.

**3. Georgia**
Basically 3 starters return and they are all VHT's that have been productive. Kendrell Bell started the last 7 as a JUCO transfer in '99 and was 2nd team SEC. This was a deep unit last year and is even deeper now.

**4. North Carolina**
All 3 starters are back and not only are they all VHT's, they are a big group with an average of 6-3 242 and all have good speed. This will resemble those dominating units of a few years back at NC.

**5. Clemson**
Keith Adams led the NCAA with 183 tackles last year and 35 tfl! Chad Carson chipped in 139 tackles and Alex Ardley is also back. The top unit of a tough defense.

**6. Oklahoma**
Torrence Marshall was a VHT JUCO last year that struggled early but still had 26 tfl. What will he do now that he is comfortable with the system? Rocky Calmus was 1st team Big 12 and also returns.

**7. Alabama**
Mike Dubose has done a great job recruiting and much like the D-line this unit is loaded with VHT's. This unit is more experienced than last year and only 1 starter departs but a top notch JUCO comes in to take his place.

**8. Florida St**
This was a very inexperienced group last year that looks much stronger in 2000. Surprisingly 2 starters are not VHT's but Brian Allen benches 500 lbs and Tommy Polley was 1st team ACC last year. They also add PS #3 LB this year.

**9. Minnesota**
This shows you what a fine job Glen Mason is doing. The Gophers defense was very tough last year thanks in good part to this unit which basically returns intact. This is a good sized group that also runs well and has good depth.

**10. USC**
NFL scouts will be watching this group as Markus Steele (4.5 speed) and Zeke Moreno (108 tackles) are both good sized pro prospects that return for their senior years. Everyone in the unit is a VHT so they are also deep.

**The rest of the Top 20: 11. Ohio St 12. Tennessee 13. LSU 14. Washington 15. Miami (Fla) 16. Northwestern 17. Mich St 18. UCLA 19. East Carolina 20. Miss St**

If anyone gets by Seymour and Stroud, LB Kendrell Bell will be waiting.

## Defensive Backs
### 2000's Top DB Units

**1. USC**
This group was #1 in my pass D rankings in '98 and even replacing 3 starters last year finished #5. They are very deep with NFL caliber CB's and look even stronger this year.

**2. Miami (Fla)**
This was a young group and finished #11 in my pass D rankings last year and returns practically the entire two deep. Some starters may lose their jobs to very talented backups.

**3. Texas**
The Horns secondary made big strides last year and should continue up the ladder this year. They have 7 players with starting experience and 7 VHT's in the 3 deep. All 4 starters return and the backups have 36 games of starting experience.

**4. Alabama**
This group got off to a slow start last year with just 2 int's after 5 games but after a shuffling in the lineup picked off 10 in the last 4. It is loaded with HT's and VHT's and should continue to improve.

**5. Florida**
Last year this unit was made up entirely of Fr & So's but still finished #19 due to the quality talent Spurrier had on hand. Naturally they are all back this year and now have experience. The returning starters will have to battle quality backups to keep their jobs which is a sign of good depth.

**6. Florida St**
FSU has had 3 top 2 finishes in my pass defense rankings in the last 6 years. Seven of the top 8 this year are VHT's and Bowden landed some more this year to add to 3 returning starters.

**7. Nebraska**
This unit finished #2 in my pass defense ratings last year and must replace a pair of DB's that were drafted. They get back a '98 starter who missed last year due to injury and will be among the elite once again even with the losses.

**8. Washington**
This group was #21 in my pass D ranking last year and has 3 starters back plus a '98 starter who missed last year. I really like CB Anthony Vontoure and both safeties are productive VHT's.

**9. Kansas St**
Nine of 10 lettermen return from a unit that was #1 in pass D last year. They must replace an NFL draft pick but are loaded with experience and have good talent. This unit usually finishes higher in the NCAA ratings than in mine as they take on few quality passing QB's but they are still near the top in 2000.

**10. Wisconsin**
Wisky, like KSU, usually finishes lower in my ranking than the NCAA due to level of quality QB's faced. This unit still finished #4 in my rankings last year and has 3 starters back and one of the best CB tandems in the country.

**The rest of the Top 20: 11. LSU 12. Michigan 13. UCLA 14. Wash St 15. Clemson 16. Auburn 17. Penn St 18. Ohio St 19. N Carolina 20. Syracuse**

Nate Clements helps the Buckeyes land a spot in my Top 20.

## Special Teams
### 2000's Top Special Teams

**1. Wisconsin**
The Badgers were #1 in my special teams rankings last year and have everyone back. Nick Davis is a threat to take it to the house every time he touches it. K Pisetsky and P Stemke both have booming, accurate legs. This unit has a solid shot at defending its title.

**2. Kansas St**
A part of the reason for the KSU turnaround from doormat to national title contender is that Snyder places a large emphasis on this area. They set a record in my special teams rankings in '98 (#1) but due to some graduation losses slipped to #13 last year. Everyone is back and they will contend for the top spot again.

**3. Nebraska**
The Huskers always have a top notch unit and last year finished at #11. They also have everyone back and both their K and P have strong legs. They have excellent returnmen and punt block teams. They are a threat to contend for the best unit this year.

**4. Miami (Fla)**
The Hurricanes block a lot of kicks under Butch Davis which makes them dangerous. Santana Moss could be the nation's top returnman this year and their P now enters his second season and will be improved.

**5. Utah**
Is this a typo? No. Patrick Dyson avg'd 32.8 per KR in '98 and is back. They led the nation in PR's last year led by Stevonne Smith. Their P led the JUCO's in P in '97. A top notch group.

**6. Florida St**
With the talent that Bowden has on hand, they always have some of the most dangerous returnmen. Their P looks solid and he signed a top notch K to replace Janikowski.

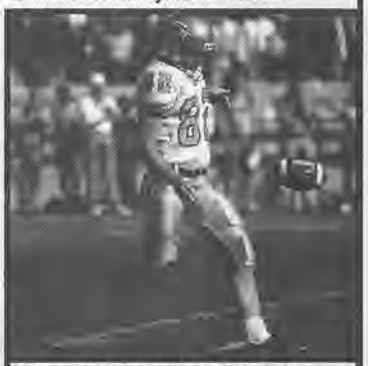
**7. Colorado St**
Sonny Lubick is another quality coach that places emphasis on this unit. They finished #1 in my rankings in '97 and #3 last year. A new P must be found but PR man Dallas Davis is among the best as are Lubick's coverage units.

**8. Western Michigan**
This one surprises even me. Steve Neal avg'd 14.6 & 13.3 on PR's in '97 & '98. P Matt Steffan was solid as a true frosh and will improve. KR McDade avg'd a nifty 24.1 per return ly and all are back.

**9. Georgia Tech**
Coach O'Leary always has a top unit as they have ranked #18, #5 and #19 the last 3 years. The '99 ranking was surprising as they had a lot of new players but this year everyone is back.

**10. Oregon**
Bellotti plays a lot of front liners on this unit and the Ducks have ranked #30, #22, #4, #15 and #14 in my rankings the last 5 years. P Doerr was 2nd team Pac 10. While they lose their top returnman, UO has lots of talent to fill in and brings in a solid JUCO K.

**The rest of the Top 20: 11. Utah St 12. Notre Dame 13. Tennessee 14. Iowa 15. Oklahoma 16. Mich St 17. Kentucky 18. Auburn 19. Maryland 20. UNLV**


GT punter Dan Dyke walked on and had a solid year.

# - A LOOK AT COLLEGE FOOTBALL IN THE 21ST CENTURY

## TWO TYPES OF IRRESISTABLE FORCE

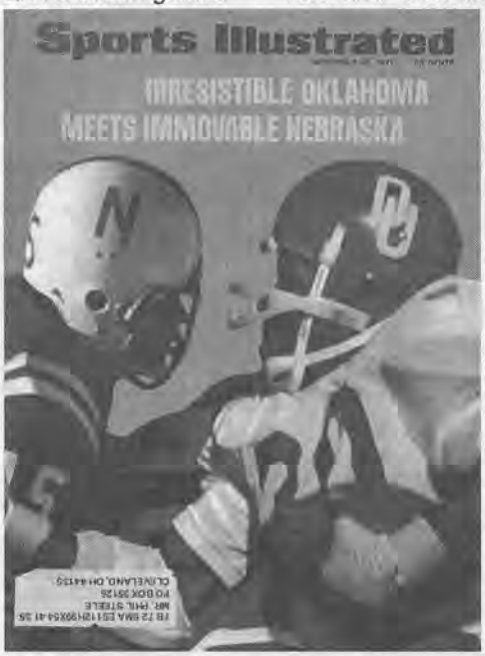
**BY PHIL STEELE**

I may be dating myself a bit but I have been a football fan since the age of four when Jim Brown propelled the Browns to the NFL Title. I became a college football fan shortly thereafter and must admit that I enjoy the college game more than the pros.

There are many reasons why college football is my favorite sport. First would be the enthusiasm of the fans, teams and students and all the different traditions and rivalries, some of which date back to the early 1900's. Perhaps the thing I like most about the college game is all the different styles of offenses and defenses that are employed by the now 115 Division IA football teams.

The first big game I remember in college football was Notre Dame-Michigan St in 1966 which was that year's "game of the century" and ended in a 10-10 tie. The UCLA vs USC rivalry had a memorable big game in 1967 with players like OJ Simpson for the Trojans (Student Body Right) and Gary Beban for the Bruins and USC won that West Coast Clash 21-20.

In the 1969 Rose Bowl, QB Rex Kern guided Woody Hayes' undefeated Buckeyes to the National Title using a run-oriented offense vs #2 USC. I was stunned the next year when Jim Plunkett led Stanford to an upset of the heavily favored Buckeyes in the 1970 Rose Bowl using the pass offense. Stanford won that game despite OSU having a clear talent edge on both sides of the ball. Texas and Arkansas took the forefront in 1969 with their epic No. 1 vs No. 2 battle which Texas won 15-14 and both were running teams.




The game that may have turned the tide and got many more championship caliber teams looking at the forward pass was Miami, Fla's huge upset of Nebraska in the Orange Bowl in 1983. BYU's high flying pass attack won the title in '84. In 1985 and '86 the run-oriented attacks of Oklahoma and Penn St took the titles. Oklahoma looked like the strongest team in '87 but Miami shut them down in the bowl and won the title. Lou Holtz's ND Fighting Irish won the 1988 championship thanks in part to Tony Rice's skill running the option. Colorado took itself from annual weakling to annual bowl team by switching to the wishbone in the late '80's and won the National Title in 1990. They switched to a pass attack the next year and while a solid team they have not repeated their title run.

The major trend of college football over the last two decades has been towards the pass. Different rule changes have made the passing game much more effective. From 1960 to 1965, teams averaged 17.5 passes per game, completing 46%. From 1968-70 teams on the average threw 25.3 passes per game (47% completions). Surprisingly with teams like Oklahoma, Nebraska, Ohio St, Michigan, USC, Alabama, and Texas dominating the early 70's teams only threw an average of 18.7 passes per game from 1974-76. The numbers stayed in the low 20's for an average until 1981 when they jumped to 25.3 passes per game. Since then teams in the NCAA overall have averaged anywhere from 26 to the all-time high of 29.7 passes per game which was achieved in 1995. The completion rates have also gone up with the yearly average now at 53 or 54% overall. Back in 1961 teams averaged less than 100 yards passing per game and now teams are almost always over 200 ypg in the NCAA as a whole. More passing has also resulted in more points overall. After years of pass-oriented teams winning the titles Nebraska brought the option back in vogue in the mid to late '90's with no less than 3 National Titles.

I got the idea for my Midwest/Big 12 regional cover from one of my favorite issues of the outstanding sports publication, Sports Illustrated. Back in 1971, they had the "Irresistible Oklahoma Meets Immovable Nebraska" cover which has been discussed since then and I have pictured on this page. I must admit that I was an avid reader of Sports Illustrated during the '60's, '70's and '80's and in fact have most of their issues from all of those years still intact. They covered football better than anyone else at that time. The game they were talking about was the 1971 meeting between Nebraska and Oklahoma played on Thanksgiving Day, which was won by Nebraska. Back in the late '60's and early '70's if you wanted to win a championship, you had to do it with a strong defense and a solid running game. Oklahoma's wishbone offense was an example of the strong running game. Nebraska at that time was almost considered a passing team led by Jerry Tagge, but in reality, by today's standards, was clearly a run-dominated group. The game was won by the Huskers but by a very surprising 35-31 score in one of the most exciting games of all-time. The game has changed. Passing has become much more prevalent in the '80's, '90's and into the 21st century.

Which offense is most effective? The brand-new pass offenses like Kentucky, Oklahoma, Louisville and Purdue or the same old strong run-oriented offenses still in use by Nebraska, and teams like Air Force and TCU? There is no real answer. Each team has different determining factors as to whether they would be a better run or pass group and both offenses can be equally effective. In recent years we have seen Nebraska's option attack win National Titles. We have also seen pass-oriented attacks such as those run by Florida St and Florida win National Championships. Struggling teams can turn their programs around with offensive changes. Teams that cannot recruit with the big boys can turn competitive by going either to the option or the Kentucky style pass attack and they become difficult for opposing defenses to prepare for.

The wishbone allows a team to have smaller but more mobile offensive linemen and still be competitive. It is a system that is based on deception and fakes

and does not allow a more physical and stronger defense to take control as the key to stopping the option is to be in the correct position defensively on every play. Service academies which cannot recruit on the same levels as the big boys have used this offense for years. Their players have the discipline to carry out all the fakes and run the plays as designed. Air Force was one of the winningest teams in all of college football in 1997-98, rattling off an impressive 23-3 SU record. In this era of very aggressive defenses, the wishbone can catch players out of position and get big plays.

The Kentucky style pass offense is also being used by teams that were previously outmanned and allows them to become competitive. It forces teams to deploy more defensive backs than many are comfortable with using and as mentioned makes it tougher to prepare for in a one week span. The quick passing offense also makes good use of draw plays and quick passes to take advantage of an over aggressive defense which results in big plays. Purdue and Kentucky both went to bowls after the switch to this type of offense. Oklahoma picked it up last year and even Lou Holtz is toying with more 4 WR sets at South Carolina. Yes, I mean the same Lou Holtz that made a living off the option at Notre Dame. Texas Tech just hired Mike Leach who was the offensive coordinator at both Kentucky and Oklahoma to be the new head man and he brings this offense to another Big 12 school.

On this year's Big 12 area covers I feature the two very different styles of offensive attacks, ironically used by the same two teams that SI had on that 1971 cover. Nebraska football has not changed much and as we saw by the amount of national titles in the 1990's, there is no reason to change. They run power option football with the QB mostly a ball carrier and the offensive linemen big, strong and agile. They are national title contenders once again this year and in fact I project them in the National Title Game.

Oklahoma has gone through some drastic changes through the years. Over the last 20 or so years we have witnessed the wishbone attack, the I formation (changed for Marcus Dupree), a return to the wishbone and even a few attempts at a pure pass offense. Barry Switzer promised a QB named Troy Aikman that they would pass more and after a year of trying, went back to the option and Aikman went off to UCLA and then the NFL. Gary Gibbs incorporated the pass and set some bowl game passing records with Cale Gundy at the helm in one postseason appearance. They headed back to more option and the running game under Howard Schellenberger and John Blake. Last year they went from almost a pure option team with running QB's to the pure pass offense that Kentucky uses. Josh Heupel broke almost all of the school's passing records and they went from a losing team to a super 8-4 season.

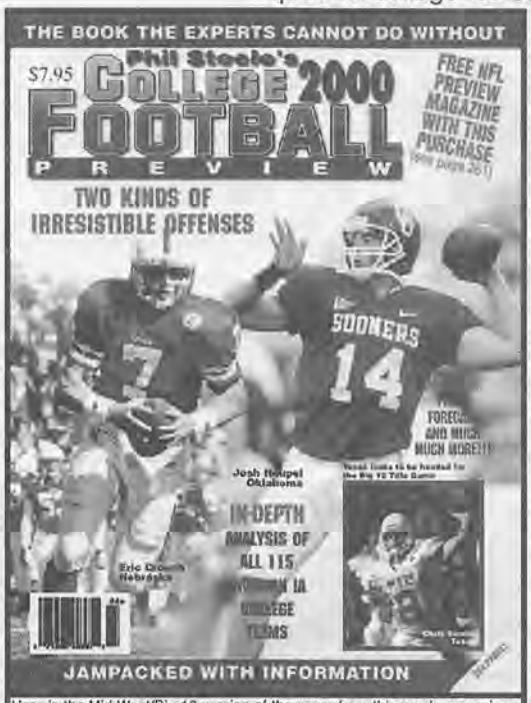
I am very pleased that these two schools will resume their rivalry after a two year absence as it is one of the nation's best. I do not expect the same type of hype for the game as that 1971 version but the contrast in styles not only in that game but overall in college football makes it very exciting.

In closing it is interesting to note that the leading trendsetters in the new passing vogue: Kentucky, Purdue, Louisville and Oklahoma went a combined 0-4 in the postseason in 1999. Perhaps when an opposing defensive staff is given adequate preparation time it helps to demystify the elaborate schemes. Conversely, the only two pure option teams that played in bowls last season, Nebraska and TCU dominated their respective bowl games. This is a possible trend to look out for well into the 21st century.

During the course of last season and when writing the magazine this year, different thoughts popped into my head that I think should be included somewhere but I really did not have a place for them. I will go through some of those random thoughts now and hopefully you will also find them interesting.

...1999's postseason was very strange. Teams like Arizona, Notre Dame, Ohio St, UCLA and USC were all home for the holidays. Upstarts like Hawaii, Minnesota, Oregon St and Wake Forest all made it to postseason action. UCLA, which opened 1998 at 10-0 is now 4-9 over their last 13 games. Ohio St, which hadn't been out of the postseason in 13 years, failed to get there with a 6-6 record. Notre Dame had their first 7 loss season since 1963. Arizona came in ranked #4 in the polls (although not in my preseason Top 10) and finished just 6-6. Last year I had a list of the most improved teams for 1999 and my #1 most improved team was the University of Hawaii. They proved me right as after a winless season they went 8-4 during the regular season and won their bowl.

...Keep in mind that the lower scholarship limits that the NCAA now has for the teams has given the sport parity. Back when Bear Bryant was head coach at Alabama, he had unlimited scholarships at his disposal. He would sign a player that he knew would only be 3rd or 4th string just to prevent him from signing with a rival. If Alabama or one of the powerhouses offered you a scholarship most players were inclined to say yes. Now there are more quality players landing at schools that rarely signed them before. I think this is a plus for college football.



Here is the Mid West/Big 12 version of the cover from this year's magazine.

...It is interesting to note that most SEC schools have a great run defense. Michigan Coach Lloyd Carr pointed out that 8 of the SEC's 12 defenses ranked among the top 20 in the nation against the run. The SEC's best running team in 1999 (Ole Miss) ranked 20th followed by the 25th and 28th ranked squads but, there is a big drop-off after that and four SEC teams ranked among the 10 worst teams in Div IA running the football. The level of competition must always be taken into account when grading a team's offense or defense.

...Sometimes when longtime coaches step down it should set off an alarm to the alumni that things may not be as solid as they have been. I look back to 1996 at Gene Stallings stepping down from Alabama after accumulating a 47-7-1 record the previous five years. While Stallings will never be confused with coaches like Bear Bryant or Joe Paterno perhaps he analyzed the talent for the upcoming season and knew it was the right time to step away. In Mike DuBose's first year in 1997 the Tide suffered through a poor 4-7 campaign.

...This year there are some big shoes that have to be filled. If you look at Nebraska, last year they had the #1 defense in the country by far and that helped them reestablish themselves as one of the elite teams in the country. In my mind they were the best team in the land, but unfortunately they did not get to play in the title game. Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride, who had been on hand for 37 years, has elected to go out on a high note. A good portion of Nebraska's top stars on the defensive unit are also departing and it makes me wonder if McBride looked at this year's group and knew it would be in trouble and decided to step out on top, or whether it was just time for him to retire. Similarly Penn State Defensive Coordinator, Jerry Sandusky, departs Happy Valley after 32 years of serving on Joe Paterno's staff. The Nittany Lions defense, which boasted the #1 and #2 overall NFL draft choices in 1999, now returns just two starters. Luckily for PSU fans the cupboard is not empty as JoePa has stocked the roster with blue chip recruits for years.

# THE 2000 NFL DRAFT
# A DAY FOR THE VHT'S

By Phil Steele

The NFL draft is always a big day for the top graduating seniors and some juniors in college football. It is the chance to move on to the NFL and make a living playing the sport they have played for free most of their lives. For first round draft picks it means millions of dollars and sudden wealth. While lower round draft picks do not make millions, everyone makes six digits and that is why a big senior year is very important.

Being a first round draft pick does not guarantee success. The NFL has lots of stories of first round "busts" over the years. Players that never lived up to their potential due to injuries or just poor performance. Every franchise has had some #1 picks that never panned out and some that never even started an NFL game. The majority of 1st round picks do make it big. Last year RB Edgerrin James was a 1st round pick in the NFL draft and ended up leading the NFL in rushing with 1553 yards as a ROOKIE! The most dangerous receiver in football at this time is Randy Moss of Minnesota and he too was a #1 choice. WR Marvin Harrison led the NFL in total yards receiving and was the Colts' top choice in 1996. The man orchestrating Indy's offense is Peyton Manning who was arguably the top QB in the AFC last year and he was the first overall pick in the draft in 1998. Jevon Kearse was a first rounder of the Tennessee Titans and he simply dominated as a rookie with 14.5 sacks and helped the team get to the Super Bowl. There are great expectations for first round draft picks and many live up to them by eventually getting to the Pro Bowl.

How does a player get to be a first round draft pick? A good starting point of determining a player's grade coming out of college is how that player performs on the field. In most cases you must be among the most productive players in the college game. Productivity is not the only criteria. Ty Detmer is the all-time career passing leader in college football with over 15,000 yards but was not a first round pick. Todd Santos and Eric Zeier were both in the top 5 in that category heading into last year and neither was a #1 pick. Danny Wuerffel won the Heisman but his phone did not ring until the 4th round. The top two reception leaders of all-time in IA ball are Geoff Noisy and Trevor Insley and neither was drafted.

NFL scouts concentrate primarily on players' size, speed and strength ratings. A player could have a great senior year but if his performance in the 40 yard dash is disappointing he could drop a round or two in the draft. If a player shows up at the NFL Combine out of shape, he probably cost himself a large chunk of money in his contract as he will be drafted lower. It's all about how many reps a player can do at 225 pounds in the bench press and physical characteristics.

There are plenty of stories of players that were not drafted that went on to great success in the NFL. You only need to look at the 1999 season to see Kurt Warner. Warner who was never drafted and even played in the Arena Football league, simply was the NFL and Super Bowl MVP. Those stories are great but the majority of the stars in the NFL are the players who graded out high enough to be first round draft picks.

The colleges do not have a draft of high school players but every school has a given allotment of scholarships and has to recruit players from around the country to fill their needs. Most high school athletes will take the big name schools scholarships over the small ones. If you are lucky enough to have a Florida St, Ohio St or Alabama offer you one of their precious 15 to 25 scholarships, you usually jump at it. Schools like Boise St. or Middle Tennessee do not even bother to recruit most of the very top athletes coming out as they really have no chance to land them (unless it's a local kid).

Since there is no draft, how do you rate players out of high school? I rely on some great recruiting sources and I have a computer rating system that ends up ranking over 7,500 players out of high school each year. I then assign every player a PS # which shows how highly rated each player is out of high school. I have an entire page devoted to how I determine a PS # (see page 252).

I have come up with my own terminology for the players rating out of high school on that page. An HT is a player that is rated highly at his position. Out of the 7,500+ kids that are on my list coming out of high school, the top 1500 fall into the HT category. A VHT is akin to a first round draft pick. There are only 275 of these players each year with varying amounts at each position. That comes out to just 5.5 players per state so we are talking the créme de la créme from the recruiting rankings.

On page 252 I mention the case of Florida St DL Andre Wadsworth who was barely 200 pounds when he came out of high school but bulked up to a first round draft pick level athlete during his time in college. When a player moves into a college program he benefits from vastly upgraded weight rooms and nutritional programs. Players will show a much bigger change in size, speed and strength in their 4 or 5 years in college than they do once the NFL drafts them. The recruiting ratings are not an exact science. However, much like the NFL, you will find that the most sought after kids out of high school turn out to be the stars of the college game. There are many cases of VHT players stepping in and starting in their true frosh years.

This year I thought I would look at the end product of the college game. In late April, after the NFL draft was complete, I went back and looked at the PS #'s of all of the top picks. I was pleasantly surprised that of the top 12 players selected in the NFL draft, NINE were VHT's when they came out of high school. Here is a list of the top 12 selections and where they were rated. As you can see the NFL draft was a VHT day.

## 2000'S NFL DRAFT TOP SELECTIONS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Courtney Brown | Penn St | VHT | PS#2LB in 1996 |
| 2. | LaVar Arrington | Penn St | VHT | PS#1LB in 1997 |
| 3. | Chris Samuels | Alabama | | PS#197OL in 1995 |
| 4. | Peter Warrick | Florida St | VHT | PS#3WR in 1995 |
| 5. | Jamal Lewis | Tennessee | VHT | PS#13RB in 1997 |
| 6. | Corey Simon | Florida St | VHT | PS#5DL in 1995 |
| 7. | Thomas Jones | Virginia | VHT | PS#15RB in 1996 |
| 8. | Plaxico Burris | Michigan St | VHT | PS#5WR in 1997 |
| 9. | Brian Urlacher | New Mexico | | PS#93TE in 1996 |
| 10. | Travis Taylor | Florida | | PS#78WR in 1997 |
| 11. | Ron Dayne | Wisconsin | VHT | PS#3RB in 1996 |
| 12. | Shaun Ellis | Tennessee | VHT | PS#15DL in 1996 |

It will be interesting to see if VHT's will dominate the 2001 NFL draft as well. I have done some research on this year's top seniors for the draft. I fully realize that the top picks of this year's draft may be mostly made up of juniors that elect to turn pro early. I respect the college game and would like to see all juniors return for their senior seasons therefore will not list any of them in my list to top eligible players for next year's draft.

TOP ELIGIBLE SENIORS FOR THE 2001 NFL DRAFT

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | QB Drew Brees | Purdue | | PS#104QB in 1997 |
| 2. | DT Ennis Davis | USC | VHT | PS#13OL in 1996 |
| 3. | OL Kareem McKenzie | Penn St. | VHT | PS#5OL in 1997 |
| 4. | OL Leonard Davis | Texas | VHT | PS#2 in 1997 |
| 5. | RB Anthony Thomas | Michigan | VHT | PS#12RB in 1997 |
| 6. | WR Ken-Yon Rambo | Ohio St | VHT | PS#1WR in 1997 |
| 7. | DL Gerard Warren | Florida | VHT | PS#7DL in 1997 |
| 8. | DL Kenny Smith | Alabama | VHT | PS#8DL in 1997 |
| 9. | WR Santana Moss | Miami (Fla) | | PS#193WR in 1997 |
| 10. | DB Fred Smoot | Mississippi St | | PS#55JC in 1997 |
| 11. | LB Dan Morgan | Miami (Fla) | | PS#102RB in 1997 |
| 12. | DL Andre Carter | California | VHT | PS#9DL in 1997 |
| 13. | RB LaMont Jordan | Maryland | VHT | PS#39RB in 1997 |
| 14. | DE Roland Seymour | Florida St | VHT | PS#35LB in 1996 |
| 15. | DE Richard Seymour | Georgia | VHT | PS#370DL in 1997 |
| 16. | RB James Jackson | Miami (Fla) | VHT | PS#16RB in 1995 |
| 17. | LB Markus Steele | USC | VHT | PS#18JC in 1999 |
| 18. | DE Jamal Reynolds | Florida St. | VHT | PS#2LB in 1997 |
| 19. | DT Casey Hampton | Texas | VHT | PS#41DL in 1996 |
| 20. | DT Damione Lewis | Miami (Fla) | VHT | PS#11DL in 1996 |
| 21. | DL Kyle Vanden Bosch | Nebraska | VHT | PS#4DL in 1997 |
| 22. | OLB Roylin Bradley | Texas A&M | VHT | PS#3LB in 1997 |
| 23. | CB Leonard Myers | Miami (Fla) | | PS#100DB in 1997 |
| 24. | OLB Tommy Polley | Florida St | VHT | PS#14LB in 1996 |
| 25. | WR Reggie Wayne | Miami (Fla) | VHT | PS#14WR in 1997 |
| 26. | RB LaDainian Tomlinson | TCU | | PS#180RB in 1997 |
| 27. | RB Duece McAllister | Mississippi | | PS#310RB in 1997 |
| 28. | LB Zeke Moreno | USC | VHT | PS#53LB in 1997 |
| 29. | DT Marcus Stroud | Georgia | VHT | PS#13DL in 1996 |
| 30. | OT Marquis Sullivan | Illinois | VHT | PS#5OL in 1996 |

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Which AFC team is 7-3 ATS at home in the September heat?

Who is the NFL's best home underdog with a 26-5 ATS mark?

What AFC team is 1-8 in "Pickem" games?

What AFC Central rivalry has unexpectedly gone under the total 6 of 8 times?

Which AFC West team is 17-5 ATS at home versus the NFC?

Which '90's Super Bowl winner is 1-11 ATS at home off a SU home loss?

Which NFC team is 3-17 ATS their last 20 December road games?

Which '98 conference championship game host has compiled a 14-4 ATS mark as a home dog?

Which NFC team is 9-2 ATS the week after a bye?

Which '90's Super Bowl Champion is 3-9 ATS as a favorite vs the NFC East?

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# WHICH IS THE TOUGHEST CONFERENCE?

BY PHIL STEELE

***The Great Debate on Which Conference is the Toughest.***

One of the exciting things about NCAA Football is that the toughest conference changes on a year-to-year basis. I remember back in the late '60's when it could have been argued that the SWC was the top conference in the country with powerhouses like Texas and Arkansas battling it out for #1. In later years it was the Big 8 with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating the landscape. The Big 10, of course, is usually at the top as is the SEC. While both conferences have had their powerhouse years with the Crimson Tide of Bear Bryant and the rivalry between Woody Hayes and Bo Schembechler's Ohio St and Michigan squads, they also have had some off years.

Quincy Carter leads a Georgia team that is one of 4 SEC teams that rank in the Top 15 in terms of talent.

Another interesting point is that there is no definitive science for picking the toughest conference. You cannot rely strictly on how many bowl wins a conference racks up during the postseason or on its overall record in non-conference play. Let's face it, some leagues' non-conference slates are much tougher than others. Conferences can play non-conference games vs Big West or Big 12 opponents and if you go strictly on overall record the wins and losses count the same.

Before I take a look at this year's conferences, let's do a quick recap of 1999's toughest conferences. In the last 2 seasons, the Big 10 has sent a total of 12 teams to bowl games and came away with an outstanding 10-2 record. The Big 10 also probably plays the toughest slate of non-conference games among all the entrants. In 1999, the Big 10 also had 6 teams finish in the Top 25, which was 2nd to the SEC which had 7. However, the Big 10 had 4 teams ranked in the Top 11 in the final polls with teams at #4, #5, #7 and #11. The SEC's highest finisher was at #8 and only had 2 schools ranked in the Top 11. Overall, the SEC finished 4-4 in bowl games and in head-to-head meetings with the Big 10 during the postseason finished 1-2 with their only victory being Georgia's huge comeback win vs Purdue. These two were neck and neck in my rankings for the top conference, but due to the postseason and the final Top 25 rankings, I will award the Big 10 as the top conference in 1999 with the SEC a very close second. The 3rd place conference is no contest as the Big 12 with 4 ranked teams, including 2 of the top 6, nabs that spot. There is a good sized dropoff between the #3 and the #4 rated conference, but the ACC, thanks to National Champion Florida St, finishes 4th in my rankings. The ACC had 2 teams ranked in the Top 25 and went 2-3 in bowl games. Fifth place was a very tight contest as the PAC 10 and Big East are split in my power ratings. Of course, the Big East had 2 Top 15 teams, while the PAC 10 had just 1 in the Top 20. The PAC 10 went just 1-4 in bowl games, while the Big East was 2-2. Due to the postseason results, I will give the Big East the #5 ranking. The conferences finish out with the Mountain West, in its inaugural year, edging out C-USA by a slim margin, even though C-USA finished with only one ranked team. That conference was 1-2 in bowl games as was the Mt West. Here is a recap of the Top 8:

**1999 FINAL CONFERENCE RANKINGS:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Big 10 | 5. | Big East |
| 2. | SEC | 6. | PAC 10 |
| 3. | Big 12 | 7. | Mt. West |
| 4. | ACC | 8. | C-USA |

Now let's take a look at which conference will be the toughest in the year 2000. First let me tell you how I derive the results. I complete 5 sets of Power Ratings at the start of the year. One is a pure power rating. I rank the positions (QB, RB, WR, etc.) from 4 to 10 points with 10 points being the highest. I then add up all positions, factor in coaching and special teams, and come upon my power rating for the teams. The second power rating is based on my Power Plays ratings (see page 12). These take into account the production of the team not only in terms of points, but yards gained and allowed last year. I compile a lengthy list of areas of improvement and spots that are weaker and either upgrade or downgrade each team's Power Plays numbers. I then add up all the different numbers and get my preseason Power Play number for each team. The other 3 sets are based on last year's final numbers. I grade each position on a team (QB, RB, WR, OL, DL, LB, DB) on their scale of improvement for the next year. It differs anywhere from +6 points to -6 points for each position. I take the total team number and factor it into last year's 3 final sets of power ratings. This gives me 3 very different ways of gauging the strength of the teams.

Josh Heupel helped Oklahoma go from 4-7 to a bowl team & the Sooners are moving up in the rugged Big 12.

In order to write this article, I combined all 5 sets into one main power rating and used that for a 6th set for this year. Then the question was, how do I add up the points? Conferences all have a different number of teams. If I ranked the teams by the average of the entire conference, that would give a good indication of the average rating of all the teams but the bigger the conference the weaker the grade could possibly be. I did use that as one factor. I added a second factor and that was an average grade of just the top 5 teams. This would give me an even comparison of all the conferences. The only thing this rating does not show is, of course, the depth of the conference. Let's say one conference had 9 bowl caliber teams and 1 also-ran and another had 5 bowl caliber teams and 5 also-rans. The lower conference would be rated higher if the top 5 teams averaged better even though the deeper conference was probably tougher. What I am trying to say is that it is an inexact science, but I think by merging the two ratings I did get a fairly accurate assessment of the strength of the conferences.

Basically, I had 12 different sets of rankings after all of that was done. They broke down the conferences into best overall strength of the team for each conference as well as best overall strength of the top 5 teams in each conference. The Big 10 finished #1 in 6 of those sets of rankings with its lowest finish being a 3rd place. The Big 10 fared best in the overall category, meaning there were fewer weak sisters in the Big 10 than any other conference. In the top 5 rankings, it was the Big 12 that came out ahead, ranking #1 in 4 of the 12 rankings overall. The SEC finished #1 in 2 of the rankings overall, but came out 2nd in more of the rankings than did the Big 12. The SEC showed its overall depth as superior to that of the Big 12 while the Big 12's top 5 was buoyed by the presence of Nebraska, Kansas St and Texas, who all have powerhouses this year. These 3 conferences are clearly the best 3 in the country once again this season. When all is said and done the Big 10 "wins" in the main power ratings but the SEC is ahead using just the top 5 teams. With this in mind, here are the rankings for the 2000 season, and I will actually have a co-#1 conference this year.

**TOUGHEST CONFERENCES FOR 2000**

1. SEC/Big 10 (TIE)
3. Big 12
4. ACC
5. PAC 10
6. Big East
7. Mt West
8. C-USA
9. WAC
10. MAC
11. Independent
12. Big West

A couple of notes about this year's rankings: The PAC 10, after a couple of very poor years in both non-conference play and in the bowls, should make solid improvement this year and did come up #3 top to bottom in my main set of power ratings. The ACC got the nod over them for #4 due to strength at the top thanks again to the Seminoles. The Mt West and C-USA are still very close and are two quality conferences that are making solid strides. The Independents include Notre Dame which helps move them ahead of the Big West in the overall rankings.

Just taking a look at the top 3 conferences I found that the Big 12 and Big 10 actually had more superpower Top 10 teams in terms of talent (3) than did the SEC (2). In fact the Big 12 was the only conference to have a pair of Top 5 teams in my overall talent ratings. There is no doubt, however, that the Big 12 has nowhere near the depth that the Big 10 and SEC possess. There are very few soft touches in those conferences. The Big 10 has an amazing 8 teams that I rank in my preseason Top 26 in terms of TALENT and the SEC just 4. The reason the SEC rates a tie with the Big 10 for best conference this year is their overall depth. There are NO soft touches in the SEC and all 12 teams are bowl caliber. The SEC's top 2 (Bama and Florida) are also national title contenders while this is one year that I do not see any superpower taking charge in the Big 10.

I mentioned that when I am preparing my 5 sets of Power Ratings for the preseason, I grade each team's individual units on a +6 to -6 basis. Let me explain a little more about that. For a team to earn a +6 grade, it would have to be one that I expect to be among the most improved in the country. Here is an example: a team lost their entire defensive line to graduation last year and then lost two other key starters early in the season to injury. They ended up starting almost all frosh and went from a solid run defense to one of the weaker ones in the NCAA. Now let's say that the following year this team had their top 8 returning from the D-line and those frosh forced into action last year are now sophomores and have experience. They also have the two projected starters returning from injury and signed 3 VHT JUCO's this year. That type of scenario would result in a +6.

June Jones captained my most improved team in 1999 which was also the most improved team in NCAA history.

A minus 6 would be the opposite. Here is an example: a team had the entire front wall back on offense and they weighed 325 lbs per man and all were three year senior starters. The unit paved the way for the NCAA rushing title and allowed just 6 sacks. All 5 players graduate, there are no HT's available and only 2 lettermen return for the current season. That would be a -6.

Those are extreme examples and rarely occur. Most of the grades normally fall somewhere in between those two. As I mentioned earlier, I add up all my pluses and minuses for a team and come up with a total grade. Generally teams do tend to end up with + ratings. The reason they do not all end up that way is the injury factor, which I cannot predict as some teams will suffer a lot of injuries this year while others will have good health.

What I can share with you is the most improved teams in the country. I do not have the space for the entire list but the following are the top 20 most improved teams in the country this year (provided they stay healthy).

**2000's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS**

1. Tulane
2. UNLV
3. Louisiana-Lft
4. Northwestern
5. Kansas
6. S Carolina
7. UCLA
8. Missouri
9. Iowa
10. LSU
11. Cincinnati
12. Mid Tenn St
13. Ohio St
14. N Carolina
15. Rutgers
16. Washington
17. Indiana
18. Temple
19. Arkansas St
20. Clemson

If you are wondering how last year's most improved teams finished, they did very well. **The #1 most improved team last year in my preseason rankings was Hawaii and they simply had the NCAA's largest turnaround on record,** going from winless to a bowl victory. Also listed among the top 20 last year was Vanderbilt who almost made it to a bowl game. The Minnesota Golden Gophers were my #6 most improved team and they proved very solid, getting to a bowl game. Stanford was my #13 most improved team and we all saw them perform well in the Rose Bowl as the PAC 10 Champions. My #14 most improved team last year was Illinois, another team that had not been to a bowl for quite some time but was back in the postseason last year. Number 15 on that list was Michigan St who defeated Florida in the Citrus Bowl. Another bowl winner, TCU, was #18 on the list.

Finally let me wrap up this article with a little reference tool that I find myself looking for from time to time, especially during the preseason. The following is how the teams finished last year in both of the polls. The number in () indicates first place votes. Florida St was a unanimous #1 in both polls:

Miami, Fla's defense is starting to resemble those early 1990's editions and they give the Big East a national title contender.

**ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES POLL**

1. Florida St (59)
2. Nebraska
3. Virginia Tech
4. Wisconsin
5. Michigan
6. Kansas St
7. Michigan St
8. Alabama
9. Tennessee
10. Marshall
11. Penn St
12. Mississippi St
13. S Mississippi
14. Florida
15. Miami (Fla)
16. Georgia
17. Minnesota
18. Oregon
19. Arkansas
20. Texas A&M
21. Georgia Tech
22. Mississippi
23. Texas
24. Stanford
25. Illinois

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL**

1. Florida St (70)
2. Virginia Tech
3. Nebraska
4. Wisconsin
5. Michigan
6. Kansas St
7. Michigan St
8. Alabama
9. Tennessee
10. Marshall
11. Penn St
12. Florida
13. Mississippi St
14. S Mississippi
15. Miami (Fla)
16. Georgia
17. Arkansas
18. Minnesota
19. Oregon
20. Georgia Tech
21. Texas
22. Mississippi
23. Texas A&M
24. Illinois
25. Purdue

Cristin Duren hopes to be cheering on her Crimson Tide team in this year's Orange Bowl.

# THE POWER PLAYS FACTOR- STRENGTH OF OPPONENTS FACED MAKES A DIFFERENCE

By Phil Steele

When I first started handicapping professionally, way back in 1982, my main source of statistical information was the raw stats provided by the NCAA. These stats can paint a very good picture of each team's strengths and weaknesses; however, sometimes statistics can be deceiving.

Things can be distorted by the strength of the opponents faced. Let me give you an example from the 1998 season. The Houston Cougars in their 3rd and 4th games allowed a total of 84 points and 999 yards. Now if you were looking at straight statistics, you could surmise that 42 ppg and 500 ypg are very poor averages and that their defense was extremely weak. A closer inspection shows that they faced the potent offenses of UCLA and Tennessee in those two weeks, so the performances were not as bad as it seems. The next week vs a more manageable foe (Memphis) they allowed just 8 FD's, 200 total yards offense and 14 points.

Let me give you another example from that season. After 3 games New Mexico was a 2-1 football team and looked like it statistically. On offense they were averaging 379.6 ypg and 35 ppg. Anyone who studied pure statistics would call that a potent offense. The defense was allowing 24.3 ppg which is not overwhelming but still a solid effort. Just looking at the stats, you would have called them a Top 40 contender. San Diego St plays in the same conference. After 3 games things did not look too bright. They stood at 0-3 straight up for the season and statistically they were very poor. Their offense was averaging a poor 264 ypg and only 13 points per game. The defense looked very weak as they were allowing 32 ppg to opposing offenses and 374 ypg. This was clearly a team that was going nowhere and ranked in the bottom of the NCAA in almost every category.

The only thing that the statistics do not tell you is the strength of opponents that each faced. New Mexico, in their first 3 games, took on Idaho St, Utah St and New Mexico St. While that may be a decent docket for a Big West school, for a WAC team that was a soft slate. San Diego St, on the other hand, was taking on a killer schedule with Arizona, Wisconsin and USC. Arizona and Wisconsin would end the year in the Top 5 and USC was a bowl team. Could the strength of opponents really skew the statistics that much? You bet it did!

They each played a similar schedule of WAC teams down the stretch. San Diego St, with the defense that looked horrible allowing 32 ppg to open, got much tougher vs the easier competition. They allowed just 16 ppg over the final 8 games or 50% less. The Aztecs were 7-1 over their last 8 games which to a pure stats man, would have come as a complete surprise.

New Mexico, which appeared poised to win the WAC title with their early season stats, faltered vs the now stronger competition. Their offense which had been averaging 35 ppg only had 19 ppg in their final 8 outings. New Mexico would go just 1-8 down the stretch with their defense giving up 36 ppg. These two teams bear out the fact that statistics can indeed lie and strength of opponent must be weighed into the analysis of a team.

Some folks have adapted their power ratings to take into account the strength of opponents faced. This too can be a flawed method. As an example: You could correctly deduce that for the most part a team would be better than their statistics indicated if they faced a team like Nebraska. By the same token you could come to the conclusion that your statistics would be better than they should be if you faced a team like Louisiana Tech (6-6 in 1998). There are two obvious exceptions. Using a straight power rating to modify the statistics would be accurate for the most part but passing-wise it would be entirely wrong. Let me clarify.

Let's say that Iowa St gave up 400 yards rushing and 150 yards passing in a blowout loss to Nebraska. On the same day, Texas A&M allowed 30 yards rushing and 250 yards passing to Louisiana Tech. Now let's use a straight power rating number to modify the numbers. Let's say you counted Iowa St's performance at 125% because they were taking on a powerhouse. You would probably have used a 75% rating for the much weaker Louisiana Tech squad. That sounds good but the area that is seriously flawed is pass defense. The straight stats would show that Iowa St's pass defense (allowed 95 yards) had a much better day than the Aggies' which allowed 250. Modifying the result by the overall strength of opponents would only skew the results worse. However, for a defense to hold Tim Rattay and his potent pass attack to only 250 yards (LT averaged 430 ypg on the season) would have been an outstanding effort. If Iowa St held the Huskers to 95 yards passing but only because NU ran at will and rarely passed the ball, that would not be a solid effort, just a lack of the Huskers trying to pass. This method would also end up with a poor analysis of misleading numbers.

So, if you cannot trust the numbers alone and cannot trust the numbers with the strength of opponents rating, what are you to do? That is the dilemma I faced during the mid 1980's. I then devised my Power Plays system. My Power Plays system not only looks at statistics but also the strength of opposing units faced. As an example in the Nebraska/Louisiana Tech scenario I just listed, my Power Plays system would have come out with an entirely different way of looking at the outcome.

Odds are my Power Plays numbers would have called for Nebraska to pass for about 135 ypg vs ISU. With the Cyclones allowing 150 yards passing, my Power Plays method would actually have DOWNGRADED their pass defense numbers, even though they were better than average in yards allowed. My Power Plays system would probably have forecasted Louisiana Tech to pass for about 320 (remember they averaged 430). When A&M allowed just 250 to Tim Rattay, my Power Plays would actually UPGRADE them in the rankings for a solid performance.

Going back to my earlier example of San Diego St and New Mexico you will also see the advantage of Power Plays. My Power Plays power ratings for the Aztecs defense actually got stronger over the first 3 weeks of the season as they allowed less points and yards than PP expected them to. This was surprising considering how bad their raw stats were. On the other hand, New Mexico's Power Plays ratings were coming down on both offense and defense as PP expected more out of them vs their overmatched opponents. After 3 games the NCAA statistics clearly said that New Mexico had the far superior defense to San Diego St. My Power Plays had San Diego St's D rated higher and that was correct especially looking at the results of the 1998 season.

Another areas I will look at is the end of the year analysis. Texas gave up 139 ypg rushing on defense in 1998 with a 3.4 ypc and ranked 45th in the NCAA rush D rankings. They were much better than that as they play in the run dominated Big 12 conference and faced rush attacks like Nebraska and Texas A&M on a weekly basis. Even Colorado was a run oriented team that year.

Let's get a distinct comparison in pass defense rankings. Kansas St always ranks high in the NCAA pass D ratings and finished #9 in 1998. They were only #32 in mine. Auburn was #43 in the NCAA rankings but #3 in mine. The key difference was the strength of opponent. KSU took on opponents like Indiana St, N Illinois, NE Louisiana and the aforementioned run dominated Big 12. Even facing a soft slate of opposing QB's they allowed over 200 ypg 6 times and even gave up 324 yards to a run based Texas A&M. KSU did have a good pass D (ranked #32) but not a great one. Auburn finished the year with 19 interceptions and just 14 TD's allowed on defense, giving up 56% completions. A closer look shows they took on quarterbacks like Doug Johnson of Florida, Aaron Brooks of Virginia, Romaro Miller of Ole Miss, Herbert Tyler of LSU, Tim Rattay of L Tech, Daunte Culpepper of Central Florida, Clint Stoerner of Arkansas and Quincy Carter of Georgia. Three of those teams ranked in the top 10 in passing in the NCAA and the 11 opponents combined averaged 256 ypg passing but only 187 vs the Tigers. They faced just 1 opponent that ranked in the bottom 50 of pass defense. Kansas St played NINE! As you can see, the strength of opponents' units faced is very important indeed.

If this is the type of statistical analysis that you would like on a weekly basis, then I recommend my Power Plays newsletter. It forecasts not only the point forecast for each team for the week but also projects the yards rushing, passing and turnovers for each team. The Power Plays newsletter, however, is almost strictly a statistical analysis based on this fine method that I have developed. Each week there are usually 7 to 9 4★ plays. To be a 4★, the Power Plays forecast must be strongly on one side of the game and I have to agree with it. I do not agree with all of the PP forecasts (no one uses just one method to handicap) but I do not make a final analysis of a game without at least considering what the numbers are calling for. If you would like a free sample issue, just give our offices a call at 1-800-654-3448 or download one at www.ncsports.com.

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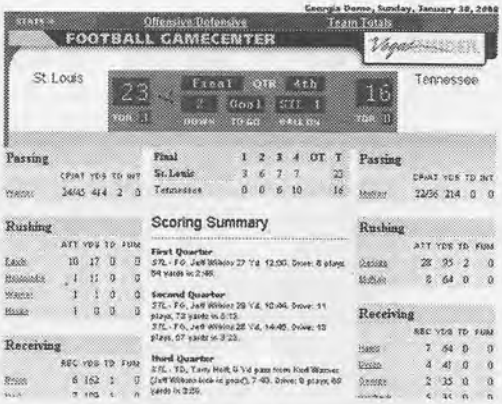


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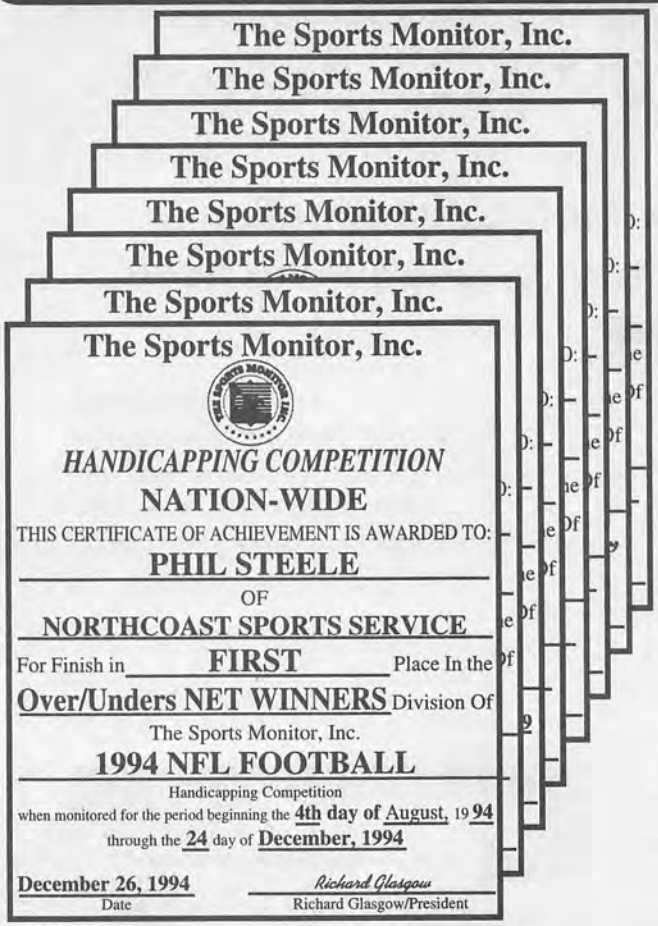


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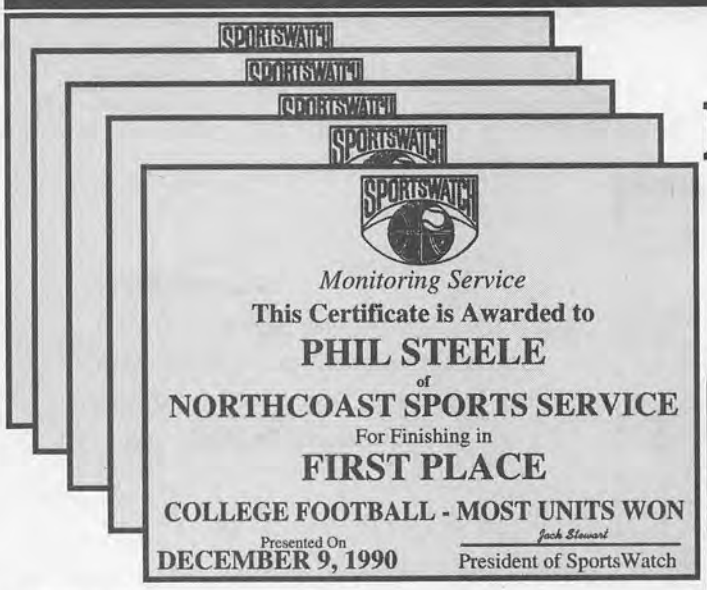


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1997 Nebraska (-14) 42 Tennessee 17

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**Virginia Tech vs Clemson**

***GATOR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Miami (Fla) (-4') 28 Georgia Tech 13
1998 Georgia Tech (-2') 35 Notre Dame 28
1997 N Carolina (-11) 42 Virginia Tech 3

### ROSE BOWL
**USC vs Michigan**

***ROSE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Wisconsin (-14) 17 Stanford 9
1998 Wisconsin (+9) 38 UCLA 31
1997 Michigan (-7) 21 Wash St 16

### HOLIDAY BOWL
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**Utah vs S Mississippi**

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**Wisconsin vs Georgia**

***CITRUS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Michigan St (+2') 37 Florida 34
1998 Michigan (-3) 45 Arkansas 31
1997 Florida (-13') 21 Penn St 6

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**Kansas St vs Alabama**

***FIESTA BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Nebraska (-4) 31 Tennessee 21
1998 Tennessee (+5') 23 Florida St 16
1997 Kansas St (-3) 35 Syracuse 18

### COTTON BOWL
**Texas vs LSU**

***COTTON BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Arkansas (+5') 27 Texas 6
1998 Texas (-6') 38 Mississippi St 11
1997 Texas A&M (+14) 23 UCLA 29

### INDEPENDENCE BOWL
**Mississippi vs Colorado**

***INDEPENDENCE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Mississippi (+4) 27 Oklahoma 25
1998 Mississippi (+9') 35 Texas Tech 18
1997 LSU (-6') 27 Notre Dame 9

### OUTBACK BOWL
**Tennessee vs Ohio St**

***OUTBACK BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Georgia (+5') 28 Purdue 25
1998 Penn St (-7) 26 Kentucky 14
1997 Georgia (-9') 33 Wisconsin 6

### PEACH BOWL
**Virginia vs Auburn**

***PEACH BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Mississippi St (+3) 17 Clemson 7
1998 Georgia (-2') 35 Virginia 33
1997 Auburn (-4) 21 Clemson 17

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**Miami (Fla) vs Florida**

***SUGAR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Florida St (-5') 46 Virginia Tech 29
1998 Ohio St (-12') 24 Texas A&M 14
1997 Florida St (-6') 31 Ohio St 14

### ALAMO BOWL
**Oklahoma vs Penn St**

***ALAMO BOWL LAST 3 YEARS***

1999 Penn St (-7) 24 Texas A&M 0
1998 Purdue (+13) 37 Kansas St 34
1997 Purdue (-4') 33 Oklahoma St 20

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# AIR FORCE FALCONS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year for the first time since 1994 a Morgan was not the starter at QB. Cale Bonds, who got in 2 starts as a Jr in 98, began the year as starter but was injured vs S Diego St and missed the next 3 games. Bonds departs. He returned to the starter's role but then lost his job for the final 2 games. Mike Thiessen took over and started 5 games. He ended up as the team's leading rusher with 943 gross yards and 827 net (5.2). He threw for 599 yds (46%) with a 3-3 ratio. Keith Boyea (5-10 195 Jr) was the starting QB on the JV team in 98 and had an impressive spring last year. Boyea battled for the starting position with Bonds & Thiessen last year but was suspended from the team prior to the season. He is back in good graces and should contend for playing time. Boyea got extra reps in spring because Thiessen missed about a third of spring practice while playing on the baseball team. Boyea had a huge spring game (see Spring Notes page 258). Brian Blew (5-11 185 So) was good enough to earn 34 rushing yds (6.8) as a true frosh. DeBerry usually does a good job developing QB's and Thiessen and Boyea have a lot of potential and Thiessen should do better in his 2nd year as starter (if he holds onto the job). I'll call this position improved and DeBerry has vowed to pass more.

**RUNNING BACKS** - During AF's successful seasons of 97 & 98 the FB played a prominent role in the rush attack. Last year it wasn't until the Army game that the FB position combined for over 100 yds rushing, perhaps one of the team's offensive problems. They look solid at FB this year. Scott Becker is back for his 2nd year as starter and rushed for 345 yds (3.9). Nathan Beard (5-10 220 Sr) had 265 yds (5.0). The HB position should be markedly improved. Qualario Brown, one of the fastest Falcons, had rushed for 891 yds in his 1st 2 years as starter, avg'g 6.2 ypc. Last year he was plagued by injuries and had 75 yds in just 3 games. His return to health is a huge plus. I list the 3 starters below. Other experienced players are Leotis Palmer (PS#210 WR) who had 135 yds rushing, 104 return yds and Tom Heier (5-9 175 Jr) who had 151 yds total offense. Bert Giovanetti (5-9 190 Sr), Paul Mayo (5-9 170 So) as well as James Burns (5-11 200 Jr) have all seen varsity action and return. The only losses from this unit are HB Matt Rillos (123 yds), HB Chris Wade (2 sts, 118 yds) and FB Jeremiah Laster (225 yds). There is plenty of experienced depth at the HB position, more than normal for a service academy. They did not start the same backfield combination until the end of the year and this should be much improved.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Falcons had a veteran unit and returned 3 year star Matt Farmer. Farmer was even invited to play in the Hula Bowl and had track speed and solid size. He was the leading receiver last year by far with 34 rec's (14.2). TE Kenny Chandler was a 2 year starter with 10 career rec's and also departs. Ryan Fleming is the leading return rec and he has good size at 6-5 220. He had 8 rec's with a solid 21.1 ypc in 99. I list the 2 deep below. Unless someone like Farmer emerges, this group definitely looks weaker in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Falcons rarely have a lot of returning starters on the offensive front, but such was not the case last year as they had 4 returning starters and what DeBerry called prior to the season perhaps his best set of OT's yet. This year they lose 3 starters in LT James Norman (11 sts, 1st tm all conf 2 yrs), RT Michael Roberts (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Douglas Charters (11 sts, 151 KD's), OG Paul Townsend (37 KD's) and C Peter Lington (16 KD's). They have 2 solid starters returning with Hildebrand looking to set the career knockdown record for AF and Matt Dayoc being possibly the finest C yet under DeBerry. RG Barreau is one of the largest OL's I've seen here at AF and adds good size to the line. DeBerry should come up with another solid group but last year's was unusually experienced and the 2000 version appears weaker.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Falcons usually have to replace a lot of players and last year lost two starters to injury but moved in a backup LB to the NG position. Injuries hurt this group as starter Brandon Sokora missed half the season and Kyle Allen started the first 2 games but then was lost for the year. Allen returns but they must replace NT John Spolsky (10 sts, 31 tkls, 11 tfl), DT Shawn Thomas (11 sts, 13 tfl, 2nd tm MW), DT Sokora (5 sts, 5 tfl) and NG Buck Hodgkinson (1 st, 20 tkls, 6 tfl). Two players return with starting experience and I'm still waiting for Matt Mai to have an impact as he is a rare HT for here. They do have good size at DT. This group is a little less experienced than the 99 version but DeBerry usually fields a solid group.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year 3 of 4 starters returned to this unit, but they lost starting ILB C.J. Zanotti prior to the season due to injury so actually only had two back. Matt Pommer took Zanotti's place and led the team in tackles with 78. Craig Thorstenson was a Butkus Award nominee and had 71 tkls. He departs after starting 2 years. Cory Nelson (PS#121LB) is a rare HT and started 9 games last year at OLB with 60 tkls, 6 tfl and is probably the best athlete on the team. Zanotti and Pommer make an excellent tandem in the middle and even the other projected starting OLB McCraney has some starting experience. Replacing Thorstenson and OLB Travis Meidinger (11 sts, 12 tfl) will not be an easy task, but basically they have 3 starters returning this year and this unit looks stronger than the 99 version.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Air Force has had some solid defenses but surprisingly the pass defense has finished only #73, #68, #71 and #96 in my rankings for the past 4 years. Last year they had to replace 3 starters to graduation and then lost their starting FS for the season vs BYU and they allowed 57% with 17 TD's and only 8 int's. The losses are heavy once again as all 4 starters depart. Gone are CB Nishawn Smagh (11 sts, 1 int, 5 pbu), CB Tony Jones (10 sts, 1 int, 5 pbu), FS Jason Blevins (7 sts, 3 int, 3 pbu), FAL Charlie Jackson (11 sts, 12 tfl, #2 tkl'r) and FAL Jeff Felton (15 tkls, 3 tfl). Two of the players who return have starting experience. This year's group has even less experience than last year, but considering the fact that the 99 secondary finished the lowest ever in my pass defense rankings, this group should improve in the rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Falcons are known for blocking kicks & that has helped them rank near the top almost yearly. They actually slipped in 1998, to #22 and surprisingly slipped even farther last year down to #49. Nothing was wrong at K as Dave Adams has a powerful leg for KO's and has been the long FG specialist the last 2 years. He's hit 7 of 10 FG's with 53 and 52 yarders and all his attempts were from 40+. The short FG K last year, Jackson Whiting, hit 12 of 12 FG's with only 1 from 40+. Whiting is gone, but Adams should be a suitable replacement. Dallas Thompson (6-0 205 Sr) hit 9 of 14 FG's here in '96 and returned from a Mormon mission last year. Thompson is the frontrunner for the punting job in spring. The amount of touchbacks on KO's that Adams records is not included in my KR defense rankings so they actually are a little stronger than the overall ratings project. P Scotty Gribben must be replaced, he avg'd 41.9 and had a net of 36.3. The return game looks to be in good shape. Top PR Matt Farmer departs but only avg'd 6.9 and Scott McKay was solid on KR's with a 21.6 avg. McKay also had a 10.6 avg on PR's. Since AF usually ranks higher and DeBerry put great emphasis on this unit, I will expect a rise in the special teams rankings this year.

LB CJ Zanotti returns to crush more opponents in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mike Thiessen** | 160 | 943 | 116 | 827 | 8 | 5.2 |
| **Scotty McKay** | 98 | 676 | 24 | 652 | 3 | 6.7 |
| **Scott Becker** | 88 | 347 | 2 | 345 | 3 | 3.9 |
| **Nathan Beard** | 53 | 265 | 0 | 265 | 1 | 5.0 |
| Jeremy Laster | 54 | 226 | 1 | 225 | 5 | 4.2 |
| Cale Bonds | 65 | 264 | 45 | 219 | 3 | 3.4 |
| **Leotis Palmer** | 17 | 141 | 6 | 135 | 2 | 7.9 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mike Thiessen** | 83 | 38 | 45.8 | 599 | 3 | 3 |
| Cale Bonds | 80 | 44 | 55.0 | 654 | 1 | 4 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matt Farmer | 34 | 484 | 14.2 | 1 | 40 |
| **Scotty McKay** | 15 | 209 | 13.9 | 1 | 40 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scott Gribben | 57 | 2386 | 41.9 | - | 36.3 | 0 | 14 |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jackson Whiting | 7-7 | 4-4 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 12-12 | 44 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Matt Pommer** | 78 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Charlie Jackson | 73 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| Craig Thorstenson | 71 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Corey Nelson** | 60 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Travis Meidinger | 59 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Tony Jones | 47 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Nishawn Smagh | 45 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Jason Blevins | 38 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| **Tony Metters** | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Shawn Thomas | 32 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| John Spolsky | 31 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| **Jamie Arthur** | 30 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| **Wes Glisson** | 29 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matt Farmer | 21 | 144 | 6.9 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Scotty McKay** | 14 | 302 | 21.6 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**VILLANOVA NL 37-13** - With VU stacking the line, Farmer had 92 yds on 7 catches, the most rec's by an AF rec under DeBerry. Bonds hit 11 of 15 for 199 yds & AF added 385 yds rushing. VU led 7-0 & Boden hit 27 of 45 for 304 yds. AF led 24-7 at half but only 24-13 after 3Q's. VU played w/o RB Westbrook who had topped 1,000 yds rush & rec in 98. AF got a TD midway thru the 4Q & then tacked on a 20 yd run w/ :46 left.

**AT WASHINGTON +4 31-21 WIN** AF went 69 & 66 yds for TD's to open. UW settled for 33 & 30 yd FG's, 14-6. UW's defense allowed just 2 FD's the rest of the half. AF fmbl'd at the UW 45 & UW got a 2 play TD drive, 14-14. UW was int'd at the AF 37. At the half UW had a 227-176 yd edge. TO's killed UW in the 2H. They fmbl'd at the AF 45, had a punt blk'd to set up a 40 yd TD drive and were int'd. AF drove for a 44 yd FG & got an int ret to the 1 to set up a TD, 31-14. UW ret'd the KO 100 yds for a TD but AF ran out the last 5:02.

**WYOMING -9 7-10 LOSS** WR Shuck led WY with 82 yds rush on 8 reverses. AF was SOD at the 2 early. Stoner hit Shuck with a 60 yd TD pass, 7-0 at half. WY rec'd a fmbl on their own 5 & drove 85 yds for a FG, 10-0. Early 4Q AF went 66 yds for a TD. WY fmbl'd at the AF 37. AF punted on 4th & 18 with 2:12 left & WY ran out the clock.

**AT SAN DIEGO ST -2 23-22 LOSS** SD opened with a 71 yd drive but settled for a 26 yd FG. AF missed a 50 yd FG & SD drove 29 yds for a TD foll a fmbl, 10-0. Bonds was inj'd & Thiessen came in midway thru an 84 yd TD drive, 10-7 with 3:43 left. AF drove 64 yds for a TD with just :26 left, 14-10. Thiessen rushed for 138 yds, SDS got a 35 yd 3Q FG & a 42 yd TD pass made it 19-14 (2ptng). AF got a 34 yd FG & SD a 45 yd FG. AF conv on 3rd & 11, 3rd & 9, 3rd & 12 & got a TD with 4:09 left, 23-22 (2ptng). SDS was int'd (def hold not called) & AF ran out the clock.

**AT NAVY -10 19-14 LOSS** Navy had a 186-67 1H yd edge & had a 74 yd drive for a TD & missed a 48 yd FG. AF didn't get their 1st FD til the 2Q. AF opened the 3Q with 2 FG's, 7-6. Thiessen got a 53 yd TD run, 12-7 (2ptng). AF drove 29 yds for a TD foll a fmbl, 19-7. Navy drove 78 yds for a TD, 19-14. AF fmbl'd on its own 24 but Vereen dropped a wide open TD pass so Navy tried a 35 yd FG which hit the upright. The teams had 5 straight 3 & outs before Navy took over w/ 1:53 left & got a FD at the AF 7 w/ :27 left. They ran an inside option for 3 yds & :21 elapsed before a spike. The final pass bounced off the hands of Williams in the EZ.

**UTAH -4 15-21 LOSS** Light snow obscured the yd lines, 28° at KO. AF had the only drive of the 1H going 59 yds in 14 plays & nailed a 35 yd FG. Utah missed a 57 yd FG, 3-0 at half & AF had a 132-83 yd edge. AF fmbl'd on the 1st play of the 3Q & Utah drove 13 yds for a TD. Smith ret'd a punt 61 yds for a TD 2:00 later, 14-3. AF settled for a 28 yd FG. Utah went 80 yds for a TD with 14:54 left. AF was int'd at the Utah 21 but drove 75 yds for a TD with 6:32 left, 21-12. AF settled for a 33 yd FG with :58 left & Utah rec'd the onside kick.

**AT BYU +7' 20-27 WIN** BYU controlled the 1H as they held the ball for 18:31 & led 17-7. AF got a 25 yd FG foll a blk'd punt early 3Q. BYU settled for a 26 yd FG & got a 57 yd TD pass, 27-10 w/ 10:18 left. BYU took over at its own 37 w/ just 5:02 left & a 427-242 yd edge. A fmbl was ret'd to the BYU 10. 2 plays later AF got a TD, they rec'd the onside kick, got 2 FD's & nailed a 32 yd FG for the backdoor cover & a very tough 5★ loss for me.

**ARMY -15 28-0 WIN** AF dominated & Army had just 90 yds rushing. QB Jenkins started in place of Gerena & Army got across midfield only once but missed a 51 yd FG. AF finished with a 323-100 yd edge. They had 166 yds in the 1Q but only 3 pts but led 22-0 at half. AF blew numerous scoring opportunities & would add just 27 & 40 yd FG's in the 4Q.

**UNLV -25 35-16 LOSS** UNLV was going with their 2nd string QB. Bonds started for AF. His 1st poss ended on an int at the 21 & the 2nd on a 3 & out. Thiessen replaced him & guided AF 91 yds in 11 plays for a TD. UNLV drove 39 yds for 37 yd FG. AF twice drove 80 yds for TD's & led at half, 21-3. AF's 1st 2 poss of the 2H were 59 & 57 yd TD drives, 35-3. UNLV did most of their damage late going 72 yds for a TD late in the 3Q & 89 yds for a TD mid 4Q. AF was SOD at the UNLV 20 & ran out the clock after a UNLV punt.

**AT COLORADO ST +2 21-41 LOSS** CSU delivered a win easily as the Thurs Night ESPN Play. AF had a strong wind at their back in the 1Q & hit a 52 yd FG. CSU drove 80 yds for a TD. AF settled for a 24 yd FG. McDougal (200 yds) broke off a 66 yd run to set up a TD. CSU then drove 73 yds & McDougal's 3 yd TD pass w/:15 left made it 20-6. At half CSU had a 258-133 yd edge. CSU had two 80 yd 3Q TD drives, 34-6. CSU drove 21 yds for a TD after a fmbl, 41-6. Bonds came in at QB & led AF on an 80 yd TD drive. CSU had a 27 yd FG blk'd & AF was int'd in the EZ. AF got a blk'd punt for a TD with 3:39 left & their final drive got 68 garbage yds.

**AT NEW MEXICO -11 28-33 LOSS** I used a 4★ Over 47 College Totals Club Play. The 1st 3 poss were all long TD drives & AF led 14-7. They added a 40 yd drive foll a blk'd punt, 21-7. NM drove 67 yds in 15 plays including a 4th & 7 conv & AF's final drive of the half ended with an int in the EZ. NM opened the 3Q with 70, 57 & 63 yd TD drives, the latter included two 4th down conversions & took charge 33-21. AF fmbl'd at the NM 2 & got a 56 yd drive for a TD with 2:00 left but NM rec'd the onside kick.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Fisher DeBerry is clearly one of the best coaches in the country. There are many restrictions at a service academy including the fact that they do not redshirt and cannot land NFL caliber prospects. In 1997 & 1998 DeBerry had a 21-3 record which was 2nd best in the entire NCAA. The continuity of his staff had always been a plus but last year they lost Def Coordinator Cal McCombs to a head coaching position. The defensive numbers did drop some in '99 as they allowed 5.6 more ppg and 27 more ypg. Last year's team actually had the most starters back in the '90's but they did face the top 3 teams in the Mountain West on the road. AF Offensive Coordinator Bob Noblitt retired during the offseason after 15 years with the Falcons. Chuck Petersen, who had been the QB and FB coach, will succeed him. As you would expect with a service academy, the Falcons travel well and have a 24-11 SU record on the road the last 35. Over the last 3 years they have the best record overall among Mt West teams with 28 wins. Air Force has the lowest amount of returning starters in the conference but that is the case almost EVERY year and keep in mind that in their 11-1 season of 1998 they had just 9 starters back! Last year the team was injury plagued and underachieved and only once in DeBerry's 16 years here have they failed to get to a bowl game two consecutive seasons. After the offense dropped its ppg by 33% last year, they should rise with an excellent backfield and be more potent. This is the lowest amount of returning starters on defense for DeBerry (but not by much), and they should be near last year's standards. They may get off to a slow start this year but should win 5 or 6 of their last 7 games and achieve another winning record and possibly get back to a bowl.


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| AIR FORCE ACADEMY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1999 | 2-4 | 1993 | 4-2 |
| 1998 | 7-1 | 1992 | 3-0-1 |
| 1997 | 6-1 | 1991 | 7-2 |
| 1996 | 3-2 | 1990 | 5-3 |
| 1995 | 5-1 | 1989 | 5-2-1 |
| 1994 | 3-2 | 1988 | 3-3 |

**JV FOOTBALL RECORDS**

*We've listed the records of Air Force's JV teams from the last twelve years. Freshmen recruits are unavailable from Academies and they rarely play.*

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB MIKE THIESSEN SR.** 6-0 195 *PS#193 in 96. JV tm in both 97 & 98. 3 gms varsity in 98. 5 sts in 99, #1 rusher w/943 yds & 599 yds pass (46%), 3-3 ratio.*
**HB SCOTTY McKAY SR.** 5-8 175 *3 sts in 98, 304 yds (6.6), 11 rec (13.3). 11 sts ly, 652 yds, 6.7 ypc, 15 rec (13.9), 397 ret yds. Leotis Palmer had 135 yds (7.9).*
**HB QUALARIO BROWN SR.** 5-10 180 *Track spd. 343 yds (7.3) in 2 sts in 97. 10 sts in 98, 548 yds (5.7), 18 rec (15.9). Inj plagued 99 & only 75 yds (3.9), 4 rec (17.0).*
**FB SCOTT BECKER SR.** 5-10 225 *JV tm at HB in 97. 160 yds at FB (3.6) in 98. 4 sts in 99, 345 yds (3.9). Nathan Beard (5-10 220 Sr) had 265 yds (5.0) at FB in 99.*
**WR Ryan Fleming Jr.** 6-5 220 *JV team in 97. Redshirted (inj) in 98. 1 st, 8 rec in 99, solid 21.1 ypc. Dustin Ireland (6-0 200 Sr) was PS#136QB.*
**TE Andy Malin Sr.** 6-3 235 *#2TE in 99, 3rd string in 98, 0 rec but solid blk'r. Chris Jessop (6-5 250 Sr) saw varsity action L/2Y, 0 rec.*
**C MATT DAYOC SR.** 6-2 260 *1st soph to start at C under DeBerry. 10 sts in 98, 182 knockdowns. 11 sts in 99, 186 knockdowns. Paul Cancino (6-1 250 Jr).*
**RG Terrance Barreau Jr.** 6-3 300 *Acad inel in 98. 24 knockdowns in 99. +25 lbs, biggest OL here. Daniel Heil (6-4 270 Sr) limited action in 99.*
**LG DAVID HILDEBRAND SR.** 6-3 290 *Started on JV tm in both 97 & 98, 167 knockdowns. 11 sts at LG in 99, 246 knockdowns. Matt Joseph (6-5 280 Jr).*
**RT Luke Porisch Sr.** 6-4 275 *PS#200DL, JV team in both 97 & 98. 2nd string in 11 games in 99. Brian Strock (6-3 265 Jr), 0 letters.*
**LT Ben Miller Jr.** 6-4 265 *Starting LT on JV team in 98. 2nd string Vars ly, 11 knockdowns. Rob Reinebach (6-3 275 Sr) 3 tfl in 98. Move to OL in 99.*
**K Dave Adams Sr.** 5-11 185 *PS#44K in 97. Long FG spec in 98, Hit 3 of 4 with long of 53. Hit 4 of 6 ly, all from 40+ with long of 52.*

**OLB COREY NELSON SR.** 6-4 220 *PS#121LB. 19 tkls, 2.5 sks, 3.5 tfl in 98. 9 sts in 99, 60 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 4.5 blk kicks. Michael Gallagher (6-1 220 Sr) 3 tkls, 1 tfl in 98.*
**DT Kyle Allen Sr.** 6-4 270 *PS#303 in 97. 1 tkl, 1 tfl in 98. 2 sts in 99 til inj, 9 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. +15 lbs. John Hicks (6-3 265 So) was PS#299.*
**NG Zach Johnson Jr.** 6-3 265 *JV team in 98. 3 gms on varsity in 99, 5 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Added 25 lbs. Matt Mai (6-3 260 Jr) was PS#83OL.*
**DT JUSTIN PENDRY JR.** 6-5 280 *JV tm in 98, 10 gms in 99, 4 sts, 25 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. +28 lbs in spg. Dan Probert (6-4 265 Jr) +15 lbs, limited PT ly.*
**OLB Matt McCraney Jr.** 6-2 220 *JV in 98. 1 st ly, 10 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Travis Logsdon (6-3 235 Sr) JV in 97. 5 tkls, 1 tfl, in 98. Inj'd ly. Kevin Runyon (6-4 230 Jr).*
**ILB MATT POMMER SR.** 5-11 215 *6 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 11 sts ly, #1 w/78 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int, 1 pbu. Andy Rule (6-2 230 Jr) PS#334. Ryan Finnan (6-2 230 Sr) 4 tkls ly.*
**ILB CJ ZANOTTI SR.** 6-1 230 *2 tkls as true. 13 tkls in 97. 12 sts in 98, 73 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. RS in 99. Jamie Arthur (5-9 215 Jr) 405 bench, 2 sts, 30 tkls, 10 tfl in 99.*
**CB Kurt Duffy Sr.** 6-0 190 *HB on JV in 97. DB in 98. 10 gms on varsity in 99, 24 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. Brandon Heaney (6-0 185 So) #2 in spring.*
**CB Tony Metters Sr.** 6-0 190 *JV in 97. 15 tkls in 98, 1 pbu. 2 sts at FS in 99, 33 tkls, 1 PR (15.0). Wes Crawley (5-10 190 So) PS#281RB, JV LY.*
**FAL Calvin Jenkins So.** 6-2 200 *PS#108DB. Sam Meinrod (6-1 200 Jr) JV tm in both 98 & 99. Listed #1 FAL out of spring. Erik Svendsen (6-2 205 Jr).*
**FS Wes Glisson Sr.** 6-0 200 *PS#368DB in 97. JV in 97 & 98. 3 sts in 99 (2 at FS, 1 at CB), 29 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Joel Buelow (6-1 195 So) PS#193DB.*
**P Dallas Thompson Sr.** 6-0 205 *9/14 (long 49) in 96. Ret'd from mission LY. Will battle Jordan Bounds who had 1 punt for 45 yds LY on Varsity.*

# AIR FORCE FALCONS

Colorado Springs, Colorado
Weather (719) 475-7599

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score AF | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Air Force was 3-3 LY but is 23-11 SU their last 34 road games. AF is 11-20 ATS L/31 in the role of double digit favorite. |
| Sep. 2 | Cal-Northridge | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Air Force is 8-1 SU in their last 9 home openers. The CSN Matadors were 5-6 SU LY, 4-4 in their Big Sky contests. |
| Sep. 9 | BYU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might apply here: AF is 7-10 ATS as a home dog since 1988. Mention this ad & deduct $15 off this weekend's Late Phone Package. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | at Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Falcons are 7-2 ATS in road openers. AF is 4-6 ATS L/10 but have covered 3 of L/4 vs the Utes. |
| Sep. 30 | at UNLV | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | AF has been at least a 17' pt fav in all games vs UNLV: 4-0 SU, 2-2 ATS. Looking ahead hasn't hurt AF. They are 11-4 ATS prior to playing Navy. |
| Oct. 7 | Navy | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visiting team is 7-4 ATS the last 11 in this series. Air Force is 17-3 SU L/20 but just 3-5 ATS L/8 vs the Middies. |
| Oct. 14 | at Wyoming | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The chalk in this series is 9-4 ATS the L/13 meetings. Letdowns haven't hurt them either. Falcons are 6-3 ATS after Navy. |
| Oct. 21 | New Mexico | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Thunderbirds are 1-4 ATS L/5 vs New Mexico. AF is 3-9-1 ATS in their L/13 sandwiched home games. |
| Oct. 28 | at Notre Dame | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Air Force is 9-3 ATS L/12 October road games. Possibly pending the 9/23 result, AF is 10-3 ATS L/6Y as an away dog. |
| Nov. 4 | at Army | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 14-2-1 ATS in this matchup. AF has bombed Army the L3Y & held them to 6.5 ppg avg the L/11Y. |
| Nov. 11 | Colorado St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Falcons are 4-10-1 ATS vs the Rams since 1985. Air Force is 6-2 ATS since 1995 in the first of 2 or more home games. |
| Nov. 18 | San Diego St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Falcons are 4-10-1 ATS in lined season finales since 1985. The underdog is 5-2 ATS the L/7 meetings. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: FALCON STADIUM (52,480)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-8 | 8-4 | 8-4 | 6-5 | 10-2 | 11-1 | 6-5 | 53-29 |
| ATS | 3-7 | 7-5 | 7-5 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 9-2-1 | 3-7 | 38-39-1 |
| Home Fav | 2-1 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-4 | 3-1-1 | 1-3 | 11-15-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-5 |
| Away Fav | 0-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 4-1 | 0-3 | 10-13 |
| Away Dog | 1-3 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 11-6 |
| Favorite | 2-3 | 2-2 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 8-2-1 | 1-6 | 22-28-1 |
| Dog | 1-4 | 5-3 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 16-11 |
| Grass | 3-5 | 5-4 | 6-4 | 3-6 | 4-5 | 5-2-1 | 2-7 | 28-33-1 |
| Artificial | 0-2 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 4-0 | 1-0 | 10-6 |
| vs Conf | 2-6 | 6-2 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 6-2-1 | 1-6 | 26-29-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-1 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 12-10 |
| Off SU Win | 2-2 | 5-2 | 4-3 | 1-5 | 5-3 | 7-2-1 | 1-5 | 25-22-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-5 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 10-15 |

## Coach: FISHER DeBERRY (Career 126-69-1)
### *DeBerry's records AT AIR FORCE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17th Year at Air Force | | 32-30-2 | Home Favorite |
| 126-69-1 | Straight Up | 9-11 | Home Underdog |
| 82-90-2 | Vs The Spread | 22-32-1 | Away Favorite |
| 26-30 | Off A S/U Loss | 17-17 | Away Underdog |
| 52-64-3 | Vs Conference | 30-26 | Vs Non-Conf |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | Liberty | +9 | Mississippi St | 38-15 | W |
| 92 | Liberty | +9 | Mississippi | 0-13 | L |
| 95 | Copper | +4 | Texas Tech | 41-55 | L |
| 97 | Las Vegas | +4 | Oregon | 13-41 | L |
| 98 | Oahu | -3' | Washington | 45-25 | W |

# AIR FORCE (6-5)

CONFERENCE: MT. WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 5*** LETTERMEN: **Returning: 29 (16,12,1)**
**DEFENSE: 3** **Lost: 25 (11,12,2)**

## AIR FORCE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 24.0 | 22 | 285 | 4.9 | 114 | 48.8 | 16.6 | -4 | 1999 | 4 | 19.8 | 18 | 134 | 3.4 | 204 | 57.0 | 16.7 |
| 5* | 36.0 | 20 | 264 | 4.9 | 138 | 57.4 | 11.2 | +19 | 1998 | 4 | 14.2 | 17 | 113 | 2.8 | 190 | 57.2 | 21.3 |
| 5 | 21.5 | 18 | 226 | 4.0 | 84 | 47.2 | 14.5 | 0 | 1997 | 5 | 14.6 | 16 | 129 | 3.6 | 183 | 53.1 | 21.3 |
| 3* | 32.7 | 24 | 327 | 5.8 | 111 | 52.8 | 13.4 | +3 | 1996 | 6 | 21.0 | 20 | 133 | 3.4 | 221 | 59.3 | 16.8 |
| 6* | 30.8 | 23 | 340 | 6.0 | 110 | 52.4 | 14.2 | -1 | 1995 | 4 | 27.5 | 22 | 201 | 4.9 | 242 | 55.8 | 16.1 |
| 4* | 30.9 | 21 | 306 | 5.1 | 130 | 49.1 | 14.1 | +12 | 1994 | 6 | 21.8 | 21 | 121 | 3.1 | 244 | 58.4 | 15.3 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Villanova | 30 | 72-385 | 5.3 | 11-17 | 199 | 0 | 18 | 17-25 | 1.5 | 27-46 | 304 | 2 | -1 |
| at Washington | 18 | 63-275 | 4.4 | 6-11 | 65 | 1 | 20 | 26-138 | 5.3 | 20-44 | 195 | 2 | +4 |
| Wyoming | 20 | 49-262 | 5.3 | 10-22 | 134 | 1 | 17 | 43-177 | 4.1 | 15-23 | 179 | 1 | -1 |
| at San Diego St | 24 | 68-309 | 4.5 | 8-15 | 94 | 2 | 17 | 43-149 | 3.5 | 14-25 | 202 | 0 | +1 |
| at Navy | 14 | 56-247 | 4.4 | 1-7 | 23 | 1 | 19 | 55-205 | 3.7 | 8-23 | 146 | 0 | -1 |
| Utah | 22 | 61-275 | 4.5 | 9-18 | 132 | 1 | 13 | 38-93 | 2.4 | 10-20 | 120 | 4 | -2 |
| at BYU | 17 | 45-212 | 4.7 | 7-16 | 109 | 4 | 22 | 39-91 | 2.3 | 24-33 | 336 | 4 | -1 |
| Army | 17 | 56-244 | 4.4 | 7-15 | 93 | 2 | 8 | 44-90 | 2.0 | 2-6 | 10 | 4 | +2 |
| UNLV | 30 | 74-418 | 5.6 | 5-10 | 86 | 1 | 16 | 36-138 | 3.8 | 10-18 | 187 | 5 | -1 |
| at Colorado St | 22 | 45-230 | 5.1 | 9-20 | 178 | 0 | 26 | 46-254 | 5.5 | 17-29 | 231 | 0 | -2 |
| at New Mexico | 23 | 46-283 | 6.2 | 9-17 | 140 | 0 | 23 | 48-112 | 2.3 | 23-31 | 329 | 4 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 237 | 635-3140 | 4.9 | 82-168 | 1253 | 13 | 199 | 435-1472 | 3.4 | 170-298 | 2239 | 26 | -4 |
| AVERAGES | 21.6 | 58-285 | 4.9 | 7-15 | 114 | 1.2 | 18.1 | 40-134 | 3.4 | 15-27 | 204 | 2.4 | -0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| BYU | +3' | 38-12 | W |
| Wyoming | -9 | 34-10 | W |
| Colorado St | -6' | 20-27 | L |
| at Northwestern | -3 | 6-30 | L |
| at N Mexico | -5' | 27-24 | L |
| UTEP | -26' | 56-46 | L |
| at Navy | -8 | 30-20 | W |
| at Utah | +2 | 21-22 | W |
| at Fresno St | +3' | 31-20 | W |
| Army | -7' | 38-20 | W |
| Notre Dame | +7 | 14-44 | L |
| at Hawaii | -11 | 45-28 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| San Jose St | -22 | 45-0 | W |
| at UNLV | -28 | 65-17 | W |
| at Wyoming | +2 | 19-22 | L |
| Rice | -16' | 45-17 | W |
| Navy | -12 | 17-20 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +21 | 20-17 | W |
| Hawaii | -35 | 34-7 | L |
| Colorado St | -11 | 41-42 | L |
| at Army | -3 | 7-23 | L |
| at Fresno St | -10 | 44-38 | L |
| at San Diego St | +1 | 23-28 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Idaho | -17 | 14-10 | L |
| at Rice | +7 | 41-12 | W |
| UNLV | -21 | 25-24 | L |
| at Colorado St | +11 | 24-0 | W |
| San Diego St | -7 | 24-18 | L |
| Citadel | NL | 17-3 | – |
| at Navy | -1' | 10-7 | W |
| Fresno St | -12 | 17-20 | L |
| at San Jose St | -15 | 22-25 | L |
| at Hawaii | -11 | 34-27 | L |
| Army | -14 | 24-0 | W |
| Wyoming | +2' | 14-3 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wake Forest | E | 42-0 | W |
| at UNLV | -17' | 52-10 | W |
| Colorado St | -3 | 30-27 | T |
| at TCU | -9 | 34-35 | L |
| N Mexico | -16' | 56-14 | W |
| Navy | -14' | 49-7 | W |
| at Tulsa | -11 | 42-21 | W |
| SMU | -20 | 31-7 | W |
| at Army | -13 | 35-7 | W |
| at Wyoming | -6 | 10-3 | W |
| Rice | -22 | 22-16 | L |
| † BYU | -4 | 20-13 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Villanova | NL | 37-13 | – |
| at Washington | +4 | 31-21 | W |
| Wyoming | -9 | 7-10 | L |
| at San Diego St | -2 | 23-22 | L |
| at Navy | -10 | 19-14 | L |
| Utah | -4 | 15-21 | L |
| at BYU | +7' | 20-27 | W |
| Army | -15 | 28-0 | W |
| UNLV | -25 | 35-16 | L |
| at Colorado St | +2 | 21-41 | L |
| at New Mexico | -11 | 28-33 | L |

# ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The QB controversy continues at Alabama. In 1998 Andrew Zow surprised everyone by taking over the starting job as a rFr and guided the Tide to a 5-3 record in the last 8 games. He threw for 2,193 yards (56%) with a 12-10 ratio and was only the 5th Bama QB to top 2,000 yards passing in a season. The Tide signed Tyler Watts (PS#4) and he redshirted in 98. The two were supposed to alternate at QB much of last year, but Zow stepped to the forefront and claimed the starter's job. He threw for 1,855 yards (56%) with a 13-9 ratio and had 94 yards rushing. Watts started 2 games when Zow was injured and was 2-0 as a starter throwing for 533 yards (55.8%) but with just a 2-5 ratio. Surprisingly, Watts, who was thought to be more of a pocket passer, outrushed Zow on the year 116 to 94. Watts led the big comeback versus Auburn and that makes him my favorite to win the job this year. Luke Tucker (5-11 177 So) was PS#34 and got in one game as a rFr. This is a very deep and experienced group and I expect improved numbers in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Shaun Alexander (#1 DC of SEA) decided to stick around for his senior season and simply became Alabama's all-time leading rusher with 3,468 yards and fifteen career 100 yard games, despite not getting a full time starting berth until his junior season. He had a shot at the Heisman Trophy, if not for an injured ankle which kept him out of two games and curtailed his production down the stretch. Check out my RB write-up on the Virginia Cavaliers (pg. 180) for an interesting note about RB forecasts. Shaun Alexander described Brandon Miree as "a bigger, stronger, faster version of me." Miree was dominant on the scout team last year and I expect him to step into the starting role at TB. He broke his leg and missed most of the spring and Galloway was the star in April. Shaun Bohanon (PS#40) rushed for 346 yards as Alexander's backup in 99 and despite missing the spring was the #1 RB on the depth chart. Ahmaad Galloway (PS#50) had 33 yards rushing after having some fumbling problems as a true frosh. Santonio Beard (6-1 205 So) was PS#45. I list the top FB's below and they are solid. This is a solid group but clearly not as potent with the loss of a player of Alexander's caliber.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year all 3 starters departed but DuBose had 3 VHT's waiting to fill in the jobs. Unfortunately, Eric Locke (PS#11) transferred to Tennessee prior to the season and the receiving corps was very young. This year two players depart in FL Tim Bowens (6 sts, 17 rec) and SE Shamari Buchanan (7 sts, 11 rec). The top 3 WR's in terms of rec's all return including the amazing Freddie Milons who dazzled as a WR/RB/QB/PR and KR last year. Antonio Carter had 33 rec's despite being banged up at the start of the year. I list the 2 deep below and you will notice 4 VHT's in the group. Not listed below are plenty of HT's. Derrick Woods (5-10 172 Fr) was PS#53, Dre Fulgham (6-3 200 Fr) was PS#47 and Brandon Greer (6-2 195 rFr) was PS#78. Michael James (5-11 170 Jr), a transfer from West Alabama, showed great speed in the spring. Milons is a threat to score any time he touches the ball, and this group has a lot more experience, some added talent, and looks stronger this season.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 98 this unit was known as the Iron Five as 5 starters took 98% of the team's snaps. Last year all 5 starters returned although one lost his job to a true frosh and the ypc rushing went from 3.1 to 4.3. They are in solid shape again this year as just one starter departs but it is a big loss in LT Chris Samuels (1st tm AA, #1 DC of WAS, 3rd overall pick). They also lose one backup. The Tide lists all 4 returning starters as All Conference candidates this year and this is a good sized group averaging 307 lbs per man and would be even bigger if Raulston beats out Baxley for the RT job making it 315 per man. The Tide was without Samuels in their bowl game and despite putting up 34 points, keep in mind they had just 12 FD's and 305 total yards vs Michigan, well below their season averages. LT is the most important spot on the team and Samuels was clearly the best LT in the country last year, but this unit should still be very close to last year's outstanding standards.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Tide brought in D-line Coach Lance Thompson from Georgia Tech to increase the intensity of the unit. He inherited 5 players who started 6 or more games in 98 and they added some VHT true frosh. This year they lose DT Cornelius Griffin (13 sts, 56 tkls, 14.5 tfl, 2nd tm SEC, #2 DC of NYG), DE Reggie Grimes (4 sts, 12 tfl) and DT Jamie Carter (11 tkls). It is an amazing two deep below with 7 of the top 8 players being VHT's and DuBose brings in 4 VHT true frosh including 4 of the top 10 DL's in the country this year!! DuBose always plays true frosh on the DL so many will play immediately. They also have a top notch JUCO in Shawn Oglesby. This is one of the top D-lines in the country.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Tide had to replace two starters to graduation and then lost MLB Travis Carroll when he transferred to Florida, as well as three backups. This year they are in much better shape as they only lose OLB Miguel Merritt (11 sts, 9 tfl) and backup MLB Canary Knight (3.5 tfl). A question mark is Marvin Constant who I list as the starting MLB. He missed spring and may not be healthy for the fall. If he does not play, they are still solid with either Ellis or Monroe. DuBose got two more VHT true frosh who I list at OLB and a super JUCO in Monroe. This unit is much more experienced than it was heading into last year, and will be one of the better LB corps in the country.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - This was a much maligned unit at midseason. Bama made major changes in the secondary moving starters in and out of the lineup. After 5 games the defense had just 2 int's but over the last 4 games the shuffled unit had 10 picks. They usually rank near the top of the pass efficiency defense ratings with a pair of top 5 finishes in 95 & 96. After ranking #23 in 97 and #35 in 98, last year's poor start saw them finish #36 allowing 54.9% with a 24-16 ratio and 233 ypg passing. This year everyone returns and as is the case with the entire defense, it is loaded with HT's and VHT's going 3 deep at all positions. This group clearly has the potential to finish in the top 10 of the pass defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This has not been an overall area of strength for Alabama. They had their best finish over the previous 4 years at 37th in 98, and then followed that up with a #37 finish again last year. An area of strength last year was their net punting which was a super 37.7 average. The area of weakness was the KR defense which allowed 23.2. They have the explosive Freddie Milons back to handle both PR's and KR's and I look for him to improve on last year's numbers. They bring in a super true frosh P and as long as he's able to fill the role, the net punting should be in good hands. They went through some injuries at K last year with Pflugner missing several games but overall Bama hit 18 of 25 FG's with Pflugner hitting 5 of 7 from 40-49. He will be tough to replace. Overall this unit is improved and with the presence of Milons, provided a true frosh P produces, could battle for a top 20 spot.

SS Marcus Spencer

The Tide rolls into the 2000 season with my #3 ranked defense.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shaun Alexander | 327 | 1647 | 103 | 1544 | 22 | 4.7 |
| **Shaun Bohanon** | 75 | 359 | 13 | 346 | 2 | 4.6 |
| **Freddie Milons** | 17 | 190 | 1 | 189 | 1 | 11.9 |
| **Dustin McClintock** | 40 | 161 | 1 | 160 | 1 | 4.2 |
| **Tyler Watts** | 29 | 116 | 52 | 64 | 0 | 2.0 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Andrew Zow** | 278 | 155 | 55.8 | 1855 | 13 | 9 |
| **Tyler Watts** | 95 | 53 | 55.8 | 533 | 2 | 5 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Freddie Milons** | | 69 | 748 | 10.8 | 2 | 39 |
| **Antonio Carter** | | 33 | 318 | 9.6 | 4 | 52 |
| Shaun Alexander | | 27 | 344 | 12.7 | 4 | 51 |
| **Jason McAddley** | | 24 | 334 | 13.9 | 3 | 66 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Patrick Morgan | 64 | 2529 | 39.5 | - | 37.7 | 0 | - |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Pflugner | 4-5 | 5-7 | 5-7 | 0-1 | 14-20 | 49 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Saleem Rasheed** | 92 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| **Marcus Spencer** | 71 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| **Tony Dixon** | 68 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Miguel Merritt | 65 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| **Marvin Constant** | 62 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| **Reggie Myles** | 61 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| Cornelius Griffin | 56 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| **Kenny King** | 53 | 6 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| **Darius Gilbert** | 52 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| **Milo Lewis** | 50 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 0 |
| **Kindal Moorehead** | 40 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 0 |
| **Kenny Smith** | 37 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| **Gerald Dixon** | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Freddie Milons** | 33 | 390 | 11.8 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Freddie Milons** | 13 | 282 | 21.7 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT VANDERBILT -14' 28-17 LOSS** 1Q had more punts (7) than completions (6). VU got a 58 yd drive for a TD. UA drove 51 yds for a TD w/ :38 left to tie. VU got a 41 yd 3Q FG. Bama drove 79 yds for a TD. UA fmbl'd a punt & VU got a 21 yd TD drive, 17-14. VU dropped a sure int ret for a TD. VU punted from its 5 & UA got a 21 yd TD drive. On the next poss Alexander took a short pass & raced 51 yds for a TD.

**HOUSTON -13' 37-10 WIN** Bama led 10-3. UH drove 88 yds but missed a 34 yd FG (after pen). Watts led Bama on an 80 yd TD drive. Bama missed a 33 yd FG, 17-3 at half. UH opened the 3Q with a 78 yd TD drive. Bama got a 40 yd TD drive after a short punt. Bama went 48 yds for a TD on its next poss & after a fmbl drove 41 yds for the final TD. Bama had a 505-274 yd edge.

**LOUISIANA TECH -14 28-29 LOSS** I used LT as the Big Dog Play on my PPH. LT had 416-306 yd & 24-17 FD edges. UA lost 3 fmbl's in the 1H & LT led 12-3 at half. LT got a 42 yd 3Q FG but Alexander ret'd the KO for a TD & foll an int got a 30 yd TD run, 18-15. Both tms got long TD drives & with :2:36 left UA added a 32 yd FG, 28-22. LT QB Rattay was inj'd. Backup Stallworth on his 2nd play with :02 left threw a 28 yd TD pass. Bama ret'd the KO to the LT 25 but the clock ran out.

**ARKANSAS +2 35-28 WIN** I used Alabama as the Sept 5★ & they had a 22-14 FD edge & won despite 6 TO's. Ark got a 34 yd TD drive after an int. Bama drove 80 yds for a TD. Ark got a 36 yd FG after an int. Bama was int'd at the UA 8. Bama drove 80 yds for a 3Q TD. Bama missed a 47 yd FG & UA got a 40 yd FG with 4:09 left, 14-13. Bama drove 66 yds for a TD, 21-13. Ark got a 41 yd fmbl ret for a TD, 21-21. Bama drove 66 yds for a TD. UA was SOD & Bama drove 92 yds for a TD. Ark drove 21 yds for a TD. Ark took over with 1:26 left. On 4th & 20 a pen gave them a FD but their Hail Mary was inc.

**AT FLORIDA (OT) +16 40-39 WIN** Bama ended the nation's longest home win streak at 30 & conv many 3D & 4D. UA had a 41-18 1H play edge & 21:22 TOP. UA led 10-7. UF missed a 41 yd FG. UA had a long drive for a short FG, 13-7. UF got a 42 yd int ret for a 3Q TD, 14-13. Bama drove 70 yds, 19-14. UF sandwiched 2 TD drives around a Bama TD, 26-22. UA got a FG. UA punted & the snap hit the middle man & UF rec'd & got a short TD drive, 33-26. UA punted on 4th & 10 at UF 47. UF fmbl'd & UA drove 21 yds for a TD w/ 1:25 left. UF got a TD in OT, xpng. UA got a TD run but xpng. UF was offsides & Bama made the xp.

**AT MISSISSIPPI -3 30-24 WIN** UA got a 45 yd FG & 83 yd TD drive. UM got an 83 yd TD drive but UA drove 99 yds for a TD w/just 1:23 left in half. UA had a 223-138 yd edge. UA drove 68 yds for a TD & foll a UM fmbl added a 39 yd FG, 27-7 with 7:23 left 3Q. UM got an 80 yd drive for a TD, rec'd an onside & got a 46 yd FG. UM missed a 27 yd FG but got McAllister's 22 yd TD run with 7:33 left, 27-24. UA drove 74 yds to the UM 2 but settled for a FG with 2:15 left. UM was SOD & UA ended at the UM 10.

**TENNESSEE +3 7-21 LOSS** 86,869, largest ever crowd in Alabama. UA got a 1Q 99 yd TD drive kept alive with UT offsides on a punt. UT got a 60 yd drive for a TD with 5:14 left. Each team lost their starting QB late 2Q but they ret'd in the 3Q. UT got a 43 yd TD pass early 3Q. Defenses controlled until UT went 84 yds & Martin's 21 yd TD run with 8:26 left, 21-7. The Vols drove 79 yds & had a 1st & goal at the Tide 3 but fmbl'd with 3:21 left. Bama got 3 FD's on their final drive.

**S MISSISSIPPI -1' 35-14 WIN** The Tide did not have Alexander or Zow. Bama took its opening drive 61 yds for a TD & got a 22 yd FG after a TO. Early 2Q SM drove 79 yds for a TD. Bama got a 33 yd FG. Bama turned it over at the SM 35 with 3:03 left but UA got a 41 yd int ret for a TD, 20-7. The Tide got an int ret to the 8 & on 4th & goal got a 1 yd TD run. Bama ret'd a punt 65 yds for a TD, 35-7 after 3Q's. SM got a 2 play TD drive midway thru the 4Q but was held to -13 yds rushing. Bama had just 267 yds offense but was dominant.

**LSU -20 23-17 LOSS** Alexander (inj) had 14 carries for 18 yds & QB Watts started. Bama missed a 54 yd FG. LSU drove 64 yds for a TD. Bama went on a 10:00, 22 play, 80 yd drive for a TD on 4th & goal. UA got a 31 yd FG, 10-7 at half. UA drove 75 yds for a TD & ret'd a fmbl 54 yds to the LSU 6 setting up a TD, 23-7. Zow came in. After 2 inc, his 3rd pass was tipped & LSU DL Mitchell lumbered 66 yds for the TD, 23-14. Watts was int'd on the next 2 poss & LSU got a 32 yd FG, 23-17. UA missed a 27 yd FG. LSU got a 1st & goal at the 2 but on the final play Booty had 2 WR's open in the EZ but elected to run & was tkl'd at the 1. Bama had a 354-208 yd edge.

**MISS ST -6 19-7 WIN** UA got a 40 yd FG after a blk punt. MS drove 70 yds for a TD but UA got an 80 yd TD drive, 10-7. MS had just 12 FD's. In the 3Q Bama drove for a 32 yd FG foll an int. Bama later missed a 40 yd FG. UA got a 37 yd TD pass with 6:04 left. MS's final drive was int.

**AT AUBURN -3' 28-17 WIN** AL got a 33 yd FG foll a fmbl & a 41 yd FG after AUB faked a punt at its own 29. AUB had a pair of 80 yd TD drives, 14-6 at half. AUB could have taken control but missed a short FG after a long drive. Watts came in & guided AL 78 yds but they were SOD. AL got a safety & then drove 52 & 50 yds for TD's, 22-14. AUB hit a 35 yd FG with 2:58 left. Bama rec'd the onside & got a TD.

**† FLORIDA +6' 34-7 WIN** UF suffered its worst defeat since a 62-24 loss to Neb in the '96 Fiesta Bowl & managed only 114 total yds offense & 6 FD's. UF took its opening poss 55 yds in 4 plays for a TD, 7-0 & appeared on their way to getting revenge. After that, UF managed just 59 total yds offense as Johnson was inj'd and attempted just 2 passes while Palmer hit 7 of 20 for 80 yds with 3 int's. Bama could not manage any offense in the 1Q but got a 29 yd FG in the 2Q. They added a 48 yd FG & then just before the half, Zow hit McAddley with a 27 yd TD pass, 12-7. Bama got a 49 yd 3Q FG. The Tide, which had 22 FD's, 300 yds rushing & 162 yds passing, kept shooting themselves in the foot in the redzone and led only 15-7. That changed in the final quarter. Milons came in at QB & ran a simple option racing 77 yds for a TD. A few plays later Grimes ret'd an int 38 yds for a TD & Bama added another TD late. Bama finished with 462-114 yd & 22-6 FD edges and 4-1 TO edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Normally teams do not like to go to the same bowl game a second straight year but that is precisely the Tide's hope this year as they finished last year in the Orange Bowl and that's where this year's National Title game will be. Mike DuBose had a roller coaster season having his contract shortened and taking a pay cut early after an off-field scandal and then after beating Steve Spurrier twice (1st team to do so in Spurrier's tenure at UF) was given a contract extension and raise. His very young defense started out the year slowly but improved. This is the first time in DuBose's tenure that his entire coaching staff remains intact and he feels that the continuity is a big positive for this year's team. Bear Bryant must be smiling this offseason as the defense is the caliber of one of his great units from the past. Overall I rank them #3 in the country on that side of the ball as they have 9 starters back and are loaded with VHT's. The offense does lose a pair of 1st round draft picks but has everyone else back and could be even stronger. They do have some very tough road games including UCLA and Tennessee but talent-wise they are superior to every one of their foes and they should be back in the SEC Title Game and are a national title contender.


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| LB | Brooks Daniels | 6-3 200 PS#19 |
| DL | Maurice Mitchell | 6-8 292 PS#27 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB TYLER WATTS SO.** 6-3 214 *PS#4 in 98. 2 sts as rFr. 533 yds (56%). **Andrew Zow** (6-2 217 Jr) PS#36. 19 sts. 4048 yds (55%) 25-19 ratio L/2 years.*

**RB Brandon Miree rFr.** 6-2 228 *PS#24. Big & fast. **Shaun Bohanon** (6-2 215 Sr) PS#40, 1 st, 346 yds (4.6) in 99. Ahmaad Galloway (6-1 227 So) PS#50.*

**FB DUSTIN McCLINTOCK SR.** 6-3 271 *2 sts as rFr, 48 yds. 7 sts in 98, 94 yds. 7 sts in 99, 350 total yds. Marvin Brown (6-0 252 Jr) was PS#67 in 98.*

**WR FREDDIE MILONS JR.** 5-11 183 *PS#7, 21 rec (11.0) as true. 13 sts in 99, 69 rec (10.8), 189 rush, 672 return yds. Sam Collins (6-1 180 So) PS#17, 5 rec as rFr.*

**WR ANTONIO CARTER SO.** 5-9 190 *PS#7WR in 99. 33 rec (9.6) as true, 1 start. **Jason McAddley** (6-2 194 Jr) PS#117, 24 rec (13.9), 10 sts in 99.*

**TE TERRY JONES JR.** 6-3 262 *PS#20TE in 98. 4 sts as true. 6 sts in 99, 14 rec (15.5). MIP spring. Shawn Draper (6-4 294 Sr) PS#100DL, 5 tkls ly.*

**C PAUL HOGAN SR.** 6-4 275 *PS#147. 10 sts as rFr, 685 plays. 12 sts in 98, 738 snaps. 11 sts in 99, **1st tm SEC**. Alonzo Ephraim (6-3 280 So) PS#45.*

**RG WILL CUTHBERT SR.** 6-5 329 *PS#42. 1 st as true, 131 plays. 12 sts in 98, 785 snaps. 13 sts in 99, 873 plays. Dennis Alexander (6-5 315 rFr) PS#106.*

**LG GRIFF REDMILL SR.** 6-6 301 *PS#203. 12 sts in 98, 785 snaps. 13 sts in 99, 877 snaps. Matt Lomax (6-4 285) PS#19. Marco Portis (6-2 300) PS#58, 2 sts ly.*

**RT Lannis Baxley So.** 6-6 295 *PS#280. Started bowl in 99, 81 plays in reg season. Bart Raulston (6-9 337 So). Kenric Lott (6-5 323 Sr) PS#95JC.*

**LT DANTE ELLINGTON SO.** 6-6 335 *PS#20. 12 sts at RT & 1 at LT as true frosh. Shaun Williams (6-5 266 Jr) PS#224DL. Wesley Britt (6-8 290) is PS#28.*

**K Chris Kemp Sr.** 5-9 171 *PS#39K. 1 of 2 FG's as rFr. 4 of 5 FG's in 99, long of 37. 11-11 xp's. Mark Wisniewski (6-1 167 So) PS#24, Did KO's.*

**DE KINDAL MOOREHEAD JR.** 6-3 293 *PS#1. 9 sts as true, 11 tfl. 13 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 18.5 tfl, 2nd tm SEC. Leslie Williams (6-5 225 So) PS#24. Antwan Odom is PS#5.*

**DT KENNY SMITH SR.** 6-5 286 *PS#8. 4 sts, 9 tfl as true. 10 sts, 11 tfl in 98, 8 sts ly, 10 tfl, 2nd tm SEC. Albert Means is PS#3. Todd Whitmore PS#94JC ly.*

**DT Jarrett Johnson So.** 6-4 268 *PS#16. 20 tkls, 5 tfl as true. Kelvis White (6-4 291 Sr) was PS#85, 16 tkls, 2 sts, 2 yrs. Anthony Bryant is PS#6.*

**DE KENNY KING SO.** 6-4 270 *PS#3. 11 sts as true, **19.5 tfl**, 33 press. Derek Sanders (6-4 277 So) PS#48, 1 tkl ly. Shawn Oglesby (6-7 250 Jr) PS#15JC.*

**SLB SALEEM RASHEED SO.** 6-3 220 *PS#6. 13 sts as true, 92 tkls, 12 tfl. Chris Home (6-1 221 Sr) PS#94, 2 sts, 46 tkls, 3 yrs. Adam Cox (6-1 208 Jr) is PS#38RB.*

**MLB MARVIN CONSTANT SO.** 6-1 245 *PS#24, 8 sts as rFr (tfl inj). 62 tkls, 9 tfl, 1 for fall. Victor Ellis (6-2 231 Jr) PS#53, 21 tkls ly. Aires Monroe (6-3 220 Jr) PS#33JC.*

**WLB DARIUS GILBERT JR.** 6-2 235 *PS#27, 15 tkls as true. 6 sts in 99, 52 tkls, 6 tfl, 6 pbu. Harold James is PS#8DB. Brooks Daniels is PS#18LB.*

**CB MILO LEWIS SR.** 6-0 176 *PS#27JC, 13 sts ly, 50 tkls, **16 pbu**. Shontua Ray (5-10 202 Jr) PS#27, 20 tkls. Kecall Bailey (5-10 164 Sr) PS#11, 7 sts, 2Y.*

**CB GERALD DIXON SO.** 5-11 185 *PS#58, started L/6 as true, 33 tkls, 1 int. Hirchel Bolden (5-10 190 So) PS#37, 18 tkls as true. Roberto McBride PS#111.*

**SS TONY DIXON SR.** 6-2 203 *PS#26, 11 sts in 98, 82 tkls, 1 int. 9 sts in 99, #3 w/68 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 pbu. Jason Jones (5-11 180 Sr) 6 pbu ly. Connie Brown PS#58JC.*

**FS REGGIE MYLES JR.** 5-11 185 *PS#12. 5 sts as true, 26 tkls, 2 sks. 12 sts in 99, 61 tkls, 5 int, 9 tfl. **Marcus Spencer** (6-2 194) **20 sts**, 214 tkls, 8 int, 3 yrs.*

**P Matthew Sanders Fr.** 6-2 215 *PS#12K this year. Averaged a super 45.5 per punt in HS in 99 with avg hangtime of :05. 14 TD's at QB as Sr in HS.*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score ALA | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000Angles, Trends & Notes |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team in Alabama games is 24-41 ATS the L/6Y.<br>Alabama is 1-7 ATS in their 3rd straight home game.<br>Tide is 3-4 SU, 4-2-1 ATS overall vs Florida.<br>Crimson Tide is 4-7 ATS in the first of 2+ home games.<br>Alabama is 4-9 ATS with their 2nd straight home game. |
| Sep. 2 | at UCLA | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tide is 6-3 ATS vs non-conf teams under DuBose.<br>Alabama is 7-1 SU but just 4-4 ATS in road openers. |
| Sep. 9 | Vanderbilt (Birm) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Crimson Tide is 8-13 ATS in Birmingham since 1992.<br>Bama is 2-8 ATS in their first conference game since 1990. |
| Sep. 16 | S Mississippi (Birm) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tide has covered just 7 of the last 16 vs the Golden Eagles.<br>Alabama ALWAYS hosts this series, no USM home games in 80's or 90's. |
| Sep. 23 | at Arkansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Crimson Tide is 10-2 ATS away off 2 or more home games.<br>Bama is 5-1 SU & ATS in sandwiched road games since 1994. |
| Sep. 30 | S Carolina* | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only series meeting in L/10Y was in '92, 48-7 Tide win as a 26 pt fav.<br>Prior to the 2000 season, Bama was 19-27 ATS L/46 as a HF. |
| Oct. 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | Mississippi* | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Alabama is 6-2 ATS after a bye since 1994.<br>Crimson Tide is 12-3 ATS and 38-7-2 SU vs Ole Miss. |
| Oct. 21 | at Tennessee | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bama is 8-5-1 SU & 10-4 ATS L/14 vs the Vols.<br>Tide is 8-1 ATS as an AD L/6Y, 13-5 since 1986. |
| Oct. 28 | UCF* (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bama is 6-3 ATS at home vs non-SEC foes.<br>Coming into 2000 Bama was 37-9-1 ATS in October SU since 1988. |
| Nov. 4 | at LSU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bama has not lost SU in Baton Rouge since 1969 & is 14-0-1 in that span.<br>The home team is just 3-11 ATS in this series. |
| Nov. 11 | at Mississippi St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Crimson Tide is 3-8 ATS L/11 vs the Bulldogs.<br>Alabama is 2-8 ATS prior to playing Auburn the L/10Y. |
| Nov. 18 | Auburn* | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tide has rolled over the War Eagle 8 of the L/10 ATS.<br>Bama is 10-1 SU, 7-4 ATS L/11 yrs in their home finale. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | *Tuscaloosa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091) BRYANT-DENNY (83,818)**
**PLAYING SURFACE: LEGION-GRASS (P.A.T.) BRYANT-GRASS (P.A.T.)**

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-2-1 | 11-0 | 8-3 | 9-2 | 4-7 | 7-4 | 10-2 | 57-20-1 |
| ATS | 3-9 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 8-4 | 40-39 |
| Home Fav | 3-4 | 1-4 | 2-4 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 16-23 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 4-5 |
| Away Fav | 0-3 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 9-9 |
| Away Dog | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 10-2 |
| Favorite | 3-7 | 4-4 | 4-5 | 3-6 | 4-4 | 3-3 | 5-3 | 26-32 |
| Dog | 0-2 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 4-1 | 3-1 | 14-7 |
| Grass | 2-5 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 5-6 | 4-6 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 35-31 |
| Artificial | 1-4 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 5-8 |
| vs SEC | 1-8 | 7-2 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 6-3 | 31-28 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 9-11 |
| Off SU Win | 3-5 | 7-4 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 1-3 | 3-3 | 6-3 | 27-27 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-2 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 3-3 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 11-7 |

**Coach: MIKE DuBOSE** (Career 21-15)
***DuBose's records AT ALABAMA***

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Alabama | | 8-7 | Home Favorite |
| 21-15 | Straight Up | 3-3 | Home Underdog |
| 20-14 | Vs The Spread | 4-3 | Away Favorite |
| 8-4 | Off A S/U Loss | 5-1 | Away Underdog |
| 14-11 | Vs SEC | 6-3 | Vs Non-SEC |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | Gator | +3' | N Carolina | 24-10 | W |
| 94 | Citrus | -3' | Ohio St | 24-17 | W |
| 96 | Outback | E | Michigan | 17-14 | W |
| 98 | Music City | +5 | Virginia Tech | 7-38 | L |
| 99 | Orange | -1 | Michigan | 34-35 | L |

# ALABAMA (10-3)

CONFERENCE: **SEC WEST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 9***
**DEFENSE: 9**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 45 (20,22,3)**
**Lost: 30 (19,8,3)**

## ALABAMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 29.2 | 19 | 179 | 4.3 | 192 | 56.6 | 12.7 | +5 | 1999 | 7 | 20.4 | 16 | 72 | 2.6 | 233 | 54.9 | 14.9 |
| 3 | 20.9 | 18 | 110 | 3.1 | 222 | 55.6 | 15.9 | 0 | 1998 | 4 | 23.9 | 21 | 153 | 3.8 | 209 | 54.3 | 15.1 |
| 6* | 22.4 | 17 | 151 | 3.9 | 174 | 50.8 | 14.5 | +6 | 1997 | 3 | 22.6 | 19 | 137 | 3.9 | 227 | 53.7 | 16.2 |
| 8 | 24.3 | 18 | 174 | 3.9 | 174 | 49.8 | 14.3 | +2 | 1996 | 7 | 15.0 | 13 | 95 | 2.8 | 173 | 43.1 | 17.8 |
| 6 | 23.6 | 18 | 146 | 3.3 | 187 | 55.0 | 14.1 | +5 | 1995 | 6 | 17.1 | 15 | 105 | 3.0 | 179 | 49.9 | 16.6 |
| 5* | 23.5 | 20 | 201 | 4.2 | 186 | 58.4 | 16.5 | +10 | 1994 | 6 | 14.6 | 15 | 127 | 3.5 | 173 | 51.9 | 20.5 |

**1999 STATS BY GAME**

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Vanderbilt | 18 | 37-142 | 3.8 | 15-24 | 201 | 3 | 13 | 36-110 | 3.1 | 12-24 | 120 | 6 | -1 |
| Houston | 24 | 49-275 | 5.6 | 11-25 | 230 | 2 | 16 | 30-103 | 3.4 | 14-29 | 171 | 6 | 0 |
| Louisiana Tech | 17 | 41-202 | 4.9 | 8-20 | 104 | 2 | 24 | 27-16 | 0.6 | 29-52 | 400 | 6 | -1 |
| Arkansas | 22 | 48-184 | 4.0 | 16-28 | 310 | 2 | 14 | 20-64 | 3.2 | 24-53 | 316 | 1 | -5 |
| at Florida | 23 | 39-111 | 2.8 | 28-42 | 336 | 1 | 21 | 21-140 | 6.7 | 22-31 | 309 | 1 | +1 |
| at Mississippi | 22 | 47-236 | 5.0 | 16-28 | 177 | 1 | 21 | 35-141 | 4.0 | 16-32 | 235 | 3 | +2 |
| Tennessee | 15 | 24-94 | 3.9 | 20-40 | 173 | 1 | 18 | 48-190 | 4.0 | 11-18 | 147 | 3 | +1 |
| S Miss | 15 | 44-131 | 3.0 | 12-21 | 136 | 2 | 16 | 25-(-13) | -0.5 | 22-41 | 262 | 8 | +1 |
| LSU | 24 | 48-151 | 3.1 | 23-40 | 203 | 1 | 14 | 22-32 | 1.5 | 15-36 | 176 | 1 | 0 |
| Miss St | 15 | 37-93 | 2.5 | 18-34 | 222 | 2 | 12 | 22-24 | 1.1 | 19-34 | 208 | 2 | +2 |
| at Auburn | 22 | 46-226 | 4.9 | 17-26 | 124 | 2 | 21 | 29-66 | 2.3 | 26-40 | 237 | 2 | +1 |
| Florida (SEC Champ) | 22 | 49-300 | 6.1 | 14-25 | 162 | 2 | 6 | 20-31 | 1.6 | 8-24 | 83 | 1 | +3 |
| Michigan (Bowl) | 12 | 37-184 | 5.0 | 13-20 | 121 | 1 | 18 | 23-37 | 1.6 | 35-47 | 369 | 2 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 251 | 546-2329 | 4.3 | 211-373 | 2499 | 22 | 214 | 358-941 | 2.6 | 253-461 | 3033 | 39 | +5 |
| AVERAGES | 19.4 | 42-179 | 4.3 | 16-29 | 192 | 1.7 | 16.4 | 28-72 | 2.6 | 19-35 | 233 | 3.0 | 0.4 |

**1995 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Vanderbilt | -13 | 33-25 | L |
| S Mississippi | -13 | 24-20 | L |
| Arkansas | -7' | 19-20 | L |
| at Georgia | -3 | 31-0 | W |
| N Carolina St | -14 | 27-11 | W |
| Tennessee | +4 | 14-41 | L |
| at Mississippi | -6 | 23-9 | W |
| N Texas | -33 | 38-19 | L |
| LSU | -3 | 10-3 | W |
| Mississippi St | -12 | 14-9 | L |
| at Auburn | +6 | 27-31 | W |

**1996 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bowling Green | -25 | 21-7 | L |
| S Mississippi | -10' | 20-10 | L |
| Vanderbilt | -17 | 36-26 | L |
| at Arkansas | -8' | 17-7 | W |
| Kentucky | -22' | 35-7 | W |
| at N Carolina St | -11 | 24-19 | L |
| Mississippi | -13 | 37-0 | W |
| at Tennessee | +14 | 13-20 | W |
| at LSU | +3 | 26-0 | W |
| at Mississippi St | -12' | 16-17 | L |
| Auburn | -6' | 24-23 | L |
| † Florida | +15 | 30-45 | T |

**1997 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | -14' | 42-17 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -12 | 20-0 | W |
| Arkansas | -17' | 16-17 | L |
| S Mississippi | -6' | 27-13 | W |
| at Kentucky | -6' | 34-40 | L |
| Tennessee | +8' | 21-38 | L |
| at Mississippi | E | 29-20 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | -20 | 20-26 | L |
| LSU | +6 | 0-27 | L |
| Mississippi St | -3 | 20-32 | L |
| at Auburn | +11 | 17-18 | W |

**1998 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| BYU | -4' | 38-31 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -19' | 32-7 | W |
| at Arkansas | -3 | 6-42 | L |
| Florida | +17 | 10-16 | W |
| Mississippi | -5' | 20-17 | L |
| E Carolina | -9 | 23-22 | L |
| at Tennessee | +17' | 18-35 | W |
| S Mississippi | +3 | 30-20 | W |
| at LSU | +8' | 22-16 | W |
| at Mississippi St | +3 | 14-26 | L |
| Auburn | -4 | 31-17 | W |

**1999 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Vanderbilt | -14' | 28-17 | L |
| Houston | -13' | 37-10 | W |
| LA Tech | -14 | 28-29 | L |
| Arkansas | +2 | 35-28 | W |
| at Florida | +16 | 40-39 | W |
| at Mississippi | -3 | 30-24 | W |
| Tennessee | +3 | 7-21 | L |
| S Miss | -1' | 35-14 | W |
| LSU | -20 | 23-17 | L |
| Mississippi St | -6 | 19-7 | W |
| at Auburn | -3' | 28-17 | W |
| † Florida | -1 | 34-7 | W |

# ALA-BIRMINGHAM BLAZERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Daniel Dixon returns for his third year as starter but will have to fight off some talented players to keep his job. Dixon ran mostly the option offense in 1998, passing for 870 yards (49.6%) with an 0-6 ratio while rushing for 272. They tried to move away from the option last year but Dixon threw for just 1,347 yards (51.8%) with a 7-10 ratio. His most effective games were versus Louisville and Louisiana Tech where they ran the option and he finished the year with 362 yards rushing. He missed the E Carolina game and Thomas Cox (6-2 180 So, PS#91) started and guided the Blazers to the upset. Cox finished the year with 176 yards passing (40.5%) with a 1-1 ratio. Lee Jolly (6-2 180 Sr) was PS#40 in 96 and had 10 starts in 97 and 2 starts in 98 but was injured most of last year. Jeff Tippetts (6-3 195 rFr) was PS #92QB in 97 and spent two years on a Mormon mission. Matt Johnson (6-8 205 rFr) was PS#199. I expect redshirt JC transfer Jeff Aaron (6-3 195 Jr) to win the starter's job and he threw for over 2,000 yards at JC in 98. In their second year of moving away from the option, look for bigger passing numbers from a group with added talent.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year everyone returned to the RB corps but their leading returning rusher, Lucious Foster, was suspended prior to the season. JC transfer Carl Fair was the leading rusher after 5 games but then broke his leg and did not return. Percy Coleman led the team in rushing and had a nifty 5.6 ypc to go along with Fair's 5.4. This year everyone is back. Jegil Dugger played well as a sophomore with 226 yards and Cory Conley has 8 starts in 2 years at FB with 405 yards. Also in the mix is Bernard Anderson (6-1 210 Jr) who was PS#222 and had 84 yards in 4 starts as a true frosh in 98, but saw action in just 2 games last year. Cedrick Thatch had 173 yards rushing but got most of his starts at WR after moving there at midseason. Thatch is petitioning for an extra year of eligibility and should return to RB this year. Foster returned to the team in the spring but was suspended and is questionable for the fall. Dedric Hardrick (6-1 230 So) who is a VHT as he was PS #42DB and moved to FB! While Brown did not land any HT's this year, three of the top newcomers are at this position. This is a much deeper and more experienced group with added talent. They will also utilize this unit more in the passing part of the offense and may at times have 3 or 4 of this stellar group on the field at once.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year almost everyone returned to this group but this year they suffer some losses. Three of the top 4 WR's all depart. Gone are WR Ernest Ross (7 sts, 13 rec), WR Darrius Malone (11 sts, #1 w/33 rec, 16.7) and WR Daryl Johnson (1 st, 14 rec). All of the top TE's return and I list them below. The WR's may be inexperienced but they are one of the taller WR corps in the country with all 4 in my two deep listed at 6-2 or better. This unit did not get a great deal of attention last year, and looks a little weaker in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Blazers had to replace one full-time starter and 2 players who shared another starting position. The 98 offensive line had 3 frosh starting at some points during the season. This year almost everyone is back and the only loss is C Brandon Herring (11 sts, 2 yr st'r). Nine of the top 10 OL return and 8 players listed in the 2 deep below have starting experience. Brown also went out and signed a top notch JUCO who will compete for time. LG Preston Fray was lost for the season after 4 games last year and returns. At one point in 99 three starting OL were injured and out of the lineup. With 4 projected senior starters, this is one of the more veteran offensive lines in the NCAA.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - UAB had an outstanding D-line in 98 but almost everyone graduated with just 1 starter returning last year. Brown also made a shift going from bigger, bulkier players to a little bit smaller of a line that had more speed and was able to put more pressure on opposing QB's. Practically everyone is back from last year's young unit with the lone loss being DE James Godfrey (3 sts, 20 tkls, 2 tfl). Brown likes to rotate the players and 7 of the top 8 are back including 6 with starting experience.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Blazers had to replace 2 returning starters at LB and the lone returner, Darnell Stiell, lost his job and had just 2 starts. It was a very young LB corps. UAB lists both a SS and weak safety in their lineup and only 2 LB's but I will discuss the WS here. This year they must replace SLB Youdonn Biassou (9 sts, 49 tkls, 8 tfl), MLB Scott King (10 sts, 58 tkls, 2 tfl), WLB Jonathan Sledge (42 tkls), SLB Darnell Stiell (2 sts, 4 tkls, 1 int) and SLB Scotty Hollins (4 tkls). Adrian Abrams is a returning starter who knocked both Chris Redman and Jason McKinley out of games last year. Nick Stewart had 2 starts and almost as many tackles as the departing starters. Wes Foss had 11 starts at SS in 98. Three big additions this year include the 2 JUCO's who I list in the 3 deep and also an HT true frosh. Keep your eyes on Ryan Meeks who has good size and was PS#110 in 98. He had just 2 tackles here as a JC transfer last year but should be more acclimated. Despite the big losses, this unit looks just as experienced as last year and even a little bit more talented.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - UAB had a solid veteran secondary in 97 and finished #42 in my pass defense rankings. After being wiped out by graduation and then injuries, they finished #92 in 98. Last year they appeared to have all 4 starters returning and also added 97 starter CB Rodregis Brooks (#7 DC of IND) who missed the 98 season due to injury. They did lose CB Dwight Platt prior to the season to academics and SS Wes Foss lost his job, but UAB still managed to climb all the way to #15 in my rankings allowing 52.9% with a 17-19 ratio. Losing a star NFL caliber CB is never easy as we have learned with Michigan's pass defense after they lost Charles Woodson and North Carolina's after losing Dre Bly. CB Brooks decided to leave early for the draft after leading the NCAA with 9 int's and adding 9 pbu. Also gone are FS Kris Neal (11 sts, 3 int, 5 pbu, #1 tkl'r) and CB James Williams (2 sts, 16 tkls). CB Dwight Platt, who was a 98 starter, does return and Brown signed 3 JUCO's who I list in the 2 deep below that should contribute immediately. All of the projected first string have starting experience, but with the loss of a talent like Brooks as well as their #1 tackler, this unit definitely looks weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - After ranking 77th in my special teams rankings in 97, UAB dropped to 102nd in 98 being a -4 in the TD/blk category. Last year they improved on that quite a bit going to a +2 in that category and overall rose to 38th. They had one of the better special teams units in the country led by super PR Rodregis Brooks who averaged an amazing 17.5 per return. KR Cedric Thatch also averaged a solid 23.6 and K Jake Arians hit 12 of 15 with a long of 47. Also P Lee Carter had a decent season. Unfortunately most of the key components from last year's special teams depart. They break in a new K, P and returnmen and it looks like the Blazers will drop into the bottom half of my special teams rankings in 2000.

WS Wes Foss is a versatile DB having played SS, NB & WS.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Percy Coleman | 122 | 711 | 22 | 689 | 3 | 5.6 |
| Carl Fair | 75 | 432 | 27 | 405 | 3 | 5.4 |
| Jegil Dugger | 44 | 241 | 15 | 226 | 1 | 5.1 |
| Cedric Thatch | 40 | 207 | 34 | 173 | 0 | 4.3 |
| Daniel Dixon | 114 | 362 | 312 | 50 | 6 | 0.4 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel Dixon | 245 | 127 | 51.8 | 1347 | 7 | 10 |
| Thomas Cox | 37 | 15 | 40.5 | 176 | 1 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Darrius Malone | 33 | 551 | 16.7 | 2 | 79 |
| Percy Coleman | 22 | 124 | 5.6 | 1 | 29 |
| Cedric Thatch | 19 | 178 | 9.4 | 1 | 55 |
| Daryl Johnson | 14 | 198 | 14.1 | 0 | 43 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lee Carter | 67 | 2709 | 40.4 | - | 34.4 | 1 | 18 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jake Arians | 5-5 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 0-1 | 12-15 | 47 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kris Neal | 92 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 3 |
| Adrian Singleton | 77 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Scott King | 58 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Chris Brown | 57 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Eddie Freeman | 54 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Yudonn Biassou | 49 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Marion Bush | 47 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Rodregis Brooks | 47 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| Nick Stewart | 46 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Jonathan Sledge | 42 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Adrian Abrams | 42 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Avery Warner | 33 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bryan Thomas | 31 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rodregis Brooks | 20 | 350 | 17.5 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cedric Thatch | 18 | 424 | 23.6 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT MISSOURI +21' 28-31 WIN** UM had a 204-121 yd edge in the 1H & led 17-14 w/ each team blk'ing a punt for a TD. UM drove 29 yds for a TD foll a fmbl early 3Q. UAB blk'd another punt to set up a TD, 24-21. UM went 80 yds for a TD, 31-21. UAB got a 70 yd run by Coleman to set up a TD w/ 1:38 left, 31-28. UM rec'd the onside kick. UM had a 27-15 FD edge.

**AT VIRGINIA TECH +24 10-31 WIN** Misleading final. VT absolutely dominated, holding UAB to just 63 yds. VT quickly jumped out to a 17-0 lead in the 2Q. VT turned it over 5 times in the 1H & UAB got a 1 play, 29 yd TD drive & Arians hit a career long 47 yd FG w/ :38 left in the half. VT missed a 29 yd FG in the 3Q & then had 75 & 50 yd TD drives but didn't cover despite a 375-63 yd edge.

**HOUSTON +7 29-10 WIN** UAB was playing its 1st ever CUSA game. UH finished w/ 21-8 FD & 358-293 yd edges. Two TO's & 3 big passes sparked UAB. UAB ret'd a punt 53 yds setting up a TD & got a 55 yd TD pass from Dixon to Thatch. UH got a TD & settled for a 26 yd FG, 14-10. UH had a 31 yd FG blk'd. After a UAB punt pinned UH at the 2 in the 3Q, UAB got a safety. Dixon hit a 79 yd TD pass, 22-10 after 3Q's. UH QB McKinley was inj'd & his backup hit just 6 of 15 for 54 yds. Dixon closed the scoring w/ a 31 yd TD pass.

**UL MONROE -13' 47-0 WIN** UAB got its 1st ever shutout vs a IA opponent. UAB had 5 consec scores. Fair had 134 yds rushing & UAB amassed 428 yds.

**MEMPHIS -3 14-38 LOSS** UM outgained UAB 337-202 & hit 5 FG's. UM scored a safety & 2 FG's after UAB botched a punt snap & 2 FG's. 8-0 after 1Q. UM added a TD pass & a FG, 18-0, before UAB went 85 yds (all on ground) for a TD, 18-7. UM added a late FG, 21-7. UM added yet another FG & got a TD set up by a fake punt 4D conv, 31-7. UM missed a FG & UAB got a TD but UAB got no closer & UM added a late 4Q TD.

**AT CINCINNATI (OT) +6 24-21 WIN** UC had a 440-262 yd edge but tossed 4 int's, the 1st ended a drive at the UAB 6. UC missed a 48 yd FG. UAB got a 63 yd TD drive & a 31 yd TD drive foll an int. UAB got a 96 yd int ret for a TD, 21-0. UC drove 80 yds for a TD, 21-7 at half. Each team missed a FG. UC got 69 & 78 yd TD drives to tie w/ 12:10 left. There were 6 more poss but no scores. In OT UAB got a 42 yd FG and UC's 4th int ended the game.

**AT WAKE FOREST +6' 3-47 LOSS** I used Wake as my 4★ Top Weekly Late Phone Play and they dominated, leading 27-3 at the half and they coasted. Wake had a 396-110 yd edge until UAB gained 55 yds on their final drive.

**AT LOUISVILLE +14 14-23 WIN** UAB controlled the clock in the 1H w/ the option. UAB ran 33 times in the 1H passing just 4 times. Coleman had 166 yds. UAB led 7-3 at half. UL opened the 3Q w/ two time consuming TD drives, 17-7. UAB muffed a punt & UL missed a FG but roughing the K gave them a FD & they capped the drive w/ a TD, 23-7. UAB got a 19 yd TD run and surprisingly went for 1 to trail by 9. UAB's next poss got to the UL 7 but they were int'd w/ 1:22 left.

**E CAROLINA +13 36-17 WIN** Dixon was inj & frosh Cox got his 1st start & hit 10 of 20. UAB got a 33 yd FG but EC got a 26 yd FG, ret a fmbl 25 yds for a TD & drove 58 yds for a TD, 17-3. UAB got a short FG just before half, 17-6. EC was stopped on a fake punt. UAB drove 39 yds for a TD. EC fmbl'd at the UAB 30. UAB got a 41 yd FG. EC fmbl'd at its own 5 & UAB got a TD. EC was SOD at the 28 & then CB Brooks, who was taken to the hospital on a stretcher in the 1H, ref'd a punt 52 yds to set up a TD & Brooks sealed it w/ a 91 yd int ret for a TD. EC had a 20-14 FD edge but TO's were the key.

**LOUISIANA TECH +8 20-41 LOSS** UAB ran the option to keep it away from Rattay. UAB held the ball for 37:02 & had 236 yds in the 1H. QB Dixon ref'd & rushed for 73. LT led 7-3 after 1Q. UAB settled for a short 23 yd FG & LT got a TD. Just before the half, Dixon's 26 yd TD run made it 14-12 (2 ptng). LT went 65 & 53 yds on TD drives, 27-12. UAB fmbl'd & LT drove 78 yds for a TD, 34-12. Each team got a 4Q TD w/ LT getting a 67 yd TD pass after UAB had closed it to 34-20.

**AT TULANE (OT) -3 23-20 TIE** UAB opened strong but settled for an 18 yd FG, 3-0 after 1Q. UAB added a TD, 10-0. TU got a 35 yd FG, 10-3 at half. TU took control in the 2H. Ramsey hit a 4 yd TD pass to Dawson & then found him on a 61 yd TD pass & they added a FG for a comfy 20-10 lead. UAB was forced to punt w/ 8:00 left but pinned TU at the 1. QB Ramsey's foot was stepped on by an OL & he fell into the EZ for a safety. UAB drove 55 yds foll the free kick for a TD w/ 6:11 left. Dixon's 2 pt conv was shown on the replay screens as being stopped short but UAB was awarded the points, 20-20. After a pair of punts, a TU WR appeared to be headed for the EZ but was just tripped up at the 19. TU missed a 34 yd FG. TU had a 32 yd FG blk'd in their portion of OT & UAB got a 47 yd FG to win it despite being outfirstdowned 24-15.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

UAB did not even have a football team until 1991. They joined Div IAA in 1993 and stepped up to IA ball in 1996. They took another big step by joining CUSA and participated in that conference for the first time last year. When Watson Brown showed up in January of 1995, they had half of the allotted players on scholarship, no offices and no lockerroom. They finally got up to the full allotment of scholarships heading into the 1999 season and proved capable of contending in IA ball. After having not beaten a IA major conference team in its first 9 years, UAB simply went 4-3 in CUSA play with wins over Houston, Cincinnati, Tulane and a shocking upset of nationally ranked E Carolina. The Blazers actually finished tied for 2nd place in CUSA and lose just 13 seniors from last year's squad. They have **50** players who are juniors or seniors returning. Even though they won 4 CUSA games, it must be noted that they were outfirstdowned in all 4 wins and outgained by an average 286-374 in those triumphs. I will say they were fortunate to win 5 games last year but are solidly improved on both sides of the ball this season. I really enjoy watching a Watson Brown offense as you will see nearly every type of offense imaginable thrown at you. They also run some complex schemes on defense. One big difference from '94 is that last year they had 6 road games and this year have SEVEN home games. The non-conference slate is soft, almost guaranteeing them at least 3 wins. If they catch some breaks like they did last year, they will snag a winning record but I will still call for them to finish in the lower half of CUSA.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| LB | Rod Taylor 6-2 245 PS#64JC |
| DL | Shamar Abrams 6-2 305 PS#103 |
| TE | Lynorse Garrett 6-5 215 PS#48 |
| LB | DeMarcus Rodgers 6-2 220 PS#141 |
| RB | Mario Stanley 5-9 175 PS#172 |
| RB | Troy Stackhouse 5-11 195 PS#179 |
| OL | Andy Galloway 6-4 280 PS#199 |
| DB | Deijon Hart 6-2 205 PS#151JC |
| DL | Erwin Snell 6-4 275 PS#175 |
| RB | Cory Whisenant 6-2 185 PS#223 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JEFF AARON JR.** 6-3 195 *PS#24JC. 2099 yds (48%) in 98 at JC. Daniel Dixon (6-3 195 Sr) 9 sts in 98, 870 yds pass, 272 rush. 10 sts ly, 1347 pass, 362 rush.*

**RB PERCY COLEMAN SR.** 5-10 185 *5 sts in 97 & 98, 258 yds (5.7). 10 sts in 99, 689 yds (5.6), 22 rec (5.6). Jegil Dugger (5-11 205 Jr) PS#126, 226 yds (5.1).*

**FB CARL FAIR SR.** 6-2 215 *JUCO trans in 99, 4 sts, 405 yds (5.4) Was #1 rusher til inj. Cory Conley (6-1 205 Sr) 8 sts in 2 yrs, 405 yds rush.*

**WR Leron Little Jr.** 6-6 200 *PS#119LB in 98, DNQ. 6 rec (12.8) in 99. Great size, 4.6 speed. Royd Williams (6-2 205 Jr) PS#142.*

**WR Travis Johnson Sr.** 6-3 195 *PS#191WR in 97, 3 sts as true, 13 rec (12.8). 5 rec (16.2) in 98. Willie Quinnie (6-2 180 rFr) PS#255 is fastest on team.*

**TE JOHNNI ARRINGTON SR.** 6-5 257 *2 rec in 98, 7 sts, 9 rec (7.8) in 99. Undrae Crosby (6-5 262 Sr) PS#97WR in 97, 3 sts as true. 11 sts in 98. 3 sts, 6 rec (11.0) ly.*

**C Ryan Estes Sr.** 6-3 285 *PS#235JC in 99, 9 gms as 2nd string C in 99. Eddie LaFavour (6-5 250 rFr) was DL in 99. Barker White is PS#261.*

**RG KEVIN FORD SR.** 6-1 285 *PS#280JC in 99, 11 sts here ly. Tim Medders (6-3 290 Sr) 10 sts in 97. 8 sts in 98. 6 sts in 99 after Fray inj'd.*

**LG PRESTON FRAY JR.** 6-5 295 *PS#225. 11 sts as rFr (6 at LG, 3 at RG, 2 at RT). 4 sts in 99 til inj. Brad Spencer (6-4 280 Jr) is PS#220JC.*

**RT KEVIN GRACE SR.** 6-4 285 *PS#304JC in 99. 11 gms, 9 sts here in 99. Phillip Gambrell (6-7 280 So) PS#105OL. 2 sts at RT as rFr.*

**LT TONY DOLLISON SR.** 6-2 285 *PS#238. JC, 10 sts in 99. James Orrick (6-5 275 Sr) PS#335, 1 st in 99. Brett Richards (6-5 265) 8 sts at TE in 97, 1 at LT ly.*

**K Rhett Gallego Jr.** 6-0 185 *7 of 7 FG's in 98, long of 41 as short FG man. 0 for 1 on FG's in 99, 8 of 8 xp's. Hit 61 yarder in practice.*

**DE RAJOHN MYLES SR.** 6-1 260 *PS#260 in 97. JC. 5 sts here in 99, 29 tkls, 7 tfl. Otis Leverette (6-7 275 Sr) PS#155JC, 4 sts here, 14 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu.*

**DT MARLON BUSH JR.** 6-3 250 *PS#134. 5 sts as true, 24 tkls, 5 sks. 11 sts in 99, 47 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. James Malone (6-3 265 So) PS#144, 6 tkls; 1 sk as true in 99.*

**NG EDDIE FREEMAN JR.** 6-6 285 *7 sts in 98, 4 sks, 7 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 54 tkls, 3 tfl. Rodney Jones (6-2 285 Sr) PS#207, 22 tkls, 4 tfl in 98 & 99. Shamar Abrams is PS#103.*

**DE BRYAN THOMAS SR.** 6-4 220 *5 sts in 98, 26 tkls, 6 sks, 1 tfl. 8 sts in 99, 31 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl. Hassan McKeithan (6-2 235 So) 2 sts in 99, 18 tkls, 4 tfl.*

**WLB Nick Stewart Jr.** 5-11 210 *15 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 2 sts in 99, 46 tkls. 4 tfl, 4 pbu. Ryan Meeks (6-3 220 Jr) PS#110LB, 2 tkls in 99. DeMarcus Rodgers is PS#141LB.*

**MLB ADRIAN ABRAMS JR.** 6-1 235 *6 tkls in 98. 9 sts, 42 tkls, 2 tfl in 99. Rod Taylor (6-2 245 Jr) PS#64JC. John Humphries (6-2 247 Jr) PS#451JC.*

**WS Wes Foss Jr.** 6-1 190 *11 sts at SS in 98, 62 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 int, 3 pbu. 26 tkls, 1 int as NB in 99. Derrick Bush (6-4 205 Jr) PS#450JC.*

**CB CHRIS BROWN SO.** 6-2 185 *PS#292. 9 sts as rFr, 57 tkls, 1 tfl, 6 pbu. Maurice Gallery (5-11 180 Jr) 9 tkls ly. Torrey Hale (5-9 180 Jr) PS#341JC.*

**CB Dwight Platt So.** 5-11 185 *6 sts as true, 32 tkls, 4 int, 4 pbu, 3 tfl. RS in 99. Patrick Burchfield (5-11 175 Jr) PS#525JC in for spring.*

**SS Avery Warner Jr.** 6-2 200 *1 st in 99, 33 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Andrew Kopecky (5-11 180 Jr) PS#370DB. 7 tkls in 2 yrs. Sentell Winston (6-2 192 So) 6 tkls ly.*

**FS ADRIAN SINGLETON JR.** 6-2 200 *PS#333DB. 1 st in 98, 23 tkls, 1 tfl. 11 sts in 99, #2 tkl'r w/77. 2 int, 4 pbu. Deijon Hart (6-2 205 Jr) PS#151JC.*

**P Ross Stewart So.** 6-0 180 *Backup P in 99, no attempts. Nick Hayes (6-1 180 Fr) is PS#34 K. Daniel Dixon has 85 career punts here (37.7).*

# ALABAMA-BIRM BLAZERS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UAB | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Watson Brown runs a unique triple option offense that changes from week to week, making UAB tough to prepare for.<br>UAB is 4-2 SU in Homecoming games.<br>Blazers are 4-1 SU, 2-1 ATS after a bye week.<br>UAB is 2-3 SU, 3-0 ATS prior to a bye week. |
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 7 | Tenn-Chat (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Alabama-Birm is 4-7 SU, 7-2 ATS the last 3 Septembers.<br>The UTC Moccasins have a new coach TY after finishing 5-6 SU LY. |
| Sep. 16 | at Kansas | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Blazers are 2-2 ATS but 0-6 SU in their first away game.<br>This is UAB's 6th game vs a Big 12 team. They are 0-5 SU, 3-2 ATS. |
| Sep. 23 | LSU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the UTC game, UAB is 34-14 SU at Legion Field since '91.<br>Alabama-Birm is 0-3 SU vs SEC schools, 1-0 ATS. |
| Sep. 30 | Louisiana-Lft | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UAB is 3-1 SU with three wins in a row over the Ragin Cajuns.<br>The road team is 2-0 ATS in this short series. |
| Oct. 7 | Louisville | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Alabama-Birm is 4-7 ATS L/11 October games.<br>UAB was 4-2 SU, 4-1-1 ATS in their first year of CUSA play LY. |
| Oct. 14 | Memphis | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Blazers were 6-3 ATS on grass in 1999.<br>Could apply here: UAB is 8-6-1 ATS off a SU loss, 5-0-1 in that role LY. |
| Oct. 21 | Mid Tenn St (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MTSU is similar to the UAB team of 97 & 98 as a Div-1A Indep.<br>Pending earlier results UAB is 3-1 SU, 1-2-1 ATS as a favorite. |
| Oct. 28 | at E Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite a 4-1 mark LY, UAB is 8-7 ATS L/15 as an away dog.<br>Home team is 2-0 ATS in this series, winning by 19 pts each time. |
| Nov. 4 | at Cincinnati | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Blazers are 3-1-1 ATS on art turf, with 2 of those wins on this field.<br>UAB is 0-4 SU, 1-3 ATS in their 2nd straight AG, losing by an avg of 29 ppg. |
| Nov. 11 | S Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This will be the first meeting ever for these two schools.<br>UAB is 6-4 SU & 3-3-1 ATS L/8 November games pending LW's results. |
| Nov. 18 | at Army | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Blazers are 6-3 SU but 1-1-1 ATS in road finales.<br>This will be UAB's first ever meeting with a Service Academy. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-2 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 40-37 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 7-3-1 | 14-12-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 4-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0-1 | 1-1-1 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 4-1 | 8-7 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 6-2 | 12-9 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-1-1 | 2-3-1 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-3 | 2-5 | 6-3 | 11-11 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-0-1 | 3-1-1 |
| vs C-USA | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 4-1-1 | 5-3-1 |
| vs Non-C-USA | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 3-2 | 9-9 |
| Off SU Win | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 4-5 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1-4 | 5-0-1 | 8-6-1 |

## Coach: WATSON BROWN (Career 56-108-1)
### *Brown's records at UAB*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at UAB | | 1-2 | Home Favorite |
| 24-32 | Straight Up | 4-3 | Home Underdog |
| 14-12-1 | Vs The Spread | 1-1-0 | Away Favorite |
| 8-6-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 8-7 | Away Underdog |
| 5-4-1 | Vs C-USA | 9-9 | Vs Non-C-USA |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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# ALABAMA-BIRM (5-6)

CONFERENCE: **USA**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 60 (27,27,6)**
**Lost: 13 (4,6,3)**

## ALABAMA-BIRM'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 22.5 | 16 | 140 | 3.4 | 138 | 50.2 | 12.4 | +3 | 1999 | 6 | 25.4 | 21 | 142 | 3.7 | 226 | 52.9 | 14.5 |
| 7* | 21.5 | 18 | 173 | 3.8 | 128 | 46.7 | 13.9 | -5 | 1998 | 7 | 28.0 | 19 | 131 | 3.3 | 218 | 56.9 | 12.5 |
| 7 | 20.2 | 15 | 137 | 3.7 | 172 | 47.6 | 15.3 | +4 | 1997 | 9 | 21.6 | 20 | 180 | 4.2 | 174 | 47.2 | 16.3 |
| 8 | 25.2 | 20 | 228 | 4.8 | 140 | 41.9 | 15.2 | -7 | 1996 | 8 | 25.4 | 17 | 142 | 3.5 | 194 | 51.6 | 13.3 |
| X | 24.8 | 18 | 199 | 4.4 | 138 | 47.2 | 13.5 | -12 | 1995 | X | 23.7 | 16 | 162 | 3.5 | 136 | 51.4 | 12.6 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Missouri | 15 | 28-168 | 6.0 | 18-29 | 124 | 1 | | 27 | 56-245 | 4.4 | 15-30 | 134 | 1 | +1 |
| at Virginia Tech | 8 | 27-18 | 0.7 | 10-26 | 45 | 4 | | 26 | 55-196 | 3.6 | 13-22 | 179 | 3 | +3 |
| Houston | 8 | 35-84 | 2.4 | 7-14 | 209 | 1 | | 21 | 43-178 | 4.1 | 15-38 | 180 | 2 | +2 |
| UL Monroe | 17 | 43-317 | 7.4 | 11-15 | 111 | 2 | | 16 | 37-77 | 2.1 | 19-31 | 145 | 3 | +2 |
| Memphis | 16 | 49-87 | 1.8 | 12-28 | 115 | 6 | | 18 | 36-148 | 4.1 | 16-38 | 189 | 1 | -1 |
| at Cincinnati | 18 | 45-114 | 2.5 | 20-37 | 148 | 4 | | 19 | 33-204 | 6.2 | 15-43 | 236 | 0 | +1 |
| at Wake Forest | 10 | 26-27 | 1.0 | 13-38 | 138 | 4 | | 18 | 51-257 | 5.0 | 10-18 | 139 | 0 | -3 |
| at Louisville | 27 | 54-237 | 4.4 | 9-19 | 124 | 1 | | 22 | 32-133 | 4.2 | 23-34 | 224 | 1 | -1 |
| E Carolina | 14 | 46-131 | 2.8 | 10-20 | 122 | 1 | | 20 | 32-9 | 0.3 | 20-40 | 270 | 7 | +1 |
| Louisiana Tech | 24 | 56-270 | 4.8 | 14-30 | 144 | 1 | | 20 | 20-17 | 0.9 | 25-35 | 466 | 4 | -2 |
| at Tulane | 15 | 45-92 | 2.0 | 18-27 | 243 | 3 | | 24 | 30-95 | 3.2 | 27-45 | 325 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 172 | 454-1545 | 3.4 | 142-283 | 1523 | 28 | | 231 | 425-1559 | 3.7 | 198-374 | 2487 | 24 | +3 |
| AVERAGES | 15.6 | 41-140 | 3.4 | 13-26 | 138 | 2.5 | | 21.0 | 39-142 | 3.7 | 18-34 | 226 | 2.2 | 0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama St | NL | 3-13 | - |
| at SW Louisiana | NL | 21-56 | - |
| Jacksonville St | NL | 26-28 | - |
| at W Kentucky | NL | 18-32 | - |
| at Mid Tenn St | NL | 13-28 | - |
| Wofford | NL | 28-0 | - |
| at N Texas | NL | 19-14 | - |
| at Troy St | NL | 7-60 | - |
| Charleston So | NL | 40-14 | - |
| Knoxville Coll | NL | 61-8 | - |
| Miles College | NL | 37-8 | - |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Auburn | NL | 0-29 | - |
| at Maryland | NL | 15-39 | - |
| Arkansas St | NL | 42-17 | - |
| Jacksonville St | NL | 24-17 | - |
| W Kentucky | NL | 24-0 | - |
| SW Louisiana | NL | 39-29 | - |
| at Louisiana Tech | NL | 31-35 | - |
| at Vanderbilt | NL | 15-31 | - |
| C Florida | NL | 13-35 | - |
| Cincinnati | NL | 14-34 | - |
| Charleston So | NL | 49-13 | - |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kansas | +23' | 0-24 | L |
| at Memphis | +15' | 7-28 | L |
| at Arizona | +32' | 10-24 | W |
| Jacksonville St | NL | 34-16 | – |
| at SW Louisiana | -6 | 42-7 | W |
| W Kentucky | NL | 20-16 | – |
| at Cincinnati | +19 | 29-33 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +23 | 0-37 | L |
| Louisiana Tech | +8' | 29-32 | W |
| Tenn Tech | NL | 38-14 | – |
| at Arkansas St | -11 | 13-7 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Nebraska | +46' | 7-38 | W |
| Tennessee Tech | NL | 38-6 | – |
| Kansas | +7 | 37-39 | W |
| SW Louisiana | -19 | 24-13 | L |
| at E Carolina | +15' | 7-26 | L |
| at Louisiana Tech | +17' | 23-54 | L |
| Virginia Tech | +21 | 0-41 | L |
| at NE Louisiana | +2' | 14-20 | L |
| at Tennessee | +42 | 13-37 | W |
| Mid Tenn St | NL | 26-27 | – |
| Tenn-Martin | NL | 48-17 | – |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Missouri | +21' | 28-31 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +24 | 10-31 | W |
| Houston | +7 | 29-10 | W |
| UL Monroe | -13' | 47-0 | W |
| Memphis | -3 | 14-38 | L |
| at Cincinnati | +6 | 24-21 | W |
| at Wake Forest | +6' | 3-47 | L |
| at Louisville | +14 | 14-23 | W |
| E Carolina | +13 | 36-17 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | +8 | 20-41 | L |
| at Tulane | -3 | 23-20 | T |

# ARIZONA WILDCATS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Over the last three years the Wildcats have alternated QB's and it has worked out well. Keith Smith led the team last year with 1,903 yards passing (57.5%) with a 10-8 ratio. During his four years, he made 31 starts but also saw time at WR when Ortege Jenkins (PS#24) was under center. Smith finished his career with the highest career completion percentage in Arizona history (59.78) and the fewest percentage of int's for a career at 3.72%. Jenkins (9-5 in his 14 career starts) was the offensive MVP back in 97 with 6 starts and a super 19-6 ratio (48.1%). In 1998 he slumped a little, throwing for 1,026 yards (48.6%) with a 5-4 ratio. Last year he set an Arizona team record for completion percentage in a year (60.3%) while throwing for 1,082 yards with a 9-5 ratio and just 4 starts. He also had six receptions and has 570 career yards rushing. His pass efficiency last year was 144.72. It is possible with Smith's graduation that the 2 headed QB will cease to exist but Tomey does have some possibilities. JC transfer Erik Garcia (6-1 190 Jr) struggled in the spring. Jason Johnson (6-2 207 So) was PS#55 and got in 4 games last year with 5 pass attempts and won the backup job out of spring. Cliff Watkins (6-3 206 rFr) was PS#90 and Kyle Slager (6-1 188 rFr), while a walk-on, was PS#91. I like the depth that Arizona has here but the Smith/ Jenkins rotation worked out well through the years as Tomey usually went to the QB with the hot hand. Call this unit a little weaker in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - One of the most exciting players in the PAC 10 the past two years has been Trung Canidate (1st tm PAC 10, #1 DC of STL) with his many long TD runs. Canidate led the PAC 10 in rushing in both 98 & 99. In 98 he had an amazing 7.0 ypc and 1,321 yards rushing. Last year he rushed for 1,602 yards (6.3). The second leading rusher was WR Northcutt who had 200 yards on reverses. Leon Callen has 734 career yards (4.7) and he was PS#24. Callen has solid speed and is a member of the track team. Larry Croom (PS#64) was a late signee last year and will battle for the top job. Leo Mills (5-11 207 So) was PS#7 and could easily be the feature back. He rushed for 165 yards (6.1) last year in 8 games. Arizona does not always use a FB, but last year's main FB Lance Briggs had 163 yards rushing (6.5). He is listed as a starting LB this year but will still play FB when needed. Tomey also signed 3 HT RB's who I list under the Top Newcomers. The talent looks solid here but this unit is weaker replacing someone like Canidate.

**RECEIVERS** - Normally when a team returns 3 of 4 starters from a position they should be improved but Arizona's one loss happens to be its all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and all purpose yards and their 1999 MVP, Dennis Northcutt (#2 DC CLE). Northcutt had nearly triple the receptions of the next closest WR, averaged 16.2 per catch, had 1,622 yards total offense and another 627 in return yards. His explosiveness will be missed. Bobby Wade is a VHT (PS#15) who did well as a true frosh and should become the new feature WR, but will also see time at CB. Dick Tomey said, "Our receiving corps will be much better. We will not have a Dennis Northcutt but we will have a better total receiving corps which will pay dividends and we will be much more diverse." I list the 2 deep at WR below and there's plenty of talent available there. They get a boost with the return of Brad Brennan (5-11 178 Sr) who has 5 starts and 53 career rec's. Brandon Marshall is a JC who redshirted. Not listed below are Gary Love (5-8 171 rFr) who was PS#131, Mike Hairgrove (6-3 198 So, PS#196) and Burke Eiteljorg (5-10 169 So, PS#166). Love had a big spring game and is explosive. The TE and HB spots look solid and I list them below. Also in the mix at those positions is Justin Levasseur (6-4 228 rFr, PS#39TE) and Tyrone Brown (6-4 240 Fr, PS#66TE). This is a very deep unit and despite losing their star should come close to last year's production.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Arizona had its most explosive offense ever last year thanks in part to the continuity along the offensive line. Including their TE, the six starters across the front line missed just one start all year. The great news for Wildcats backers this year is that five of the six return including 4 of 5 OL's. The lone loss is RT Manuia Savea (12 sts, #7 DC of CLE). This unit allowed 41 sacks in 99, but with a veteran group that adds some talented JUCO's to the mix, I look for them to be stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - In the early 90's Arizona had one of the top rush defenses in the country but have steadily slipped since allowing just 1.8 ypc in 94. After giving up just 2.9 ypc in 96 and having 3 returning starters to the defensive front last year, the Cats allowed 3.7 ypc rushing and only got 36 sacks after recording 49 as a team in 98. This year basically all 4 starters return plus they get some top notch rFr as well as JUCO Johnny Jackson who had 30 sacks in 98 at JC. The only losses are DT JJ Joppru (2 sts, 13 tkls, 2 sks) and DT James Lewis (12 tkls, 1 sk). Eight players return with starting experience and with the added talent, this should be a much improved group in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - LB Marcus Bell (2nd tm PAC 10, #4 DC of SEA) led the PAC 10 in tackles in each of the last two years. Unfortunately Bell departs as a 3 year starter. Also gone from this unit are OLB DaShon Polk (PS#29, 12 sts, 70 tkls, 13 tfl, #7 DC of BUF) and ILB Scooter Sprotte (4 sts, 30 tkls, 2 tfl). Last year all 3 LB's returned. While this unit is nowhere near as experienced as the 99 version, it is very talented, especially if Antonio Pierce regains eligibility after getting suspended in the spring. The 2 deep has plenty of HT's and even a VHT rFr in Joe Slofele who would take Pierce's place should he not return. This unit is clearly less experienced but I like the talent available here.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Chris McAlister was a star CB here in 97 & 98 and the main reason the Cats ranked #10 in my pass defense rankings in 97 and #4 in 98. Last year they returned 3 starters but had to replace their superstar CB and plummeted in the rankings to #77, allowing 234.5 ypg (55.2%) with 21 TD's and just 5 int's. This year they must replace 3 starters. Gone are SS Greg Payne (11 sts, HM PAC 10, 40 tkls), CB Kelvin Hunter (12 sts, 1 int, 8 pbu), CB Leland Gayles (10 sts, 4 pbu) and FS Rafell Jones (5 sts, 29 tkls, 3 pbu). Tomey signed a couple of JUCO's in Jermaine Chatman and David Crockett but neither will enroll until the fall, and he had WR Bobby Wade working at CB in the spring where he was very impressive. Defensive Coordinator Rich Ellerson noted the big plays yielded by the defense last year and did not pin the blame on the secondary but rather on the D-line for the lack of an adequate pass rush. With the D-line looking stronger, I expect a rise in the pass defense rankings but overall, this unit is less experienced and looks weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Dick Tomey stresses special teams and they are almost always just that, special. In the previous five years, the Cats had four top 20 finishes including a #6 finish in 1998. Tomey's teams block a lot of kicks and are dangerous on returns. Last year they slipped to #57 and if my ratings included FG accuracy, would have been ranked even lower. Mark McDonald hit just 1 of 10 FG's and Sean Keel who replaced him hit 5 of 8 but had a long of only 35. P Chris Palic performed decently last year averaging 39.1, and should improve. They suffer a big loss on PR's as Dennis Northcutt was #1 in the NCAA, averaging 18.96 per return. The top 2 KR's are both back and are off average seasons so they should only improve. Tomey signed a top notch JUCO K this year but he left the team after the spring, so K is still a problem. Arizona has blocked 14 kicks over the last 2 years and can be counted on for more this season. Without Northcutt they still had two return TD's in the spring game. Tomey could have his group back in the top 20 again this year in special teams.

DE Idris Haroon is versatile with 2 sks, 6 tfl & even 5 pbu last season.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trung Canidate | 253 | 1643 | 41 | 1602 | 11 | 6.3 |
| Dennis Northcutt | 14 | 215 | 15 | 200 | 1 | 14.3 |
| **Leon Callen** | **35** | **191** | **8** | **183** | **1** | **5.2** |
| Keith Smith | 51 | 289 | 138 | 151 | 2 | 3.0 |
| **Ortege Jenkins** | **72** | **327** | **241** | **86** | **4** | **1.2** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keith Smith | 228 | 131 | 57.5 | 1903 | 10 | 8 |
| **Ortege Jenkins** | **131** | **79** | **60.3** | **1082** | **9** | **5** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dennis Northcutt | 88 | 1422 | 16.2 | 8 | 80 |
| **Bobby Wade** | **30** | **454** | **15.1** | **4** | **42** |
| Trung Canidate | 30 | 253 | 8.4 | 1 | 33 |
| Brandon Manumaleuna | 20 | 316 | 15.8 | 2 | 44 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Palic** | **60** | **2345** | **39.1** | **-** | **34.1** | **0** | **9** | **7** |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sean Keel** | **0-5** | **5-6** | **0-2** | **0-0** | **5-8** | **35** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marcus Bell | 124 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| **Antonio Pierce** | **75** | **4** | **6** | **6** | **0** |
| DaShon Polk | 70 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| **Joe Tafoya** | **51** | **10** | **4** | **2** | **0** |
| Greg Payne | 40 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Kelvin Hunter | 38 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| **Jarvie Worcester** | **34** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **1** |
| Leland Gayles | 33 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Scooter Sprotte | 30 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rafell Jones | 29 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| **Idris Haroon** | **28** | **2** | **6** | **5** | **0** |
| **Keoni Fraser** | **24** | **1** | **5** | **3** | **0** |
| **Austin Uku** | **18** | **1** | **3** | **1** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dennis Northcutt | 23 | 436 | 19.0 | 2 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Larry Croom** | **10** | **197** | **19.7** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT PENN ST +4' 7-41 LOSS** Preseason #3 vs #4. In the 1H PSU amassed 361 yds offense & led 31-0. They extended it to 41-0 after 3Q's & UA only averted the shutout after recovering a fumble & driving 43 yards for a TD with :47 left.

**AT TCU -13 35-31 LOSS** UA fmbl'd the KO & started from their 1. TCU got a safety & a 47 yd TD drive & UA a 74 yd TD drive. TCU had a 48 yd FG blk'd but got a 51 yd fmbl ret for a TD & a 31 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, 23-7 at half. TCU added a safety early 3Q but in a span of 6 plays & 3:46 UA got 46, 40 & 59 yd TD drives. TCU got 43 & 44 yd FG's to retake the lead. UA missed a 43 yd FG. UA got a 77 yd drive for a TD w/2:10 left. TCU was SOD at the UA 42.

**MID TENN ST -43 34-19 LOSS** Misleading final. UA led 34-0 in the 4Q. MTSU had a 180-71 4Q yard edge & got TD's with 10:31 and 5:08 left & on the game's final play.

**STANFORD -13 22-50 LOSS** SU had just 52 total yds rushing in the previous 6 meetings but frosh Carter gained 79 yds & 3 TD's. UA drove 71 yds for a TD & SU settled for a 21 yd FG. SU went on 84 & 45 yd TD drives. SU got a 20 yd TD drive foll an int & after UA was SOD drove 99 yds for a TD, 30-7. UA got a 74 yd run to open the 3Q, 30-14. UA pulled to 30-22 after 3Q. SU got 65, 75 & 52 yd TD drives & finished with a 3-0 TO edge.

**AT WASHINGTON ST -13' 30-24 LOSS** The Wildcats missed 53 & 40 yd 1H FG's & WSU got a 52 yd FG with a 30 mph wind at their back, 10-7. UA got a 3Q safety & a 68 yd PR set up a TD. WSU got an 80 yd TD drive in the 4Q. UA went 80 yds for a TD but WSU got a 55 yd TD run, 24-24. WSU (4th & 2, wind at back) punted at the UA 45 knowing UA was 0 for 4 on FG's. UA got to the WSU 42 & won it on a Hail Mary pass which TV replays showed bounced on the ground. UA had 25-13 FD & 500-318 yd edges.

**USC -1 31-24 WIN** 100º & Palmer inj'd. USC was held to its 2nd worst rush total ever (-20). UA had a 332-70 yd edge in the 1H but it was 10-10. UA had a 95 yd TD drive, missed a 42 yd FG, was SOD at the 15 and got a FG. USC got a 44 yd fmbl ret for a TD & a 40 yd FG with :04 left. USC went 80 yds for a 3Q TD, 17-10. UA drove 65 & 80 yds for TD's, 24-17. UA ret'd a fmbl 24 yds for a TD with 1:57 left. USC drove 80 yds & got a TD with :28 left.

**UTEP -22 34-21 LOSS** Canidate rushed for 202 yds. UTEP took its opening drive 94 yds for a TD. A 42 yd pass keyed UTEP's next TD drive, 14-0. Canidate got a 60 yd TD run & UTEP brought Stuckey in at QB & his first pass was int & ret'd 34 yds for a TD. UA added a TD, 21-14 at half. UTEP got a 3Q 7 yd TD. UA got a TD & w/ 7:38 left added another TD. UTEP dropped a TD pass in the EZ. UA had a 553-381 yd edge.

**OREGON -3 41-44 LOSS** UO had time consuming drives and UA big play scores. UO led 5-0 but UA got its 1st FD on a 65 yd TD run with 6:02 left 1Q. UO got 68 & 32 yd TD drives. UA got a TD & an 80 yd TD run with 1:16 left. UO got a 43 yd FG & a 13-7 FD edge at half. UO got a 31 yd FG in the 3Q but UA a 60 yd TD run, 27-27. UO was int'd at the UA 1. Each team got a TD & UA was SOD at the UO 27. UO fmbl'd & UA got a 33 yd TD pass on 3rd & 13. UO drove 55 yds for a TD & got a 32 yd FG with 1:04 left. UA missed a 45 yd FG on the final play.

**AT UCLA -3' 33-7 WIN** Canidate rushed for 148 yds for a school record 7th straight 100 yd game. UA had 9 sks & UCLA -31 yds rushing. AU's defense had allowed 31.8 ppg their previous 8. UCLA's 1st 2 drives got to the UA 7 (FG blk) & went 65 yds for a TD, 7-0. UCLA had a 113-0 yd edge but UA finished with a 588-121 yd edge. UA got a 31 yd FG & 58 & 86 yd TD drives on its next 3 poss, 17-7. An 80 yd TD drive opened the 3Q but UA was SOD at the UCLA 1 before getting a 57 yd TD drive. UCLA was SOD at the UA 14 late.

**WASHINGTON -5' 25-33 LOSS** I used UW as a 4★ Late Phone Selection. The teams exchanged short FG's & then UW got a 25 yd TD pass after an int. UW got a 38 yd FG but Canidate got a 74 yd TD run. UW drove 80 yds for a TD, 19-10 at half. UA missed a 47 yd FG but got a 55 yd TD pass, 19-17. UA missed a 31 yd FG. UW went on a 17 play, 80 yd TD drive that ate up 9:13, 26-17. UW CB Vontoure ret'd an int 29 yds for a TD, 33-17 with 3:50 left. UA drove 80 yds for a TD with 1:34 left & UW ret'd the onside.

**AT OREGON ST +3 20-28 LOSS** UA had 4 TO's. UA had an 81 yd TD drive & OSU a 46 yd, 7-7. UA was int'd at the OSU 15. OSU had a 28 yd FG blk'd & UA got a 35 yd FG with 1:52 left 1H. OSU faced a 3rd & 22 & got a 66 yd TD pass to Tompkins with 1:28 left!! UA got a 34 yd FG & trailed 14-13 at half despite a 321-224 yd edge. UA fmbl'd a punt at their own 5 to set up an OSU TD. OSU missed a 47 yd FG but drove 32 yds for a TD foll an int, 28-13. UA drove 75 yds for a TD. UA was SOD at the OSU 40 & punted with 4:04 left as fog rolled in. OSU got 3 crucial FD's punting with :22 left. UA had a 510-319 yd edge.

**AT ARIZONA ST -1' 27-42 LOSS** ASU got a 51 yd TD pass & UA an 80 yd Canidate TD run, 7-7. UA got an 81 yd TD pass to Northcutt & ASU drove 88 yds for a TD. UA missed a 42 yd FG & it was 14-14 at half. ASU drove 59 yds for a TD & then faked a FG for a 28 yd TD pass, 28-14. UA got an 81 yd PR for a TD & ASU QB Kealy was inj'd. Backup Leonard, on 3rd & 13, hit a 45 yd TD pass to cap a 65 yd drive, 35-20. UA drove 80 yds for a TD with 8:23 left but ASU iced it with a TD with 1:33 left. ASU had a 558-468 yd edge.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Arizona appeared to be caught in mediocrity as they had records of 6-5 and 5-6 in 1995 & 96 and were just 3-5 in 1997. They then reeled off a 16-1 record over their next 17 games and all of the sudden were the favorites to win the PAC 10. They were ranked #3 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll. I did not have Arizona in my Top 10 last year because I didn't feel that they had upgraded their talent sufficiently from the team that went 15-17 (prior to their 16-1 run) to turn into a national title contender. They were blown out by Penn St in the opener & finished 6-6. Arizona was known for their Desert Swarm defense in the mid 90's but in 3 of the last 4 years have allowed over 26 ppg, including last year's weakest effort of the 90's allowing 30.3 ppg. Statistically, Arizona's defense did finish 4th in the PAC 10. Over the first 5 games they allowed 196 ypg rushing but over the last 7, just 105. With a stronger defensive line, they will be tougher. Arizona did lead the PAC 10 in total offense for the first time ever but must replace the PAC 10's leading rusher and their career receiving leader. Arizona set a school record averaging 6.5 ypp with 74 plays of 20 yards or more. They had the most yards ever in the PAC 10 at 5,663. WR Wade looks like this year's gamebreaker but the offense as a whole will be less potent. Tomey enters his 14th season here, the longest tenure of any PAC 10 coach. His teams usually do the best when little is expected of them. UA remains the only PAC 10 team that has never played in a Rose Bowl (they just joined in 1978). Arizona set a school record with 115 penalties and were -12 in turnovers (see Turnovers = Turnaround). In Tomey's 13 years he has followed every non- winning season with a winning year. The season finale vs Ariz St could decide whether he does so again but this is definitely a bowl caliber squad.

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| | | | | |
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| 4★ NEBRASKA | -32 | California | 45-0 | WIN |
| 4★ OKLAHOMA | -12' | Baylor | 41-10 | WIN |
| 4★ Oklahoma | E | LOUISVILLE | 42-21 | WIN |
| 4★ TEXAS | -6 | Kansas St | 17-35 | loss |
| 4★ Washington | -2' | OREGON ST | 47-21 | WIN |
| 4★ VIRG TECH | -12' | Syracuse | 62-0 | WIN |
| 4★ E CAROLINA | -10' | Tulane | 52-7 | WIN |
| 4★ Nebraska | -32 | KANSAS | 24-17 | loss |
| 4★ OKLAHOMA | -11 | Missouri | 37-0 | WIN |
| 4★ MINNESOTA | -14 | Indiana | 44-20 | WIN |
| 4★ Tennessee | -12' | KENTUCKY | 56-21 | WIN |
| 4★ OKLAHOMA | -13' | Oklahoma St | 44-7 | WIN |


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Justin Jochum 6-1 185 PS#37 |
| RB | Anthony Fulcher 5-11 190 PS#52 |
| RB | Chris Harris 6-0 180 PS#69 |
| DB | Tony Wingale 6-2 185 PS#58 |
| OL | Keoki Fraser 6-3 300 PS#87 |
| DL | Vince Feula 6-0 289 PS#81 |
| WR | Ricky Williams 6-3 195 PS#70 |
| OL | Ralph Zarate 6-6 316 PS#58JC |
| RB | Clarence Farmer 6-0 200 PS#124 |
| LB | Tony Thompson 6-2 235 PS#77JC |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Ortege Jenkins Sr.** 6-2 216 *PS#24. 6 sts in 97 (Off MVP). 1669 yds (48%), 19-6 ratio. 4 sts in 98, 1026 yds (49%), 5-4 ratio. 4 sts in 99, 1082 yds (60%), 9-5 ratio.*

**RB Leo Mills So.** 5-11 207 *PS#7, 165 yds (6.1) as true. Leon Callen (5-9 188 Sr) PS#24, 734 yds (4.7) in 3 yrs. 10.49 in 100M. Larry Croom (5-9 191 So) PS#64.*

**HB ELI WNEK JR.** 6-3 240 *9 sts at DE as rFr, 32 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl. 10 sts at HB in 99, 4 rec (5.5). Peter Hansen (6-7 234 Jr) PS#99QB. Moved to TE/HB ly.*

**WR BOBBY WADE SO.** 5-11 180 *PS#15RB in 99, 6 sts as true, 30 rec (15.1). Andrae Thurman (6-0 170 rFr) PS#63. Faster than Northcutt. M Leonard 11 rec (16.1).*

**WR Brandon Marshall Jr.** 5-11 188 *PS#63JC in 99, RS. Marvin Brown (5-10 182 Sr) PS#98JC in 99, 7 rec (24.4!). Lance Relford (6-0 194 rFr) PS#72.*

**TE James Hugo So.** 6-6 250 *PS#115, 2 sts ly. Brandon Manumaleuna (6-2 288) PS#71DL, 7 sts in 98, 6 rec. 12 sts in 99, 20 rec (15.8), 2nd team PAC 10.*

**C BRUCE WIGGINS SR.** 6-3 280 *PS#82OL. 7 gms as rFr. 13 sts in 98, HM PAC 10. 12 sts in 99, **2nd Tm PAC 10**. Top OL here. Darren Safranek (6-7 260 So).*

**RG Kevin Barry Jr.** 6-4 336 *PS#20JC in 99. +11 lbs in RS yr. Aaron Higgenbotham (6-5 266 So) PS#138OL in 98, 2nd string & lettered in 99.*

**LG STEVE GRACE JR.** 6-3 286 *PS#326OL in 97. 13 sts as rFr. 12 sts in 99, **2nd tm PAC 10**. John Vorschek (6-4 295 Jr) is PS#245JUCO.*

**RT MARQUES MCFADDEN SR.** 6-4 303 *PS#64OL in 96, JUCO. 2nd str here in 98, lettered. 11 sts in 99. Makai Freitas (6-7 283 Sr) has 3 letters, 14 gms, 3 yrs.*

**LT MAKOA FREITAS JR.** 6-4 294 *PS#159OL, 415 bench. 13 gms as true. 11 sts in 99 at LT. Ralph Zarate (6-6 316 Jr) PS#23OL in 97. PS#57JUCO this year.*

**K Sean Keel So.** 6-1 185 *Hit 5 of 8 FG's in 99, long of 35. Had dynamite spring. Bobby Gill (5-10 182 rFr). Michael Johnson (5-11 223) JC ly.*

**DE JOHNNY JACKSON JR.** 6-4 260 *PS#55JC, signed at Cal. 30 sks at JC, 98. Mike Robertson (6-3 235 Sr) PS#60JC. 8 sts, 9.5 sks in 2 yrs. Cory Kipp (6-5 240) PS#36.*

**DT JOSEPH TAFOYA SR.** 6-4 255 *PS#140LB. 5 sts, 24 tkls, 8 tfl in 97. 11 sts, 36 tkls, 9 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 51 tkls, 14 tfl ly. Young Thompson (6-2 300 So) 8 tkls, 1 tfl ly.*

**DT KEONI FRASER JR.** 6-1 282 *11 sts, 23 tkls, 6 tfl in 98. 10 sts, 24 tkls, 6 tfl ly. Anthony Thomas (6-2 275 Jr) PS#93. 2 sks as true. 2 sts, 12 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. RS ly.*

**DE IDRIS HAROON SR.** 6-2 265 *PS#72LB. 2 sts, 26 tkls, 6 sks, 97-98. 10 sts ly, 28 tkls, 8 tfl, 5 pbu. Alex Luna (6-0 230 Jr) 5 sts, 4 tfl ly. Tony Thompson is PS#77JC.*

**OLB Stadford Glover Sr.** 6-0 236 *PS#159. 1 st, 32 tkls, 5 tfl in 97. 1 st, 17 tkls 98-99. Adrian Koch (5-9 216 Sr) 40 career tkls. John Denny (6-3 215 So) PS#155.*

**ILB Lance Briggs So.** 6-1 223 *PS#53LB in 99, 2 sts at FB, 175 yds as true. Matt Molina (6-1 216 rFr) PS#91LB. Raymond Wells (6-2 220 Jr) PS#137JUCO.*

**ILB ANTONIO PIERCE SR.** 6-1 230 *PS#30JC. 8 sts ly, 75 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl. Susp in spring. Joe Slofele (6-1 250 rFr) PS#11LB. Aaron Huisman (6-2 225 So) PS#187.*

**CB Jermaine Chatman Jr.** 5-11 175 *PS#127WR. PS#216JC. David Laudermilk (6-1 169 So) 1 int, 4 pbu in 99. Anthony Banks (5-11 155 Jr) PS#350, 3 sts, 10 tkls ly.*

**CB Michael Jolivette rFr.** 5-8 171 *PS#41. David Hinton (6-0 168 rFr) PS#103. David Crockett (5-11 175 Jr) PS#219JC. Justin Jochum (6-1 185 is PS#37.*

**SS Brandon Nash Jr.** 6-1 215 *PS#64WR. 1 st, 7 rec (9.9) in 98. Scout tm Def POY in 99 in RS yr & moved to DB. Zaharius Johnson (5-11 188 Jr) 3 tkls ly.*

**FS JARVIE WORCESTER SO.** 6-1 204 *7 sts as rFr in 99, 34 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int. Clay Hardt (6-1 181 rFr) PS#339RB in 99. +11 lbs. Tony Wingate (6-2 185 Fr) is PS#58.*

**P CHRIS PALIC JR.** 6-3 195 *40 punts as true frosh in 97 with 37.6 avg. RS in 98. 60 punts in 99. Hit 39.1 avg, 34.1 net. 9 inside the 20.*

# ARIZONA WILDCATS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score AU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Arizona is 5-6 SU, 2-9 ATS vs Cal.<br>Wildcats are 6-3 ATS L/9 Homecoming games.<br>AU is 12-2 ATS as a non-conference away dog.<br>Arizona is 4-11-1 ATS as a Pac 10 home favorite. |
| Sep. 2 | at Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats have been tamed in road openers, with a 3-9 ATS mark.<br>Zona was 4-1 ATS as an AF in 98, but is 8-15 L/23. |
| Sep. 9 | Ohio St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | AU is 5-1 ATS L/6 vs Big 10 teams.<br>Arizona is 8-4 in their first lined home game. |
| Sep. 16 | San Diego St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | May apply here: AU is 7-17 L/24 as a double digit HF.<br>Wildcats are 2-7 ATS the week prior to a bye. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bonus Info: AU is 21-34-1 ATS as a favorite the L/7Y including the Jekyll & Hyde of '98 (8-2) & '99 (2-8). |
| Sep. 30 | at Stanford | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Arizona is 14-5-1 ATS the week after a bye.<br>Cats are 14-7 ATS L/21 as an away dog, but 0-2 LY. |
| Oct. 7 | at USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats are 8-4 ATS their L/12 October contests.<br>May apply here: Arizona is 9-18 ATS as an away favorite. |
| Oct. 14 | Washington St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 5-1-1 ATS the L/7 in this series.<br>Zona is 4-9-1 ATS in their first conference home game. |
| Oct. 21 | at Oregon | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cats are 7-3 ATS L/10 sandwiched road games.<br>Arizona is 2-7 ATS L/9 versus the Ducks. |
| Oct. 28 | UCLA | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Prior to 10/14/00, AU was 7-16-1 ATS their L/24 Pac 10 home games.<br>The last 7 games in this series have averaged 53.7 ppg. |
| Nov. 4 | at Washington | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats are 2-6 ATS L/8 vs the Huskies.<br>Arizona is 0-5 ATS in road finales NOT at Arizona St. |
| Nov. 11 | Oregon St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | OSU beat AU LY, their first SU series win since a home victory in '90.<br>The Cats came back the next year to post a 45-21 win as 18 pt favs. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 24 | Arizona St (Fri) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Arizona is 13-6 ATS vs their arch rival but 3-6 ATS L/9.<br>The underdog is 7-1 ATS in this "hot" rivalry. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: AU is 5-14 ATS in November since 1994. |

## STADIUM: ARIZONA STADIUM (57,803)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-2 | 8-3 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 11-1 | 6-6 | 51-28 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 5-5-1 | 5-6 | 9-3 | 2-10 | 33-45-1 |
| Home Fav | 2-4 | 1-5 | 1-3 | 3-1-1 | 1-3 | 4-1 | 1-5 | 13-22-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-5 |
| Away Fav | 1-2 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 4-1 | 1-3 | 8-12 |
| Away Dog | 1-1 | 0-1 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 11-6 |
| Favorite | 3-6 | 3-7 | 1-4 | 3-3-1 | 1-4 | 8-2 | 2-8 | 21-34-1 |
| Dog | 1-1 | 0-1 | 4-2 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 12-11 |
| Grass | 3-5 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 5-3-1 | 4-5 | 6-3 | 2-8 | 25-35 |
| Artificial | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 0-2 | 8-10 |
| vs PAC 10 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 3-4-1 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 2-6 | 23-32-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-3 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 4-0 | 0-4 | 10-13 |
| Off SU Win | 2-6 | 2-5 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 7-3 | 1-5 | 19-27 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-0 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-1-1 | 2-3 | 1-0 | 1-4 | 12-13-1 |

## Coach: DICK TOMEY (Career 153-104-7)
### *Tomey's records AT ARIZONA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14th Year at Arizona | | 27-31-2 | Home Favorite |
| 89-58-4 | Straight Up | 7-9 | Home Underdog |
| 66-74-2 | Vs The Spread | 9-20 | Away Favorite |
| 26-20-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 23-14 | Away Underdog |
| 49-55-1 | Vs PAC 10 | 17-19-1 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | John Hancock | -6' | Baylor | 15-20 | L |
| 93 | Fiesta | +6 | Miami (Fla) | 29-0 | W |
| 94 | Freedom | -4 | Utah | 13-16 | L |
| 97 | Insight.com | -9' | N Mexico | 20-14 | L |
| 98 | Holiday | +3 | Nebraska | 23-20 | W |

# ARIZONA (6-6)

CONFERENCE: **PAC 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7**
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 46 (22,22,2)**
**Lost: 19 (7,11,1)**

## ARIZONA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 28.3 | 21 | 219 | 5.2 | 253 | 57.9 | 16.7 | -12 | 1999 | 9 | 30.3 | 20 | 143 | 3.7 | 235 | 55.2 | 12.5 |
| 7* | 33.8 | 20 | 205 | 4.7 | 226 | 59.3 | 12.8 | +11 | 1998 | 4 | 18.2 | 18 | 102 | 2.9 | 229 | 47.4 | 18.2 |
| 6* | 26.4 | 20 | 175 | 4.0 | 220 | 48.4 | 14.9 | +7 | 1997 | 8 | 26.0 | 16 | 112 | 3.0 | 218 | 51.5 | 12.7 |
| 10 | 33.0 | 17 | 173 | 4.1 | 166 | 59.0 | 11.3 | +13 | 1996 | 6 | 27.4 | 20 | 160 | 3.8 | 226 | 57.4 | 14.1 |
| 3 | 18.8 | 17 | 104 | 2.7 | 204 | 49.6 | 16.4 | -8 | 1995 | 4 | 18.1 | 15 | 127 | 3.1 | 143 | 47.4 | 15.0 |
| 7* | 23.2 | 20 | 151 | 3.3 | 196 | 55.9 | 15.0 | +2 | 1994 | 6 | 15.8 | 15 | 60 | 1.8 | 208 | 52.6 | 16.9 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Penn St | 16 | 36-124 | 3.4 | 25-35 | 232 | 5 | 19 | 44-262 | 6.0 | 11-18 | 242 | 4 | +2 |
| at TCU | 17 | 37-14 | 0.4 | 17-25 | 337 | 6 | 16 | 47-224 | 4.8 | 13-21 | 57 | 0 | -3 |
| Mid Tenn St | 19 | 46-265 | 5.8 | 17-24 | 135 | 0 | 21 | 31-128 | 4.1 | 26-37 | 176 | 3 | +1 |
| Stanford | 18 | 36-113 | 3.1 | 20-36 | 315 | 6 | 21 | 39-214 | 5.5 | 21-35 | 364 | 0 | -3 |
| at Washington St | 25 | 60-249 | 4.2 | 18-33 | 251 | 1 | 13 | 30-153 | 5.1 | 15-24 | 165 | 1 | 0 |
| USC | 23 | 52-307 | 5.9 | 15-24 | 243 | 2 | 17 | 29-(-20) | -0.7 | 23-41 | 291 | 7 | +1 |
| UTEP | 21 | 52-396 | 7.6 | 11-19 | 157 | 2 | 19 | 32-115 | 3.6 | 20-30 | 266 | 1 | -1 |
| Oregon | 19 | 34-282 | 8.3 | 17-35 | 270 | 4 | 26 | 53-196 | 3.7 | 13-35 | 239 | 2 | +1 |
| at UCLA | 25 | 49-307 | 6.3 | 17-31 | 281 | 0 | 17 | 30-(-31) | -1.0 | 16-39 | 265 | 9 | -3 |
| Washington | 17 | 27-137 | 5.1 | 17-32 | 280 | 1 | 22 | 46-142 | 3.1 | 16-28 | 208 | 1 | -3 |
| at Oregon St | 24 | 48-257 | 5.4 | 17-34 | 243 | 3 | 20 | 29-110 | 3.8 | 17-41 | 209 | 5 | -4 |
| at Arizona St | 22 | 27-175 | 6.5 | 21-38 | 293 | 1 | 24 | 50-226 | 4.5 | 15-24 | 332 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 246 | 504-2626 | 5.2 | 212-366 | 3037 | 31 | 235 | 460-1719 | 3.7 | 206-373 | 2814 | 36 | -12 |
| AVERAGES | 20.5 | 42-219 | 5.2 | 18-31 | 253 | 2.6 | 19.6 | 38-143 | 3.7 | 17-31 | 235 | 3.0 | -1.0 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pacific | -31 | 41-9 | W |
| Georgia Tech | -14 | 20-19 | L |
| at Illinois | +3' | 7-9 | W |
| USC | +6 | 10-31 | L |
| California | -6 | 20-15 | L |
| at UCLA | +8 | 10-17 | W |
| Washington | -1 | 17-31 | L |
| at Washington St | +5 | 24-14 | W |
| at Oregon St | -6' | 14-9 | L |
| Oregon | +2 | 13-17 | L |
| at Arizona St | +3' | 31-28 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| UTEP | -27' | 23-3 | L |
| at Iowa | +6' | 20-21 | W |
| Illinois | -8 | 41-0 | W |
| at Washington | +5' | 17-31 | L |
| Washington St | -8 | 34-26 | T |
| at USC | +8' | 7-14 | W |
| Oregon St | -19' | 33-7 | W |
| at California | -1' | 55-56 | L |
| at Oregon | -3 | 31-49 | L |
| UCLA | -1' | 35-17 | W |
| Arizona St | +7' | 14-56 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Oregon | -3' | 9-16 | L |
| Alabama-Birm | -33 | 24-10 | L |
| at Ohio St | +17 | 20-28 | W |
| at UCLA | +8 | 27-40 | L |
| San Diego St | -12 | 31-28 | L |
| Stanford | +3' | 28-22 | W |
| Washington | +11' | 28-58 | L |
| at Washington St | +13 | 34-35 | W |
| Oregon St | -16' | 27-7 | W |
| California | -11' | 41-38 | L |
| at Arizona St | +9 | 28-16 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Hawaii | -17 | 27-6 | W |
| at Stanford | -7' | 31-14 | W |
| Iowa | -12 | 35-11 | W |
| at San Diego St | -16 | 35-16 | W |
| at Washington | +2 | 31-28 | W |
| UCLA | +5 | 28-52 | L |
| at Oregon St | -8 | 28-7 | W |
| NE Louisiana | -33 | 45-7 | W |
| Oregon | -2' | 38-3 | W |
| Washington St | -24 | 41-7 | W |
| at California | -10' | 27-23 | L |
| Arizona St | -11' | 50-42 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Penn St | +4' | 7-41 | L |
| at TCU | -13 | 35-31 | L |
| Mid Tenn St | -44 | 34-19 | L |
| Stanford | -13 | 22-50 | L |
| at Washington St | -13' | 30-24 | L |
| USC | -1 | 31-24 | W |
| UTEP | -22 | 34-21 | L |
| Oregon | -3 | 41-44 | L |
| at UCLA | -3' | 33-7 | W |
| Washington | -5' | 25-33 | L |
| at Oregon St | +3 | 20-28 | L |
| at Arizona St | -1' | 27-42 | L |

# ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The health of QB Ryan Kealy has been a topic for almost every ASU game over the past 2 years. In 97 he led the team to a bowl but tore his ACL and did not play vs Iowa. In 98 he returned for 9 starts missing two games due to injury and he threw for 2,161 yards (57.5%) with a 19-9 ratio. Last year he started 11 games but in an injury plagued year was not able to finish four of the first five and was never fully healthy. He tore his ACL vs Arizona and once again missed the bowl game. He should be ready for the fall. If he is, I expect him to have his best season yet as a senior and hopefully it will be a healthy year for him. John Leonard (6-2 197 Jr) was PS#143JC and threw for 340 yards (39%) with a 1-4 ratio playing in 9 games. Griffin Goodman (6-1 212 Sr) was PS#79JC and started the bowl. In six games he threw for 276 yards (56%) with a 3-2 ratio. Matt Cooper (6-5 228 So) was PS#64 in 98, but did not see action last year. Snyder signed a VHT QB in Andrew Walter (PS#16) who has good size. The top QB in spring was walk-on frosh Jeff Krohn (6-2 190) which either says a lot about Jeff or could mean depth is a problem. Provided Kealy stays healthy, this should be one of the more improved QB positions in the NCAA and it would not surprise me to see Walter battling for the backup spot.

**RUNNING BACKS** - JR Redmond (#3DC of NE), one of the more dangerous all-around RB's in all of college football the last couple of years, departs after having his best season in 99 with 1,174 yards (4.9) earning 1st Team PAC 10 honors. They also lose TB Gerald Green (329 yds) and FB Terrelle Smith (10 sts, 221 total yds, #4DC of NO). Snyder landed two VHT frosh who could play immediately (see Top Newcomers). The star of the backfield figures to be Delvon Flowers who was PS#9JC last year after averaging 8.3 ypc in JC in 98. Flowers has 4.4 speed and rushed for 512 yards here including 161 versus Oregon and 103 versus Arizona. Davaren Hightower (6-1 214 Jr) has had 2 starts and 616 combined yards rushing and receiving over the last 2 years. At the flyback position they move in Stephen Trejo from LB and I list the two deep below. This group does have potential, but with the loss of 2 NFL draft choices, especially a player the caliber of Redmond, I'll call it weaker this season.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Sun Devils had to replace 3 of their top 4 players and then lost 2 HT's prior to the season due to suspension including Justin Taplin (PS#15) who should return this year. Richard Williams got off to a slow start as a JC transfer but came on towards the end of the season and finished #2 on the team with 37 receptions. Snyder signed a VHT this year in Sammy Moore as well as a JC in Donnie O'Neal (6-2 185). The Sun Devils have perhaps the top TE in college football in Todd Heap who is a nice combination of size & speed and led the team with 55 receptions. They do lose WR Tariq McDonald (6 sts, 33 rec) who left early for the NFL, but was not selected in the draft as well as a couple of backup TE's including Kendrick Bates (5 sts, 19 rec). I list the 2 deep below and there is plenty of talent even with McDonald leaving early. I think this position is in better shape this year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Bruce Snyder has done a good job molding offensive lines in his tenure here and has often relied heavily on JUCO's. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and he brought in 3 JC transfers. This year they only have one loss and it was unexpected as LT Marvel Smith (12 sts, 2nd tm AA, #2DC of PIT) left early for the NFL. Everyone else is back on the O-line and he adds a VHT rFr and yet another VHT JUCO. LG Levi Jones moves to LT and will have to battle JUCO Travis Scott for that spot. The second string is solid and this is a very experienced group and Snyder is very high on its potential.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Sun Devils had 3 starters returning last year and 4 players with 6 or more starts. This year the losses are heavier in DT Ryan Reilly (12 sts, 3.5 tfl), DT Junior Ioane (7 sts, 6.5 tfl, HM PAC 10, #4DC of OAK), DE Erik Flowers (12 sts, 10 sks, 8 tfl, 1st tm PAC 10, #1DC of BUF) and DT Jawell Samilton (10 tkl). DE Quincy Yancy was suspended the last week of spring for an off field incident and will miss at least the opener. There are 3 VHT's in the two deep listed below and a super JC transfer, but it is a very inexperienced group and will be weaker especially with the loss of its star Flowers. In fact they may even use a 3-4 scheme more often to take advantage of their depth at LB.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Sun Devils returned 2 starters but MLB Eric Fields lost his job to VHT Solomon Bates (PS#14) until Bates went down to injury vs Oregon. This year all 3 starters plus Fields return and they get another VHT frosh in Jimmy Verdon and 2 JC transfers from last year should be much improved in their second year here at ASU. This position is so deep they shifted Stephen Trejo who started 6 games in 99 to flyback and Mike Pinkard to the DL. Adam Archuleta was the defensive MVP last year and Snyder says he should contend for PAC 10 defensive POY honors. Mason Unck did tear his ACL in the spring and may have to redshirt. I personally think Bates is the top LB here, but this is a deep and experienced group.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Sun Devils finished a super #10 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 97 but fell to #43 in 98. Last year they had 2 starters returning and again finished #43. This year they must replace 2 starters in both CB's Courtney Jackson (12 sts, 1st tm PAC 10, 2 int, 9 pbu) and Kareem Clark (12 sts, HM PAC 10, 42 tkl, 1 int). They are well stocked at safety with 3 players returning that have 7 or more starts and have 2 VHT's waiting in the wings. CB is not as solid and it wouldn't surprise me to see one of the talented true frosh recruits step in at that position. This group is fairly close to last year but despite the depth at safety, I'll call it down a notch.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Snyder always has this group ranked in the upper half of the NCAA but last year they had their weakest finish yet in my special teams rankings at #77. They are solid and deep at K even though Stephen Baker transferred after hitting 21 of 35 FG's in 2 years. Michael Barth, who was PS#10K, hit a 46 yard FG last year and true frosh Travis Cloyd, who had 84% TB's on KO's in high school, will battle for the spot. Stephen Baker averaged a super 45.7 punting in 98 but was beat out by Nick Murphy, a JC transfer last year, who averaged just 38.4. Brian Biang (5-11 192 So) was PS#33K and averaged 45 yards in high school and Cloyd averaged 45 yards on 54 punts in high school. I expect solid improvement in the punting area. They lose JR Redmond, a dangerous returnman, but he had an off year averaging just 7.0 per PR in 99. Almost everyone else is back and the return units should be improved. ASU should definitely get back into the upper half of my rankings this year.

The health of QB Ryan Kealy is essential for ASU's success in '00.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J.R. Redmond | 241 | 1230 | 56 | 1174 | 4.9 | 12 |
| **Delvon Flowers** | 80 | 527 | 15 | 512 | 6.4 | 5 |
| Gerald Green | 70 | 340 | 11 | 329 | 4.7 | 2 |
| **Davaren Hightower** | 39 | 180 | 3 | 177 | 4.5 | 0 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Ryan Kealy** | 267 | 148 | 55.4 | 1976 | 10 | 10 |
| **John Leonard** | 74 | 29 | 39.2 | 340 | 1 | 4 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Todd Heap** | | 55 | 832 | 15.1 | 3 | 45 |
| **Richard Williams** | | 37 | 608 | 16.4 | 5 | 51 |
| Tariq McDonald | | 33 | 386 | 11.7 | 1 | 26 |
| Kendrick Bates | | 19 | 173 | 9.1 | 1 | 29 |
| J.R. Redmond | | 15 | 100 | 6.7 | 1 | 22 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Nick Murphy** | 68 | 2610 | 38.4 | - | - | 1 | 21 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| Stephen Baker | 4-6 | 4-4 | 3-7 | 0-1 | 11-18 | 48 | |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Adam Archuleta** | 111 | 5 | 16 | 3 | 1 |
| **Craig Koontz** | 76 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Erik Flowers | 68 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 1 |
| **Mason Unck** | 57 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Courtney Jackson | 54 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| **Alfred Williams** | 50 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Willie Daniel** | 43 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Kareem Clark | 42 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Solomon Bates** | 42 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Ryan Reilly | 37 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Junior Ioane | 34 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Nijrell Eason** | 33 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| **Stephen Trejo** | 29 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| J.R. Redmond | 28 | 195 | 7.0 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Delvon Flowers** | 21 | 468 | 22.3 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**TEXAS TECH -6' 31-13 WIN** TT controlled things early as they blk'd a punt to set up a 33 yd TD drive & were driving again but fmbl'd at the ASU 1. Kealy was inj'd & Leonard hit just 7 of 17. Foll an int, Redmond got a 56 yd TD run & ASU added 40 & 35 yd FG's on short drives set up by long PR's. At the half TT had a 199-141 yd edge but 3 TO's. TT lost RB Williams, FB Morris & 2 OL's to inj in the 1H & generated just 47 yds in the 2H. ASU got 77 & 66 yd TD drives & a 34 yd FG. TT ret'd a fmbl 53 yds for a TD early 4Q.

**NEW MEXICO ST -25' 7-35 LOSS** Nothing fluky about this final. NMS powered to 363 yds rushing & 205 passing. NMS had a 23-14 FD edge & ASU had just 234 total yds. NMS dominated the 1H but only led 7-0 despite outgaining ASU 275-69 as they missed two 19 yd FG's. Kealy hit just 7 of 17 before being pulled. It was stunningly 28-0 after 3Q's before ASU got their lone TD on a Redmond 4Q run.

**AT CALIFORNIA -1' 23-24 LOSS** ASU had a 475-263 yd edge. Cal had a 42 yd FG att bounce off the upright. ASU got a long TD drive, 7-0. A 5 yd ASU punt set Cal up on the ASU 14 & 3 plays later it was 7-7. ASU went 80 yds for a TD but on 3rd & 30 Cal hit a 31 yd pass to set up a TD. ASU missed a 53 yd FG in the 3Q and early 4Q settled for a 27 yd FG. After an int ASU drove for a TD, 23-14 (xp blk). Cal got a 75 yd TD drive & after a 21 yd PR got a 25 yd FG with 7:11 left. Kealy was inj'd & Leonard hit just 2 of 8.

**UCLA +1' 28-27 WIN** 120° on the field. Kealy's bruised ribs bothered him & Leonard replaced him. UCLA led 14-0 & was threatening again but was int'd deep in ASU terr. ASU got a 32 yd TD run by Redmond. UCLA got a late 1H TD. Redmond got an 80 yd TD run. ASU's 3rd string QB Goodman came in & his 1st pass was int'd but UCLA settled for a 20 yd FG, 24-14. UCLA fmbl'd and ASU drove just 14 yds for a TD, 24-21. UCLA was int'd at their own 38. ASU missed a 44 yd FG w/4:34 left. UCLA nailed a 46 yd FG w/:53 left. A short pass was turned outside by ASU's Flowers & he raced 49 yds for a TD with just :23 left.

**AT NOTRE DAME +12' 17-48 LOSS** Redmond was pulled in the 3Q with a sore shoulder. He also had flu like symptoms. TO's were the key here as ASU had 6. In fact, at the half ND had just 1 more yd but led 27-0. ND extended it to 41-7. ASU got a 45 yd FG & 62 yd drive for a TD on its final 2 garbage poss.

**AT WASHINGTON +10 28-7 WIN** UW scored a TD on their 1st poss but would not score again thanks to 6 TO's. ASU led 10-7 at the half & added a short FG after a fmbl. UW had a 71 yd drive SOD at the ASU 1. ASU blk'd a UW 46 yd FG which set up a 47 yd TD drive, 21-7. UW fmbl'd 2 plays later & ASU added a TD, 28-7, UW was SOD at the ASU 17 & fmbl'd at the ASU 41. The Sun Devils ate up the final 6:02 ending the game at the UW 2. ASU had just a 19-17 FD edge.

**WASHINGTON ST -7' 33-21 WIN** WSU had 259 yds in the 1H & led 21-13 but totalled just 32 yds in the 2H. ASU drove 59 & 62 yds for TD's on their 1st two 3Q poss, 27-21. ASU drove to the WSU 32 but punted & mid 4Q drove 63 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 33-21. WSU was SOD at the ASU 30. ASU had a 420-291 yd edge.

**AT OREGON +7' 17-20 WIN** Redmond (susp), DT Ioane and S Daniel (inj) were out and 4 starters were inj'd during the game. Feeley hit just 9 of 25 while Kealy hit 4 of 16 in the 1H. UO drove inside the ASU 40 six times but only managed a 24 yd FG. ASU got a 24 yd FG with :09 left in the half, 3-3. UO got a 34 yd FG in the 3Q and ASU answered with a Flowers 20 yd TD run. Harrington came off the bench & led UO to a TD in the 3Q. ASU got a Green 1 yd TD run with 1:04 left for the lead but UO drove 79 yds & with :09 left got a 29 yd TD pass. UO had a 502-365 yd edge.

**AT USC +6 26-16 WIN** It was 7-7, USC was int'd & ASU got a 1 yd TD drive, 13-7 (xpng). USC missed a 47 yd FG & ASU drove 70 yds for a TD. USC got a 29 yd FG & ASU missed a 49 yd FG with :41 left in the half, 19-10. Van Raaphorst QB'd the 2H. ASU fmbl'd at the USC 12. USC got back in it when DT Davis ret'd an int 30 yds for a TD, 19-16 with 8:46 left. ASU ret'd an int to the USC 4 but missed a 23 yd FG. ASU got a Redmond 14 yd TD run with 1:47 left to ice it. ASU had 213 yds rushing & 223 passing.

**STANFORD -2' 30-50 LOSS** ASU had 5 TO's to 0 for SU. SU jumped out to a 21-3 lead. ASU fmbl'd a punt snap & SU got a safety but ASU drove 51 yds for a TD. SU got a 27 yd FG & ASU had a FG blk'd but Hightower ret'd a punt 78 yds for a TD, 26-17 at half. SU drove 69 yds for a TD & ret'd a fmbl for a TD & the backups did the rest.

**ARIZONA +1' 42-27 WIN** ASU got a 51 yd TD pass & UA an 80 yd Canidate TD run, 7-7. UA got an 80 yd TD pass to Northcutt & ASU drove 87 yds for a TD. UA missed a 42 yd FG & it was 14-14 at the half. ASU drove 58 yds for a TD & then faked a FG for a 28 yd TD pass, 28-14. UA got an 81 yd PR for a TD & ASU QB Kealy was inj'd. Backup Leonard, on 3rd & 13, hit a 45 yd TD pass to cap a 65 yd drive, 35-20. UA drove 80 yds for a TD with 8:23 left but ASU iced it with a TD with 1:33 left. ASU had a 558-468 yd edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

The Sun Devils reached great heights in 1996 under Bruce Snyder contending for a national title and going 11-0 during the regular season. In 1996 & 97 they were a combined 20-4, including bowl games. ASU is the winningest PAC 10 team over the last 4 years. The last two years have not been as kind as Snyder's troops went just 11-12 SU. Last year Snyder brought in 11 JUCO's but this year only 4 were added to the Sun Devil roster. He landed a super group of incoming freshmen that could contribute right away. The defense returns six starters and Snyder says they will feature a more attacking style this year. How the replacements fare on the D-line and at CB will determine if they can improve on last year's average unit. The KEY to the offense and to the season is the health of QB Ryan Kealy. With him, the offense will be among the most potent in the country. If he goes down, then look out because a walk-on was the top QB backup in the spring. They get 3 of their 4 toughest opponents in the PAC 10 at Sun Devil Stadium and that makes them a legitimate threat to get back to the Rose Bowl. The non-conference slate is soft and should result in 3 wins and this could be another dream season for Snyder, IF Kealy stays healthy.


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| | |
|---|---|
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| RB | Michael Williams 6-0 195 PS#11 |
| QB | Andrew Walter 6-5 190 PS#16 |
| RB | Derick Arnold 6-2 220 PS#27 |
| DL | Jared Wolfgramm 6-6 225 PS#31 |
| DB | Skyler Fulton 6-1 180 PS#24 |
| DB | Jimmy Verdon 6-3 220 PS#25 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB RYAN KEALY SR.** 6-2 198 *PS#9. 2137 yds (54%). 15-7 ratio as rFr. 2161 yds (57%), 19-9 ratio in 98. 11 sts in 99, 1976 yds (55%), 10-10 ratio. Missed bowl.*

**RB Delvon Flowers Sr.** 5-11 185 *PS#9JC in 99, 4.4 speed. 512 yds (6.4), 6 rec. 468 return yds here in 99. Mike Williams is PS#11. Derick Arnold is PS#27.*

**FB Stephen Trejo Sr.** 6-3 250 *PS#34LB. 7 sts at LB in 97 & 98. 56 tkls, 6 tfl. 6 sts in 99, 29 tkls, 4 tfl. Darrel Turner (6-0 237 So) PS#137, 4 gms as rFr.*

**WR Justin Taplin So.** 6-0 180 *PS#15, 325 all purp yds as true. Susp ly. Shaun McDonald (5-9 168 rFr) PS#27.* ***Sammy Moore*** *is PS#9. Brian Forth 9 rec ly.*

**WR RICHARD WILLIAMS SR.** 6-0 170 *PS#140JC ly. 11 sts ly, 37 rec (16.4), speed. Ryan Dennard (6-4 212 Jr) PS#85JC ly. Donnie O'Neal is PS#314JC.*

**TE TODD HEAP JR.** 6-5 232 *PS#11TE in 98. 12 rec as true. 12 sts in 99, #1 w/55 rec (15.1), 1st tm PAC 10. Jason Moore (6-6 239 Sr) PS#76TE, 1 rec ly.*

**C SCOTT PETERS JR.** 6-3 312 *PS#116OL. 9 sts at LG as rFr. 12 sts LY (both C & RG) HM PAC 10. Ryan Delnoce (6-2 268 Sr) lettered in limited action LY.*

**RG KENNETH WILLIAMSON SR.** 6-4 314 *PS#305JC. In for spring in 99 & 8 sts at C, 12 gms here. Marquise Muldrow PS#316JC, inj here ly. Adrian Ayala (6-5 300 Fr).*

**LG Kyle Kosier Jr.** 6-6 300 *PS#78LB in 97. Added 30 lbs in 98, 10 gms, 2 sts in 99 after adding 25 lbs. Regis Crawford (6-3 291 rFr) PS#131OL.*

**RT VICTOR LEYVA SR.** 6-4 303 *PS#124DL. 10 sts as rFr. 9 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99, HM PAC 10, 88% grade for yr. Damian Niko (6-3 304 rFr) PS#22OL.*

**LT LEVI JONES JR.** 6-6 305 *Ex walk-on. 13 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. Moved to OL in 99, 12 sts at LG. Moves to LT ly. Travis Scott (6-6 300 Jr) PS#22JC.*

**K MICHAEL BARTH SO.** 6-0 201 *PS#10. 46 yd FG here as true, 9 of 9 XP's, KO's in 9 gms. Travis Cloyd (6-0 185) is PS#19, 84% TB's on KO's in HS.*

**DE QUINCY YANCEY SR.** 6-8 262 *PS#253. 11 tkls, 2 tfl in 97. 7 sts, 20 tkls, 5 tfl in 98. 12 sts in 99, 24 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Terrell Suggs is PS#11DL.*

**DT Paul Glass Jr.** 6-7 310 *PS#51JC this yr. Joins the team in the fall. Kurt Wallin (6-2 273 Jr) PS#168LB in 95. 10 tkls, 2 tfl, 11 gms in 99.*

**DT Anthony Aguilar rFr.** 6-2 325 *PS#14DL in 99. Danny Masanial (6-3 310 Jr) PS#351JC, in for spg. Tommie Townsend (6-2 290 Jr) PS#246DL orig at USC.*

**DE Mike Pinkard So.** 6-5 243 *PS#36DL. +40 lbs in 99, 9 gms, 6 tkls, 1 tfl. Josh Amobi (6-2 207 So) PS#126RB, 8 tkls as true. Chad Howell (6-4 211 rFr) PS#143.*

**SLB MASON UNCK SO.** 6-2 221 *4.6 speed. 10 sts in 99, #4 w/57 tkls, 8.5 tfl.* ***Eric Fields*** *(6-3 231 Jr) PS#267.* ***8 sts*** *in 98,* ***14 tfl.*** *3 sts in 99, 5 tfl.*

**MLB SOLOMON BATES SO.** 6-2 251 *PS#14. 6 sts as true til inj. 42 tkls, 5 tfl, 8 gms. Jamall Anderson (6-1 245 Jr) PS#156JC. Jimmy Verdon is PS#25.*

**WLB ADAM ARCHULETA SR.** 6-0 213 *11 sts in 98, #2 w/75 tkls, 5 sks, 13 tfl. 11 sts in 99,* ***1st tm P10****, 111 tkls, 5 sks, 16 tfl. Adam Tanke (6-2 231 Sr) PS#272JC, 14 tkls here ly.*

**CB Machtier Clay So.** 5-11 171 *PS#246. 4.32 speed. 2 tkls as true. Kenny Williams (5-11 190 Sr), 1 int, 6 pbu here as JC trans ly. Courtney Palmore PS#122DB.*

**CB Nijrell Eason Sr.** 6-1 204 *PS#40JC. 1 st here in 99, 33 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. Christon Rance (6-2 206 Sr) 45 career tkls.* **Skyler Fulton** *PS#24.*

**SS WILLIE DANIEL JR.** 6-0 203 *PS#36DB. 3 sts as true, 41 tkls. 8 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 2 int. Craig Koontz (6-0 192 Sr) PS#263JC, #2 tkl'r here ly, 7 sts, 4 tfl.*

**FS AL WILLIAMS SO.** 6-1 199 *PS#217. 7 sts as rFr, 50 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. Brandon Falkner (6-0 198 So) PS#19DB, 8 tkls as rFr, 9 gms.*

**P NICK MURPHY JR.** 6-0 190 *JC trans in 99. 68 punts here, 38.4 avg. Travis Cloyd (PS#19) 54 punts in HS, solid 45.0 avg. Brian Biang PS#33.*

# ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score ASU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Home team is 12-1-1 ATS in the Oregon St series. Arizona is 15-4 ATS in October since 1995. |
| Aug. 31 | at San Diego St (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Sun Devils are 4-7-1 ATS since 1982 vs current MWC schools. ASU has covered 4 of their last 6 road openers. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | Colorado St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Arizona St is 4-9-2 ATS their last 15 home openers. ASU is just 2-7 ATS in non-conf games the last 3 years. |
| Sep. 23 | Utah St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Strange but true: ASU scored 1st in only 2 of their 12 games in 1999. Jake Plummer's alma mater is just 1-6 ATS the L3Y as a DD fav. |
| Sep. 30 | at UCLA | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ASU is 5-1 both SU & ATS vs the Bruins. The SU winner is 11-1 ATS the last 12 games in this series. |
| Oct. 7 | California | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ASU is 6-2 ATS in this series. Arizona St is 2-8-2 ATS in their first Pac 10 home game. |
| Oct. 14 | Washington | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is a dismal 2-9-1 ATS in this series. Sun Devils are 9-1-1 ATS when hosting an artificial turf team. |
| Oct. 21 | at Washington St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Arizona St is 18-7 ATS in the final 5 gms of the season the L/5Y. Sun Devils are 4-1-1 ATS vs the Cougars. |
| Oct. 28 | Oregon (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ASU is 52-14-3 SU and 5-1-1 ATS in Homecoming games. Sun Devils are 4-1 ATS L/5 vs the Ducks. |
| Nov. 4 | USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ASU is 11-6 ATS their L/17 November games. The home team is 4-1 ATS last 5 games. |
| Nov. 11 | at Stanford | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The avg combined total score is 64.8 ppg for the last 7 meetings. The visitor is 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: The Sun Devils are 3-1 ATS prior to playing Arizona with no bye week involved. |
| Nov. 24 | at Arizona | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ASU is 7-1 ATS L/8 in their final away contest. The visitor has covered 7 of 8 in this Cactus Clash. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: SUN DEVIL STADIUM (73,379)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 3-8 | 6-5 | 11-0 | 8-3 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 45-32 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 4-6-1 | 6-3-2 | 9-1-1 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 7-4 | 41-32-4 |
| Home Fav | 2-3 | 0-2 | 1-1-2 | 5-0-1 | 3-3 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 15-15-3 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-2-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 7-2-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 4-7 |
| Away Dog | 2-1 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 15-8 |
| Favorite | 2-5 | 0-2 | 1-1-2 | 8-1-1 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 2-3 | 19-22-3 |
| Dog | 3-1 | 4-4-1 | 5-2 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 5-1 | 22-10-1 |
| Grass | 5-4 | 3-4-1 | 4-2-2 | 9-0-1 | 5-4 | 3-6 | 5-4 | 34-24-4 |
| Artificial | 0-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 7-8 |
| vs PAC 10 | 4-4 | 3-4-1 | 5-2-1 | 6-1-1 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 6-2 | 33-20-3 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-1-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 8-12-1 |
| Off SU Win | 3-3 | 0-3 | 3-3 | 9-1 | 5-3 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 25-18 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-3 | 4-2-1 | 2-0-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-4 | 4-1 | 13-11-3 |

## Coach: BRUCE SNYDER (Career 120-100-5)
### *Snyder's records AT ARIZONA STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9th Year at Arizona State | | 19-15-3 | Home Favorite |
| 52-39 | Straight Up | 7-4-1 | Home Underdog |
| 48-36-4 | Vs The Spread | 4-7 | Away Favorite |
| 16-11-3 | Off A S/U Loss | 18-10 | Away Underdog |
| 38-23-3 | Vs PAC 10 | 10-13-1 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 86 | Rose | +2' | Michigan | 22-15 | W |
| 87 | Freedom | -6' | Air Force | 33-28 | L |
| 96 | Rose | +2 | Ohio St | 17-20 | L |
| 97 | Sun | +6' | Iowa | 17-7 | W |
| 99 | Aloha | -3 | Wake Forest | 3-23 | L |

# ARIZONA ST (6-6)

CONFERENCE: **PAC 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 47 (20,22,5)**
**Lost: 20 (9,9,2)**

## ARIZONA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 23.8 | 20 | 172 | 4.0 | 218 | 52.6 | 16.4 | -9 | 1999 | 7 | 25.9 | 19 | 166 | 4.3 | 223 | 51.2 | 15.0 |
| 8* | 30.3 | 21 | 153 | 3.7 | 259 | 56.1 | 13.6 | -2 | 1998 | 3 | 30.7 | 21 | 149 | 4.1 | 258 | 52.8 | 13.2 |
| 5 | 27.0 | 19 | 200 | 4.5 | 204 | 51.9 | 15.0 | +8 | 1997 | 5 | 17.5 | 17 | 105 | 2.9 | 221 | 47.1 | 18.6 |
| 9* | 40.6 | 24 | 234 | 4.9 | 240 | 56.3 | 11.7 | +10 | 1996 | 8 | 18.0 | 17 | 101 | 2.8 | 205 | 45.7 | 17.0 |
| 5* | 28.0 | 21 | 184 | 3.9 | 208 | 57.2 | 14.0 | +7 | 1995 | 4 | 30.0 | 22 | 186 | 4.5 | 241 | 55.6 | 14.2 |
| 8* | 22.0 | 18 | 129 | 3.1 | 214 | 54.5 | 15.6 | +1 | 1994 | 7 | 31.5 | 23 | 153 | 3.9 | 288 | 63.2 | 14.0 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Texas Tech | 19 | 45-210 | 4.7 | 13-27 | 179 | 2 | 11 | 33-107 | 3.2 | 9-27 | 139 | 4 | +1 |
| New Mexico St | 14 | 36-116 | 3.2 | 9-29 | 118 | 2 | 23 | 58-363 | 6.3 | 10-20 | 205 | 2 | -4 |
| at California | 24 | 50-196 | 3.9 | 17-33 | 279 | 5 | 19 | 33-50 | 1.5 | 17-32 | 213 | 4 | -1 |
| UCLA | 18 | 41-173 | 4.2 | 21-38 | 239 | 5 | 18 | 34-191 | 5.6 | 15-41 | 235 | 1 | +2 |
| at Notre Dame | 24 | 40-164 | 4.1 | 24-39 | 263 | 1 | 18 | 47-227 | 4.8 | 10-17 | 223 | 2 | -6 |
| at Washington | 19 | 41-158 | 3.9 | 16-29 | 215 | 0 | 17 | 42-153 | 3.6 | 19-26 | 206 | 4 | +4 |
| Washington St | 25 | 48-217 | 4.5 | 20-34 | 203 | 1 | 18 | 35-150 | 4.3 | 15-30 | 141 | 3 | -1 |
| at Oregon | 20 | 42-213 | 5.1 | 11-27 | 152 | 2 | 29 | 45-220 | 4.9 | 21-47 | 282 | 1 | +1 |
| at USC | 21 | 49-213 | 4.3 | 18-29 | 223 | 1 | 17 | 25-105 | 4.2 | 27-48 | 239 | 0 | +1 |
| Stanford | 26 | 38-85 | 2.2 | 25-53 | 340 | 5 | 18 | 40-88 | 2.2 | 20-37 | 311 | 0 | -5 |
| Arizona | 24 | 50-226 | 4.5 | 15-24 | 332 | 3 | 22 | 27-175 | 6.5 | 21-38 | 293 | 1 | 0 |
| Wake Forest (Bowl) | 11 | 36-94 | 2.6 | 15-26 | 70 | 8 | 15 | 48-162 | 3.4 | 13-22 | 188 | 3 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 245 | 516-2065 | 4.0 | 204-388 | 2613 | 35 | 225 | 467-1991 | 4.3 | 197-385 | 2675 | 25 | -9 |
| AVERAGES | 20.4 | 43-172 | 4.0 | 17-32 | 218 | 2.9 | 18.8 | 39-166 | 4.3 | 16-32 | 223 | 2.1 | -0.8 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Washington | +12' | 20-23 | W |
| UTEP | -25 | 45-20 | T |
| at Nebraska | +27 | 28-77 | L |
| Oregon St | -9 | 20-11 | T |
| at USC | +20 | 0-31 | L |
| Stanford | +3' | 28-30 | W |
| BYU | -1 | 29-21 | W |
| at Oregon | +13 | 35-24 | W |
| UCLA | +6' | 37-33 | W |
| at California | +1 | 38-29 | W |
| Arizona | -3' | 28-31 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | -3 | 45-42 | T |
| N Texas | -33 | 52-7 | W |
| Nebraska | +25 | 19-0 | W |
| Oregon | -12' | 48-27 | W |
| Boise St | -38 | 56-7 | W |
| at UCLA | -4' | 42-34 | W |
| USC | -6 | 48-35 | W |
| at Stanford | -14 | 41-9 | W |
| at Oregon St | -23' | 29-14 | L |
| California | -15 | 35-7 | W |
| at Arizona | -7' | 56-14 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Mexico St | -39' | 41-10 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +9' | 23-12 | W |
| BYU | -8' | 10-13 | L |
| at Oregon St | -11 | 13-10 | L |
| at Washington | +15 | 14-26 | W |
| USC | -2' | 35-7 | W |
| at Stanford | +1' | 31-14 | W |
| Washington St | -3' | 44-31 | W |
| at California | -11 | 28-21 | L |
| Oregon | -9' | 52-31 | W |
| Arizona | -9 | 16-28 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | -6 | 38-42 | L |
| at BYU | -6' | 6-26 | L |
| N Texas | -37 | 34-15 | L |
| Oregon St | -10' | 24-3 | W |
| at USC | +3' | 24-35 | L |
| Notre Dame | -3' | 9-28 | L |
| Stanford | -15' | 44-38 | L |
| at Washington St | -6' | 38-28 | W |
| California | -5' | 55-22 | W |
| at Oregon | +8' | 19-51 | L |
| at Arizona | +11' | 42-50 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Texas Tech | -6' | 31-13 | W |
| New Mexico St | -25' | 7-35 | L |
| at California | -1' | 23-24 | L |
| UCLA | +1' | 28-27 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +12' | 17-48 | L |
| at Washington | +10 | 28-7 | W |
| Washington St | -7' | 33-21 | W |
| at Oregon | +7' | 17-20 | W |
| at USC | +6 | 26-16 | W |
| Stanford | -2' | 30-50 | L |
| Arizona | +1' | 42-27 | W |

# ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Clint Stoerner wrapped up his career after starting for three seasons and breaking all of QB Coach Joe Ferguson's school records. Stoerner threw for over 7,500 yards in his career. After having 2,861 yards (52%) with a super 28-10 ratio in 98, Stoerner injured his shoulder last year, and it clearly effected his performance. He finished with less yards (2,487) and a poor 10-12 TD/int ratio. Still, a player of his experience will be greatly missed. Nutt has many solid candidates to take over. The two most likely to play are Gary Brashears (PS#7) and Robbie Hampton. Hampton played 4 years of minor league baseball in the Toronto organization and was the 2nd string QB last year with 45 pass attempts and brings maturity to the position. Brashears wasted a redshirt last year playing in just 2 games and spent a good portion of the second half of the year with the scout team. Jared McBride (6-4 190 Jr) was PS#48. Zak Clark (6-2 187 Fr) was PS#35 last year but did not enroll until this year and went through spring practice keeping a "true" frosh status. Nutt would like to redshirt him. I like the talent that Nutt has to choose from at this position but naturally with a first year starter, this unit is weaker.

**RUNNING BACKS** - In 98 RB's Chrys Chukwuma and Madre Hill split the TB duties effectively running for over 1,600 yards. Chukwuma once again split TB duties last year but this time with true frosh Cedric Cobbs. Cobbs probably would have topped 1,000 yards rushing had he not been banged up late in the year, and still led the team with 767 yards (5.9). Chukwuma departs after 10 starts and 548 yards. TB Mike Jenkins rushed for 306 yards and a super 7.8 ypc and he also departs. The Hogs also must replace their top 2 FB's in Marvin Caston (9 sts, 53 yds) and Nathan Norman (3 sts, 47 yds). I expect Cobbs to have a huge sophomore season. Not listed in the two deep below is Andre Ackee (5-11 203 So) who was PS#51 and had 17 yards in 99. Alvin Ray (5-9 191 Jr) has 148 yards in 2 years and Mario Riley (5-6 157 So), who had 165 total yards, is the fastest RB. I like the talent at this position. Nutt considers Cobbs a Heisman contender this year and he should have a huge year even though he missed most of spring with injuries.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year all of the top WR's were back and this year they suffer some big losses. Their top WR was Anthony Lucas who had 11 starts and was 1st tm SEC. He set an Arkansas school record averaging 22.9 ypc and was the #4DC of GB. FL Michael Williams had 10 starts and 30 rec's (10.9). Emanuel Smith (#6DC of JAX) had just 2 starts but was #2 with 33 rec's (10.4). TE Joe Dean Davenport was 2nd tm SEC (12 sts, 23 rec). Those are some big shoes to fill but there is some talent available. Eddie "Boo" Williams, who has the size of Lucas but with 4.5 40 not quite the speed, originally signed with Florida St. Sparky Hamilton was called "our next Lucas" by Nutt and also is a tall, speedy receiver. Michael Snowden redshirted last year and has six career starts and 26 receptions. There are plenty of HT's listed in the 2 deep below. Not listed are George Wilson (6-2 201 rFr) who was PS#114 and Gerald Howard (5-8 179 So) who was PS#204. JC transfer Sam Breeden is as tall as Williams but a little faster. I like the talent of this group but it clearly looks weaker in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This was clearly one of the weak spots of the Hogs coming into last season as they had to replace four senior starters. The starting unit for much of the year consisted of 1 Sr, 3 So's and 1 Fr. They also had a 2nd string that consisted mostly of very talented frosh. Naturally four of the five starters return and this group is much more experienced, older and talented. Look for some of those backup frosh to possibly take over starting jobs. Amazingly last year's offensive line led the SEC in fewest QB sacks allowed with 14 and 5 of those came in one game. Gone from last year are RT Bobby Williams (#2DC of PHI, 12 sts, 2nd tm SEC) and RG Jeremiah Washburn (4 sts). This is a very deep and talented unit that is light years ahead of the 99 version in terms of experience and should pave the way for a more potent rush attack.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - This was a young group last year having to replace 3 starters and a top backup. This year they only lose one starter in DT DJ Cooper (12 sts, 6 sks, Def MVP of Bowl) and backup DT Chris Brooks (23 tkls, 4 tfl). Everyone else is back with plenty of HT's in the group. This unit is not overly large by SEC standards but is clearly more experienced and should be improved in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Hogs play a 4-2-5 defense under Houston Nutt but for simplicity sake I include the Bandit, who is more of a safety type, as the third LB. Last year they returned all 3 starters but one starter, JJ Jones, was lost after the second game and took a medical redshirt. This year they lose Bandit Jeromy Flowers (12 sts, 10 tfl) and MLB Jamel Harris (12 sts, 82 tkls, 9 tfl) as well as backup WLB DeLancey Kent (41 tkls). Quentin Caver leads the team in career tfl and had a great bowl game. He returns as does JJ Jones but the rest of the unit has little experience. It wouldn't surprise me to see true frosh Carlton Baker work his way into serious playing time, and even with the return of Jones, this unit looks weaker.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Hogs ranked #23 in my pass efficiency defense ratings in 98 and last year had 2 starters returning but dropped to #46 as they allowed 202.5 ypg passing (53.8%) with a 12-12 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are FS Kenoy Kennedy (12 sts, 3 int's, 10 pbu, 2nd tm SEC, #2DC of DEN), SS Ontraia Moss (11 sts, 7 tfl) and CB David Barrett (12 sts, 2nd tm SEC, 3 int's, 7 pbu, #4DC of AZ). Harris and Green split one CB job last year and both return. Nutt has some talented players in the two deep below including true frosh Richardson who could contend for a starter's job. This looks like a decent unit but is not overwhelming and looks a little weaker.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This has really been a weak unit for the Hogs. Over the six years in which I've done my special teams rankings, they have ranked in the lower half each and every year and have been just #96 and #95 the last two seasons. They used 2 P's last year as true frosh Richie Butler got banged up late in the season. Chris Akin filled in with 24 punts. Each averaged 40.0 per punt but the net was just 34.1 and you can expect that to improve this season. Their top PR is gone but he averaged just 5.8 and top KR Cobbs is back after having a nifty 25.2 average. They must replace K Tony Dodson who hit a solid 14 of 20 with a long of 48 but have 3 HT's on the roster. With all the talent Nutt has been recruiting, this unit can only go one way and that is up in the rankings and true frosh K Brennan O'Donohoe will probably see time immediately.

RB Cedric Cobbs will hog the spotlight after splitting carries as a frosh.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cedric Cobbs** | **131** | **807** | **41** | **767** | **4** | **5.9** |
| Chrys Chukwuma | 137 | 576 | 28 | 548 | 8 | 4.0 |
| Mike Jenkins | 39 | 312 | 6 | 306 | 4 | 7.8 |
| Clint Stoerner | 29 | 55 | -129 | -74 | 2 | -4.4 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| Clint Stoerner | 340 | 189 | 55.6 | 2487 | 20 | 12 |
| **Robby Hampton** | **45** | **25** | **55.6** | **267** | **2** | **3** |
| **RECEIVING** | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TDS** | **LONG** | |
| Anthony Lucas | 38 | 869 | 22.9 | 5 | 70 | |
| Emanuel Smith | 33 | 342 | 10.4 | 1 | 38 | |
| **Boo Williams** | **30** | **431** | **14.4** | **4** | **53** | |
| Michael Williams | 30 | 326 | 10.9 | 1 | 46 | |
| J.D. Davenport | 23 | 252 | 10.9 | 5 | 27 | |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** **In20** |
| **Richie Butler** | **30** | **1199** | **40.0** | **-** | **-** | **1** **7** |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| Tony Dodson | 6-6 | 1-4 | 7-9 | 0-1 | 14-20 | 48 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kenoy Kennedy | 105 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 3 |
| Jamel Harris | 82 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| **Quenton Caver** | **75** | **3** | **9** | **4** | **0** |
| Jeromy Flowers | 61 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| D.J. Cooper | 57 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| **Randy Garner** | **54** | **6** | **14** | **1** | **1** |
| David Barrett | 53 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 |
| Ontraia Moss | 52 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Orlando Green** | **43** | **1** | **1** | **7** | **1** |
| Delancey Kent | 41 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Jeremiah Harper** | **39** | **5** | **7** | **2** | **0** |
| **Carlos Hall** | **30** | **4** | **6** | **2** | **0** |
| **Curt Davis** | **27** | **1** | **3** | **1** | **0** |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | |
| Rossi Morreale | 15 | 87 | 5.8 | 0 | |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | |
| **Cedric Cobbs** | **14** | **353** | **25.2** | **1** | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT SMU -14 26-0 WIN** 51,019, the largest crowd to see SMU at the Cotton Bowl since 1978. UA had just a 15-13 FD edge. SMU had 35 yds rushing on 37 carries & hit 14 of 35 passes. UA had 28, 70, 53 & 63 yd TD plays to lead 19-0 at half & 26-0 after 3Q's. Stoerner hit just 13 of 30. UA limited SMU to just 6 snaps beyond midfield.

**UL MONROE -35 44-6 WIN** UA was not as dominant as the final indicates but they did have a 324-197 yd edge. ULM had 1 more FD. UA got a 71 yd TD drive. ULM missed a 39 yd FG. UA drove 40 yds for a TD & added a 44 yd FG. At the half UA had a 200-71 yd edge, 17-0. Special teams mistakes turned it into a blowout. After a bad snap on a punt, UA drove 5 yds for a TD. Foll a 14 yd punt, they got a 42 yd FG & foll a blk'd punt drove 52 yds for a TD, 34-0 after 3Q's. ULM got a 33 yd TD run but UA added a 27 yd fmbl ret for a TD. UA added a 19 yd FG late.

**AT ALABAMA -2 26-35 LOSS** I used Alabama as the Sept 5★ & they had a 22-14 FD edge & won despite 6 TO's. Ark got a 34 yd TD drive after an int. Bama drove 80 yds for a TD. Ark got a 36 yd FG after an int at the 17. Bama was int'd at the Ark 8. Bama drove 80 yds for a TD. Bama missed a 47 yd FG & Ark got a 40 yd FG with 4:09 left, 14-13. 3Q, Bama drove 66 yds for a TD, 21-13. Ark got a 41 yd fmbl ret for a TD, 21-21. Bama drove 66 yds for a TD. Ark was SOD & Bama drove 92 yds for a TD. Ark drove 21 yds for a TD after a fmbl. Ark took over with 1:26 left. On 4th & 20 a pen gave them a FD but their Hail Mary was inc.

**AT KENTUCKY -8' 20-31 LOSS** UK got an 80 yd TD drive & 14 yd TD drive foll a fmbl & drove 82 yds for a TD, 21-0. Stoerner was int'd, UK was SOD & Hampton came in at QB. He guided the Hogs 65 yds for a TD, 21-6 at half. UA had a 33 yd 3Q FG blk'd. UK drove 80 yds for a TD. On UK's next 2 poss, fmbl calls, which Mumme protested & TV replays showed were inaccurate, gave UA poss at the UK 24 & 40. UA got a TD on the 1st but were SOD on the 2nd. UK was SOD but UA was int'd 2 plays later. UK got a 42 yd FG, 31-14. Stoerner ret'd & drove UA 80 yds for a TD but UK rec'd the onsides kick.

**MID TENN ST -35' 58-6 WIN** UA came in off a pair of losses & needed a confidence builder & got it. Cobbs ret'd the opening KO 95 yds for a TD. UA had a 560-173 yd edge & MT also had 5 TO's. Jenkins led UA in rushing with 124 yds & Stoerner got some critics off his back hitting 10 of 12. UA led 21-0 after 1Q & 44-0 with a 333-76 yd edge at half.

**S CAROLINA -22' 48-14 WIN** Holtz shockingly started walk-on QB Sides who had just 1 comp & 2 int's on his first 10 passes. UA scored on their 1st 4 poss (2 set up by int's), 31-7 at half. SC did not make a FD until they trailed by 17. The 1st 3:30 of the 2H was a comedy of errors as there were 6 TO's on 10 plays. The Hogs got the best of it with a 36 yd fmbl ret for a TD. SC trailing 48-7 got a late garbage TD.

**AUBURN -7' 34-10 WIN** Heavy rain throughout. Ark opened with a pair of 80 yd TD drives, 14-0. Ark was stopped on a fake punt & Aub got 2 FD's to the Hog 22 but Leard was inj'd. Aub missed a 46 yd FG. Ark got 44 & 40 yd FG's & Aub got a 47 yd FG, 20-3 at half. Ark had a 283-91 yd edge. Ark went 30 & 61 yds for TD's on its 1st 2 poss of the 3Q & Hampton replaced Stoerner at QB. Aub got a 53 yd drive for a TD with 7:04 left but got no closer.

**AT MISSISSIPPI -1 16-38 LOSS** McAllister had 317 all-purpose yds. He ret'd the opening KO 100 yds for a TD. UM got a 78 yd TD pass on its 3rd poss. UA got a 40 yd FG but UM answered with a 74 yd TD drive & got a 40 yd run by McAllister after an int. It was 31-3 at half & UM had a 267-100 yd edge. UA had a 3-0 TO deficit. UA was int'd & SOD at the Ole Miss 7 in the 3Q. UA drove 63 yds for a 4Q TD but UM got a 1 yd TD drive foll an int. UA got an 80 yd TD drive but Ole Miss ran out the clock.

**TENNESSEE +8 28-24 WIN** I used a 4★ Late Phone Selection on UA. UA DB Barrett ret'd an int 43 yds for a TD, 7-0. UT got a 43 yd FG and drove 30 yds for a TD after a fmbl'd punt, 10-7. UA drove 72 yds for a TD & UT drove 80 yds for a TD. UT drove to the UA 13 but a sk forced a punt. At half UT led 17-14 & had a 17-6 FD edge. UT drove 45 yds for a TD foll an int mid 3Q. UA drove 72 yds for a TD. UT fmbl'd at the UA 20 late 3Q. After 3 punts, UA drove 80 yds for a TD with 3:44 left. UT got to the UA 17 but was SOD.

**MISSISSIPPI ST -7 14-9 LOSS** MS had a 315-264 yd edge. MS got a 35 yd FG & UA missed a 35 yd'r. MS missed a 49 yd FG in the 2Q. UA drove 72 yds for a TD with :21 left, 7-3. MS got a 42 yd FG late 3Q. UA got a 43 yd pass to set up a Cobb 3 yd TD run. MS settled for a 24 yd FG w/6:37 left. MS's final drive was SOD at the Hog 21.

**AT LSU -11 10-35 LOSS** UA was off 2 big home victories & DiNardo was pushed out the week prior. UA had a 10-5 FD edge in the 1H but missed a 43 yd FG. They got a 26 yd FG foll an LSU fmbl. Davey drove LSU 28 yds for a TD foll a 22 yd PR and then got a 67 yd TD pass, 14-3. LSU got an int & 2 plays later a 48 yd TD pass with just :26 left, 21-3. LSU opened the 3Q with a 64 yd TD drive. UA got a 65 yd TD drive & LSU fmbl'd at the UA 16. Davey hit a 60 yd TD pass mid 4Q & UA's last threat was int'd in the EZ.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Houston Nutt has done a tremendous job bringing enthusiasm back to the Razorback program. He inherited a very talented squad from Danny Ford and finally got the underachieving team to live up to its potential. Under Nutt the Hogs have been to a pair of January 1 bowl games, including last year's dominating Cotton Bowl victory over Texas. The defensive staff has been greatly upgraded this offseason as they bring in super coordinator John Thompson from Memphis to be co-DC and also Defensive Line Coach Bill Johnson, who had spent the last 8 years coaching Texas A&M's DL. The Hogs lose 22 seniors from last year's group including 13 starters and they have just 8 scholarship seniors on the roster making this Nutt's least experienced group. Arkansas is an incredible 12-0 SU at home under Nutt including knocking off the defending National Champ (Tenn) last year. Even though this looks like a rebuilding year, they have 7 home games including a very soft non-conference slate. I project Nutt's first home loss to come this year and it's possible the Hogs could even drop a couple. However, he has done a great job recruiting and this team has enough talent to flirt with another winning season even in an obvious rebuilding year.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Lawrence Richardson 5-11 170 PS#6 |
| DB | Bo Mosley 5-10 165 PS#35 |
| LB | Carlton Baker 6-2 215 PS#40 |
| DL | Jason Peters 6-5 275 PS#51 |
| DL | Arrion Dixon 6-4 250 PS#52 |
| DL | Jayson Johnson 6-3 270 PS#57 |
| K | Brennan O'Donohoe 6-0 215 PS#7 |
| RB | Radale Pearson 5-8 180 PS#98 |
| OL | Brian Hill 6-6 297 PS#89 |
| LB | Shane Collins 6-2 200 PS#90 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Gary Brashears So.** 6-5 219 *PS#7 in 99. 7 pass att as true. Robbie Hampton (6-2 224 So) played MLB with Toronto. 267 yds (56%). 2-3 ratio as "frosh" ly.*
**RB CEDRIC COBBS SO.** 6-2 220 *PS#5RB in 99. 2 sts as true but #1 w/ 767 yds (5.9). 12 rec (7.5). Fred Talley (5-10 175 So) was PS#90, 4.3 speed.*
**FB Adam Daily So.** 6-1 251 *PS#199RB. 5 yds in 11 gms as rFr. Rod Stinson (5-9 204 Sr) PS#83DB. Scott Summers (6-1 269 So) PS#48RB.*
**WR Eddie "Boo" Williams Sr.** 6-4 235 *PS#48JC. Missed 3-acad. 30 rec (14.4) in L/9. Sparky Hamilton (6-4 207 So) PS#41 ly, 8 rec (11.8) as true. Corey Muldrew (6-2 210 So) PS#43.*
**WR Michael Snowden Sr.** 6-3 212 *6 sts, 26 rec, 3 yrs. Richard Smith (5-11 174 rFr) PS#42. Sam Breeden (6-4 220 Jr) PS#99JC, 4.4 speed.*
**TE Jonathan Strain rFr.** 6-3 253 *PS#35TE in 99. Marcellus Poydras (6-4 254 So) had 3 rec in 11 gms. Cameron Glenn (6-5 268 rFr) was PS#72.*
**C JOSH MELTON SO.** 6-4 302 *PS#75 in 98. Started L/8 at C as rFr. Scott Davenport (6-2 303 rFr) PS#149. Fr OL Award. David Turner PS#84DL.*
**RG KENNY SANDLIN SO.** 6-3 324 *PS#132. Backup as rFr. 12 starts in 99(4 at C & 8 at RG), 2 letters. Jim Peters (6-3 288 rFr) is PS#79 OL.*
**LG LA'ZERIUS WHITE JR.** 6-4 320 *PS#176. 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts at LG in 99. Nathan Ball (6-4 292 So) PS#82, 1 st as only true frosh OL to play.*
**RT John Geitner Sr.** 6-5 307 *PS#69JC, 2nd string here in 99. Gary Hobbs (6-6 314 So) PS#90, 1 letter. Brett Shockley (6-8 335 Sr) PS#110.*
**LT Shannon Money Jr.** 6-4 308 *PS#142, 11 sts at LT in 99! Mark Bokermann (6-5 308 rFr) PS#38. Bo Lacy (6-4 289 rFr) is PS#144OL.*
**K Brennan O'Donohoe Fr.** 6-0 215 *PS#7K. 9 of 16 FG's in HS, long of 49, 43 of 62 KO's not ret'd in HS ly. Matt Swartz & Eric Parks will also contend for job.*

**DE RANDY GARNER SR.** 6-4 272 *PS#92. 8 sts, 4 tfl in 97. 12 sts, 58 tkls, 10 tfl in 98. 12 sts, **19.5 tfl** in 99. Raymond House (6-3 254 So) PS#123.*
**DT Jermaine Brooks So.** 6-3 278 *PS#13, 2 tfl as true (til inj) & med RS. 6 tfl ly. Sacha Lancaster (6-2 277 Jr) PS#58, 5 sks in 98. 3 sts in 99, 24 tkls, 4 tfl.*
**NG CURT DAVIS JR.** 6-3 290 *PS#125. 3 tkls as rFr. 12 sts ly, 27 tkls, 4 tfl. Pervis Osborne (6-4 272 So) PS#250, 2 tkls in 99, big spg.*
**DE CARLOS HALL JR.** 6-4 253 *PS#101. 3 sts in 98, 11 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 30 tkls, 10 tfl. Jermaine Petty (6-3 255 Jr) PS#84JC, 26 tkls, 10.5 tfl in 99.*
**WLB J.J. Jones Sr.** 6-0 235 *PS#85. 2 sts in 97, 27 tkls. 10 sts in 98, 45 tkls, 4 tfl. 2 sts in 99, 13 tkls, inj. Jim Ed Reed (6-2 218 Sr) PS#108QB.*
**MLB QUENTON CAVER SR.** 6-5 230 *PS#58. 2 sts, 3 tfl in 97. 50 tkls, 11 tfl in 98. 10 sts, 75 tkls, 12 tfl in 99, 4.5 speed! Corey Warren (6-0 234 rFr) PS#226.*
**BAN Jeremiah Harper Sr.** 5-10 187 *39 tkls, 1 pbu in 97. 17 tkls in 98. 1 st, 12 tfl in 99. Ken Hamlin (6-3 199 rFr) PS#241. Carlton Baker is PS#40.*
**CB HAROLD HARRIS JR.** 5-11 194 *PS#45RB. 11 tkls as true. 6 sts, 2 letters, 2 pbu, 3 tfl. Kevin Baker (5-10 159 rFr) PS#135. Shelton Parker PS#105.*
**CB Orlando Green Jr.** 5-10 210 *PS#183. 11 sts in 98, 41 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. 3 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 7 pbu, 2 tfl.* **Lawrence Richardson** *PS#6.*
**SS Jimmy Beasley rFr.** 5-11 183 *PS#133. D'Andre Berry (5-9 180 Jr) 2 sts in 98, 14 tkls, 20 gms in 2 yrs. Eddie Jackson (6-0 186 rFr) PS#48. Practiced at TB in spg.*
**FS Corey Harris Jr.** 5-10 195 *PS#34JC, 9 int's at JC in 98. RS here in 99. Tony Bua (5-11 200 rFr) Physical. Faquan Harris (6-0 210 rFr) PS#178RB.*
**P RICHIE BUTLER SO.** 6-1 222 *PS#49K in 99, 30 punts as true. 40.0 avg. All frosh SEC. Fr Brennan O'Donohoe is PS#7, avg 43.7 in HS ly.*

# ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score Ark | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | SW Missouri St (LR) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | They do not play this year, but Arkansas is 0-5 ATS vs Memphis. Arkansas plays all of their games on grass for a 5th straight season, they are 27-33-2 ATS their L/62 games on grass. Razorbacks are 3-7-1 ATS L/11 vs SMU. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The SMS Bears play in the Gateway conf & were 5-6 SU LY. SW Mo did hold opposing teams to just 3.6 yards per rush LY. |
| Sep. 16 | Boise St (LR) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Razorbacks are 12-20 ATS L/32 lined games in September, but 4-2 L/2Y. Hogs have had Nutt'n but a good time as a HF L/2Y w/a 8-2 ATS mark. |
| Sep. 23 | Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Arkansas is 10-21-1 ATS L/32 after a SU victory. Could apply here: Arkansas is 5-1 ATS L/3Y as a home dog. |
| Sep. 30 | Georgia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the Bama result, Ark is 14-9-1 ATS L/24 SEC games, but were 3-5 LY. Hogs are 2-4 ATS in their 3rd straight home game since 1988. |
| Oct. 7 | UL Monroe | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | AU is 7-18-1 ATS as a DD fav the L/10Y but were 4-1 LY. Razorbacks are 7-17 ATS vs non-SEC foes since 1992 but 3-0 LY. |
| Oct. 14 | at S Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Arkansas is 1-6 ATS in their 1st away game the L/7 seasons. The favorite has covered 6 straight in this series. |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: In 96, 90 & 88 AU also opened with 5 straight home games & travelled for their road opener. They failed to cover each road opener & were 1-2 SU. |
| Oct. 28 | at Auburn | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite a 2-0 mark LY AU is 4-6-1 ATS L/11 after a bye. The home team has covered 6 straight in this series. |
| Nov. 4 | Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Arkansas is 8-4-2 ATS L/14 November games. Hogs are 4-1-1 ATS the last 6 series meetings. |
| Nov. 11 | at Tennessee | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY's win (a 4★ winner for me on my Late Phones) broke a string of 6 consecutive SU losses to the Volunteers. |
| Nov. 18 | at Mississippi St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 7-1 ATS in this series since 1992. Hogs are 9-5 ATS in their final road game since 1986. |
| Nov. 25 | LSU (LR) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Razorbacks are 10-5-1 ATS in home finales since 1984. The favorite is 2-4-1 ATS the L/7Y in this series. |
| | *LR - Little Rock* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**STADIUM: RAZORBACK (73,000) WAR MEMORIAL (LITTLE ROCK) (53,645)**
**PLAYING SURFACES: GRASS**

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-5-1 | 4-7 | 8-4 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 9-2 | 7-4 | 41-35-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 3-8 | 5-7 | 3-7-1 | 5-5-1 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 34-41-2 |
| Home Fav | 1-2 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 4-1 | 4-1 | 15-13 |
| Home Dog | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-2-1 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 8-6-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 1-4 | 4-11 |
| Away Dog | 2-2 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 2-1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 7-11-1 |
| Favorite | 1-3 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 2-2 | 0-3 | 5-4 | 5-5 | 19-24 |
| Dog | 4-3 | 0-5 | 2-3 | 1-5-1 | 5-2-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 15-17-2 |
| Grass | 2-1 | 1-6 | 4-6 | 3-7-1 | 5-5-1 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 28-34-2 |
| Artificial | 3-5 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6-7 |
| vs SEC | 4-4 | 2-6 | 5-4 | 2-5-1 | 5-2-1 | 6-2 | 3-5 | 27-27-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 7-14 |
| Off SU Win | 3-1 | 0-4 | 3-5 | 0-4 | 1-3 | 6-2 | 3-4 | 16-23 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-4 | 2-4 | 2-1 | 3-3 | 4-1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 15-14-1 |

**Coach: HOUSTON NUTT** (Career 53-29)
***Nutt's records AT ARKANSAS***

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year at Arkansas | | 8-2 | Home Favorite |
| 17-7 | Straight Up | 2-0 | Home Underdog |
| 13-9 | Vs The Spread | 2-7 | Away Favorite |
| 3-2 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-0 | Away Underdog |
| 9-7 | Vs SEC | 4-2 | Vs Non-SEC |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | Cotton | -2 | Tennessee | 27-31 | L |
| 91 | Independence | +7 | Georgia | 15-24 | L |
| 95 | Carquest | +2 | N Carolina | 10-20 | L |
| 98 | Citrus | +3 | Michigan | 31-45 | L |
| 99 | Cotton | +5' | Texas | 27-6 | W |

# ARKANSAS (8-4)

*CONFERENCE:* **SEC WEST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 4** **Returning: 32 (15,14,3)**
**DEFENSE: 5** **Lost: 28 (15,10,3)**

## ARKANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 29.4 | 18 | 141 | 4.3 | 231 | 54.8 | 12.6 | +5 | 1999 | 7 | 17.8 | 17 | 92 | 2.7 | 203 | 53.8 | 16.5 |
| 10* | 32.5 | 20 | 148 | 3.8 | 242 | 51.5 | 12.0 | +12 | 1998 | 9 | 18.9 | 18 | 105 | 2.9 | 213 | 52.5 | 16.8 |
| 6 | 16.5 | 15 | 57 | 1.8 | 216 | 47.8 | 16.6 | -6 | 1997 | 7 | 25.8 | 19 | 132 | 3.5 | 219 | 54.6 | 13.6 |
| 7 | 15.8 | 18 | 154 | 3.5 | 143 | 48.3 | 18.8 | -5 | 1996 | 4 | 24.3 | 18 | 103 | 3.0 | 228 | 55.4 | 13.6 |
| 7 | 21.8 | 19 | 155 | 3.4 | 187 | 59.4 | 15.7 | +6 | 1995 | 4 | 21.7 | 20 | 115 | 3.2 | 218 | 55.6 | 15.3 |
| 6* | 19.3 | 18 | 170 | 3.6 | 163 | 53.0 | 17.3 | -8 | 1994 | 5 | 19.4 | 17 | 149 | 3.8 | 174 | 54.3 | 16.7 |

**1999 STATS BY GAME**

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at SMU | 15 | 35-122 | 3.5 | 14-33 | 266 | 3 | 13 | 37-35 | 0.9 | 14-35 | 140 | 5 | 0 |
| UL Monroe | 12 | 34-117 | 3.4 | 12-22 | 207 | 1 | 13 | 40-51 | 1.3 | 16-25 | 146 | 5 | +2 |
| at Alabama | 14 | 20-64 | 3.2 | 24-53 | 316 | 1 | 22 | 49-193 | 3.9 | 15-27 | 301 | 4 | +5 |
| at Kentucky | 22 | 30-97 | 3.2 | 25-49 | 218 | 0 | 18 | 38-91 | 2.4 | 19-31 | 252 | 3 | -1 |
| Mid Tenn St | 25 | 49-333 | 6.8 | 19-25 | 227 | 1 | 15 | 19-37 | 1.9 | 18-34 | 136 | 3 | +5 |
| S Carolina | 20 | 37-171 | 4.6 | 14-19 | 175 | 1 | 14 | 41-102 | 2.5 | 10-31 | 78 | 6 | 0 |
| Auburn | 22 | 41-175 | 4.3 | 20-30 | 254 | 0 | 11 | 27-80 | 3.0 | 17-30 | 115 | 0 | 0 |
| at Mississippi | 16 | 26-106 | 4.1 | 15-34 | 211 | 5 | 18 | 43-159 | 3.7 | 12-23 | 232 | 1 | -3 |
| Tennessee | 18 | 30-144 | 4.8 | 18-28 | 228 | 0 | 29 | 39-169 | 4.3 | 22-44 | 311 | 4 | 0 |
| Mississippi St | 16 | 29-80 | 2.8 | 19-34 | 184 | 0 | 18 | 28-75 | 2.7 | 23-42 | 240 | 3 | 0 |
| at LSU | 21 | 32-97 | 3.0 | 24-44 | 290 | 2 | 16 | 31-144 | 4.6 | 14-18 | 267 | 2 | -1 |
| Texas (Bowl) | 17 | 36-191 | 5.3 | 12-23 | 194 | 3 | 14 | 25-(-27) | -1.1 | 24-39 | 212 | 8 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 218 | 399-1697 | 4.3 | 216-394 | 2770 | 17 | 201 | 417-1109 | 2.7 | 204-379 | 2430 | 44 | +5 |
| AVERAGES | 18.2 | 33-141 | 4.3 | 18-33 | 231 | 1.4 | 16.8 | 35-92 | 2.7 | 17-32 | 203 | 3.7 | 0.4 |

**1995 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at SMU | -8 | 14-17 | L |
| S Carolina | -2 | 51-21 | W |
| at Alabama | +7' | 20-19 | W |
| Memphis | -10' | 27-20 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | -8' | 35-7 | W |
| Tennessee | +7 | 31-49 | L |
| † Mississippi | -6 | 13-6 | W |
| Auburn | +6 | 30-28 | W |
| Mississippi St | -11' | 26-21 | L |
| SW Louisiana | -20 | 24-13 | L |
| at LSU | +3 | 0-28 | L |
| † Florida | +24' | 3-34 | L |

**1996 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| SMU | -12 | 10-23 | L |
| Alabama | +8' | 7-17 | L |
| NE Louisiana | -22 | 38-21 | L |
| Florida | +32 | 7-42 | L |
| Louisiana Tech | -12 | 38-21 | W |
| at S Carolina | +5 | 17-23 | L |
| at Auburn | +16 | 7-28 | L |
| Mississippi | -5 | 13-7 | W |
| at Tennessee | +25 | 14-55 | L |
| at Mississippi St | +6 | 16-13 | W |
| LSU | +10 | 7-17 | T |

**1997 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| NE Louisiana | -22 | 28-16 | L |
| at SMU | -6' | 9-31 | L |
| at Alabama | +19' | 17-16 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | -11 | 17-13 | L |
| at Florida | +36 | 7-56 | L |
| S Carolina | +1' | 13-39 | L |
| Auburn | +16' | 21-26 | W |
| at Mississippi | +10 | 9-19 | T |
| Tennessee | +25 | 22-30 | W |
| Mississipppi St | +5' | 17-7 | W |
| at LSU | +19 | 21-31 | W |

**1998 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| SW Louisiana | -32 | 38-17 | L |
| SMU | -9 | 44-17 | W |
| Alabama | +3 | 42-6 | W |
| Kentucky | -4 | 27-20 | W |
| at Memphis | -17' | 23-9 | L |
| at S Carolina | -7 | 41-28 | W |
| at Auburn | -3' | 24-21 | L |
| Mississippi | -9 | 34-0 | W |
| at Tennessee | +9 | 24-28 | W |
| at Mississippi St | -3 | 21-22 | L |
| LSU | -6' | 41-14 | W |

**1999 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at SMU | -14 | 26-0 | W |
| UL Monroe | -35 | 44-6 | W |
| at Alabama | -2 | 28-35 | L |
| at Kentucky | -8' | 20-31 | L |
| Mid Tenn St | -35' | 58-6 | W |
| S Carolina | -22' | 48-14 | W |
| Auburn | -7' | 34-10 | W |
| at Mississippi | -1 | 16-38 | L |
| Tennessee | +8 | 28-24 | W |
| Mississippi St | -7 | 14-9 | L |
| at LSU | -11 | 10-35 | L |

# ARMY CADETS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - With the drastic change on offense this year, Army's QB needs to be more of a passer than a runner. Even though starter Joe Gerena is back (PS#217), there is a new head coach and a new offense so anyone could emerge as the starter. Gerena has thrown for 1,024 yards in 2 years completing 43% with 977 yards rushing. Chad Jenkins (5-11 179 Jr) is more of an option QB with lightning quick speed. He does have solid passing skills and pushed Gerena all spring for the top job. He had 2 starts last year due to injury and threw for 145 yards and rushed for 187. There is a chance that Berry could bring in a true frosh (Cadets do not release frosh info at the time of this writing) to pilot the offense. Two others in the mix are Curtis Zervic (6-4 200 Jr), who was PS#199, and Matt Sotcan (6-2 181 So). Everyone is back this year and even though they are learning a new offense, this position will be improved and clearly the passing statistics that this unit puts up will dwarf last year's numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Under the Sutton regime, the Cadets usually graduated most of their top RB's as Sutton liked to rely on seniors. Last year the Cadets had one starter returning having to replace their top three RB's from 98. With the change of offense in the two deep below I've changed what used to be halfback's (HB) to WR's but I think during the earlier part of the year they will be more like slotbacks. I expect the wishbone to still be implemented for 15 to 25 plays per game during the year and on those plays the "WR's" would be used more like RB's. The majority of the game they will have the normal duties of WR's. The feature back figures to be the FB and Army is solid there as both Michael Wallace and Alton McCallum return. Last year Wallace set an Army record with 269 yards rushing against Louisville and this year the Cadets have had their share of outstanding RB's in their history. They lose HB John Johnson (11 sts, 130 yds), HB Brandan Rooney (8 starts, 472 yds) and HB Vaughn Carpenter (2 sts until torn ACL, 64 yds). While Army's overall rushing numbers should be much weaker this year with more emphasis on the pass, I consider this unit to have more experience and talent than last year. Overall call it an improved and more dangerous group.

**RECEIVERS** - As I mention in the RB write-up, I expect this year's extra WR's to be a little more like SB's, but they will be used for pass catching the majority of the time. I think Omari Thompson has a promising future as a WR as does converted HB Calvin Smith, who is a track star. Last year the Cadets had their 2 starters returning in Grady Jett (4 sts, #1 with 21 rec, 17.0) and TE Shaun Castillo (11 sts, 2nd tm CUSA, solid blocker). Both must be replaced and with the emphasis on the pass, you can expect Berry to move in some players to this position. Even though they lose a couple of solid players, the numbers that the WR's haul in will be drastically improved this year, and they also have added talent.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Cadets usually have to replace the majority of their offensive line each season and even in their dream season of 96, they had to replace 4 starters. Last year they had to replace all but one returning starter but unfortunately Mark Prehar was lost to injury prior to the season so basically Army had 5 new players on the front wall with only 1 senior starter. This is one of the most experienced offensive lines that the Cadets have fielded, but with the shifting of the offense this year they must pick up some new blocking schemes. Last year Sutton actually loaded the backup spots with true frosh and some of them were HT's that will fight for starting jobs this year. With the discipline that is demanded at Army, the unit should pick up on the new schemes quickly and be one of the stronger Cadet fronts in years benefiting from a rare amount of experience.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Cadets had one of their most experienced defensive fronts last year and limited opponents to just 3.9 ypc rushing. This year they do suffer some losses. Gone are DT David Hageman (9 sts, 17 tkls, 4 tfl), DE Brian King (9 sts, 26 tkls, 5 tfl), NG Scott Kozak (11 sts, 37 tkls, 7 tfl) and DT Brian Kavanagh (9 tkls, 2 tfl). Just two players return with starting experience including DE Ron Sporer (13 career starts). This unit lacks the size of most major college D-lines as my Projected Starting Lineup avg's just 6-2 251. This unit has the makings of a decent group and Army usually finds capable DL's but it does look less experienced.

**LINEBACKERS** - Heading into the 1999 season this unit was so deep that Sutton changed the defense from a 5-2 to a 4-3 to get more LB's on the field. Their star LB, Lyle Weaver, is back for his senior year and he is the first Cadet to record consecutive 100 tackle seasons since 1992. Berry is switching the defensive scheme to a 4-4 and moving a couple of safeties into the new LB positions. For simplicity sake, I will list one of the OLB positions as a SS, much like I do with Arkansas and other teams playing the 4-4. This year they must replace MLB Nate Hunterton (11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 6 sks, 9 tfl), OLB Brandon Kelley (3 sts, 36 tkls), ILB Adisa King (1 st, 12 tkls), OLB Will Henderson (4 tkls), OLB Tom Duggan (20 tkls, 1 sk), ILB David McCracken (5 tkls, 1 tfl) and MLB Tom Goettke (7 tkls). Jason Frazier was good enough to get 6 starts as a true frosh, a rarity for the Cadets, and should be even stronger as a sophomore. Despite the losses, with the new players coming in from the safety spots as well as Berry moving in some former QB's & HB's to this unit, it is a very experienced group and one with added talent. I look for the LB corps to be solidly improved in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - As I mentioned above, Army is going to a 4-4-3 alignment but for simplicity sake as I like to list 4 man secondaries, I will call one of the OLB's a SS on the 2 deep below. Derrick Goodwin was the starter at SS last year and is moving into one of the hybrid LB/safety slots this year. The Cadets' pass defense has struggled and one of the main reasons is the fact that they faced the wishbone every day in practice and were rarely able to matchup against passing offenses. That will be corrected with the new offense that Berry is installing, so you can expect improvement in the pass defense rankings. In 97 Army finished #104 and with 3 starters back in 98 they moved up to #96 in my pass defense rankings. Last year they had 2 starters returning and finished #105 allowing 63.8% with a 10-9 ratio. This year they must replace CB Tony Coaxum (11 sts, 55 tkls, 3 tfl), FS Clay Daniels (23 tkls) and FS Brian Zickefoose (11 sts) who moves to OLB. I list the 2 deep below and I like the move of Ben Woodruff to FS as he is a solid athlete who has been competing at QB the last 2 years. Overall this group is at least as experienced as 99 and with the benefit of more practice against a passing offense, I look for improvement in the pass efficiency defense numbers.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Bob Sutton always did a solid job with this unit as in his final four years they ranked #59, #33, #27 and #62 in my rankings. In 97 they had Scot Lord who set an Army record averaging 42.3 ypp. Graham White replaced him the last two years and simply averaged 44.7 and 43.7, leaving as Army's all-time leading P. Those are some big shoes to fill. K Matt Parker also departs after hitting 8 of 14 FG's with a long of 48. Last year's KO man Mullen could win the PK job. The return game looks to be in solid shape as the elusive Omari Thompson is back after leading the Cadets in both KR's and PR's in 99. It's going to be tough to replace both their kicker & punter, and topping last year's #62 finish would be an accomplishment.

QB Joe Gerena prepares to improve his numbers in the new Army offense.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Michael Wallace** | **163** | **900** | **6** | **894** | **10** | **5.5** |
| Brandan Rooney | 83 | 483 | 11 | 472 | 1 | 5.7 |
| **Joe Gerena** | **149** | **580** | **153** | **427** | **7** | **2.9** |
| **Omari Thompson** | **37** | **317** | **22** | **295** | **1** | **8.0** |
| **Alton McCallum** | **48** | **258** | **0** | **258** | **2** | **5.4** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Joe Gerena** | **105** | **42** | **40.0** | **661** | **3** | **4** |
| **Chad Jenkins** | **23** | **10** | **43.5** | **145** | **0** | **3** |
| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG | |
| Grady Jett | 21 | 357 | 17.0 | 1 | 36 | |
| **Omari Thompson** | **8** | **140** | **17.5** | **0** | **42** | |
| Brandan Rooney | 6 | 101 | 16.8 | 1 | 37 | |
| John Johnson | 4 | 46 | 11.5 | 0 | 17 | |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Graham White | 62 | 2711 | 43.7 | - | 36.3 | 0 | 6 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| Matt Parker | 3-3 | 3-3 | 2-6 | 0-2 | 8-14 | 48 | |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nate Hunterton | 123 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| **Lyle Weaver** | **112** | **2** | **7** | **2** | **2** |
| **Derrick Goodwin** | **107** | **3** | **7** | **3** | **0** |
| **Brian Zickefoose** | **91** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **0** |
| **Derick McNally** | **78** | **0** | **5** | **10** | **3** |
| Tony Coaxum | 55 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| **Zac Hurst** | **48** | **7** | **5** | **2** | **1** |
| Scott Kozak | 37 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Brandon Kelley | 36 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Jason Frazier** | **31** | **0** | **5** | **0** | **0** |
| **Ron Sporer** | **29** | **1** | **4** | **2** | **0** |
| Brian King | 26 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| **Brent Dial** | **24** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Omari Thompson** | **9** | **82** | **9.1** | **0** | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Omari Thompson** | **18** | **372** | **20.7** | **0** | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**WAKE FOREST +2' 15-34 LOSS** I used WF as a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep. WF actually had a 320-282 rush edge. WF led 10-3. Army missed a 44 yd FG but hit 2, the 2nd on the 1H's final play. WF drove 82 yds for a TD to open the 3Q & Army answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 17-15 (2 ptng). WF fmbl'd the KO but held Army scoreless. WF was SOD at the Army 29. After an int WF got a 1 play, 46 yd TD run. They added a 62 yd TD drive & a 57 yd drive for a FG.

**AT TULANE +14 28-48 LOSS** TU QB Ramsey had 447 yds passing hitting 34 of 49. Army got a 50 yd TD run, 7-0. TU drove for 3 scores, 17-7. Army was SOD at the 1 but later rec'd a blk'd punt in the EZ for a TD. Tulane added a 40 yd FG w/ :09 left, 20-14. TU opened the 3Q w/ a 77 yd, 3 play drive & a 47 yd fmbl ret for a TD to blow it open, 34-14.

**BALL ST -9' 41-21 WIN** I used Army as a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep & they dominated. Their 1st 3 drives were 70, 69 & 50 yds resulting in 2 TD's & a FG. Leading 17-7, Army ret'd an int 40 yds for a TD. Army extended their lead to 38-7 before BSU got most of their yards & points in garbage time.

**E CAROLINA +11' 14-33 LOSS** EC was off their big upset over Miami, Fla and jumped out to a 9-0 lead on 3 solid drives that saw them settle for FG's. EC had a 163-11 1Q yd edge. EC got a 62 yd TD pass. Army had a 45 yd FG blk'd, 16-0 at half. Army missed a FG in the 3Q. EC added a 48 yd FG but Army drove 77 yds for a TD with 9:33 left, 19-7. EC ret'd a fumble 40 yards for a TD. Army drove 65 yds for a TD, 26-14 with 3:53 left but EC ret'd the onside kick for a TD. Army had a 380-361 yd edge.

**LOUISVILLE (OT) +14 59-52 WIN** This was the Thurs Night game & a super easy winner as I used a 3★ College Totals Play on Over 64. UL had only a couple of days to prepare for Army's complex wishbone. Michael Wallace set an Army single game record with 269 yds on just 19 carries. Army led 45-17 at half with a 374-150 yd edge. UL then went 77 & 76 yds for TD's. They drove 36 yds for a TD foll an int & added an 80 yd drive for a TD with just 1:15 left. Army missed a 57 yd FG on the final play. In OT UL got a TD & Army faced a 4th & 6 but got a 9 yd TD pass. Army got a TD in the 2nd OT & UL was SOD.

**AT S MISSISSIPPI +24' 0-24 WIN** SM's defense held the NCAA's top rushing team to 172 yds on the ground. SM led 14-0 at the half. SM settled for a 21 yd FG in the 3Q & had a 67 yd drive end on an int. They added a 4Q TD & Army never really threatened to score. SM had a lackluster win with a 351-202 yd edge.

**NEW MEXICO ST -6 35-18 WIN** Army drove 22, 66 & 95 yards foll turnovers, 21-0. Army got a 72 yd run by Thompson & led 28-6 at the half. QB Jenkins had his 1st start for Army in place of inj'd Gerena & rushed for 58 yds. Army had a 388-155 yd rushing edge. NMS hit 2 FG's in the 3Q & closed it to 28-18 in the 4Q. Army rec'd the onside kick & got a 25 yd TD run with 2:28 left. Army had 299 yds rushing in the 1H.

**AT AIR FORCE +15 0-28 LOSS** AF dominated at home & Army had just 90 rush yds. Jenkins started in place of Gerena & Army crossed midfield only once & missed a 51 yd FG. AF finished with a 323-100 yd edge, 22-0 at half. AF blew numerous scoring opportunities & only added 27 & 40 yd FG's in the 4Q.

**AT MEMPHIS +12 10-14 WIN** Army moved well vs the aggressive UM def & led 10-7 at the half. UM was int'd at the Army 13. Gerena returned & missed several open deep passes in the 2H hitting just 2 of 9. Army's deepest penetration in the 2H was to the UM 24 as UM went to a less aggressive defense. Early 4Q UM QB Suber came in & led a 69 yd drive. His 4th & 1 QB sneak gave UM the lead & the defense made it stick.

**HOUSTON +4' 14-26 LOSS** UH was in control of this game in the 1H. Sanford ret'd the opening KO 46 yds & he guided a 53 yd, 13 play TD drive, 7-0. Green's 26 yd run capped another long TD drive, 14-0 after 1Q. Army had a 52 yd drive stopped by a fmbl at the UH 30 & UH answered w/ a 30 yd FG, 17-3 at the half. UH added a 38 yd FG. The momentum changed when UH was SOD at the Army 30. Army got a 36 yd pass & Gerena's 5 yd TD run early in the 4Q got the Cadets back in it. Army's next drive also went for a TD. Army's onside kick was rec'd by the Cougars & on the first play Green ripped off a 46 yd TD run to ice it.

**NAVY +7 9-19 LOSS** This was the historic 100th meeting in this tradition rich series. The teams, both comfortable stopping the option, got just 25 combined FD's & 453 combined total yds. Army avg'd just 2.4 ypc. Navy QB Madden got 2 of his 177 rush yds on a 1Q TD run & it was 13-3 Navy at half. The Middies got a 3Q FG & another FG in the 4Q, 19-3. Army closed it to 19-9 when Gerena hit TE Castillo for a 2 yd TD pass on a cross field play on 4th & goal from the 2, but Navy held on from there.

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## PHIL'S FORECAST

Army used to have the most dominant team in college football but those years have long passed. The Cadets have not beaten a Top 20 team since 1972. After having 10 losing seasons out of 11 from 1973-83, Jim Young guided the team to three bowl games from 1985-90 and six winning seasons in that span. Bob Sutton took over as the head coach in 1991 and had one winning season prior to their dream year of 1996 when they went 10-2. Three straight losing seasons since then brings on a new head coach. Todd Berry comes over from Illinois St and says his goal is to throw the ball 35 to 40 times per game. It will probably resemble a spread option pass offense with 3 to 5 step drops and plenty of misdirection still involved. This figures to be a radical change from the landlocked attack they have run through the years. Many times a team making such a switch to a passing offense with option personnel goes through a lot of growing pains. Eventually as the players grasp the system, they will evolve into an offense with one RB and 3 WR's. I do think the defense will be one of their stronger groups in recent years. Not only do they draw 4 road games in CUSA play (out of 7 games) but most of the overall games I view as winnable take place on the road. There are no soft spots on the schedule and this looks like a tough year for the Cadets. Matching last year's 3 win total would be an accomplishment for the new head coach.


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*No incoming Freshmen are available from the Academies as they usually play on the JV teams and rarely play for the Varsity.*

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JOE GERENA SR.** 6-0 208 *PS#217. 11 sts in 2 yrs, 1024 yds (43%), 6-6 ratio, 977 rush. Chad Jenkins (5-11 179 Sr) 2 sts in 99, 145 yds pass (43%), 187 rush.*

**FB MICHAEL WALLACE SR.** 5-11 230 *224 yds (4.6) in 98. 11 sts in 99, 894 yds (5.5) in 99. Alton McCallum (6-0 258 Jr) 258 yds (5.4) ly. Brian Todd (6-0 187 So).*

**WR Calvin Smith Jr.** 5-10 161 *PS#150DB in 98. Patriot League 55m indoor champ, 100m outdoor champ. 209 yds rush (5.4) in 99, JV tm in 98.*

**WR Omari Thompson Jr.** 5-7 162 *JV tm in 98, 1 gm varsity. 295 yds rush in 99, super 8.0 ypc, 8 rec (17.5), 454 return yds. Bo Cliff (5-9 193 Sr).*

**WR Christopher Pestel So.** 5-11 177 *PS#231 in 99. Moved from DB. Brian Bowdish (5-10 180 Sr) 3 rec (9.7) in 99. 4 rec (35.5) in spg gm.*

**TE Michael Schwartz So.** 6-4 267 *PS#100TE & orig at Rice. Clint Dodson (6-3 236 Jr) 1 st in 99, 1 rec (14.0). Added 11 lbs. Harry Kinas (6-2 233 Sr).*

**C BRANDON CALHOUN SR.** 6-1 264 *PS#165LB in 97, JV tm. 2 gms in 98. 11 sts at C in 99. Trent Garmon (6-1 309 So) PS#117 in 99, on varsity as true.*

**RG DUSTIN PLUMADORE JR.** 6-1 295 *PS#358 in 98, JV tm. 11 sts at RG in 99, **2nd tm CUSA**, lettered. Craig Cunningham (6-4 296 So) backup as true.*

**LG JOSH GONZALEZ SR.** 6-1 297 *JV tm in 97. JV & varsity in 98. 11 sts at LG in 99. Aaron Burger (6-3 273 So) PS#256DL in 99, backup as true.*

**RT Paul Henderson Jr.** 6-3 285 *JV & varsity as true. Backup RT in 99 & lettered. Added 15 lbs this year. Jon Green (6-5 296 So) PS#404, added 36 lbs.*

**LT MIKE LARKIN SR.** 6-4 266 *JV tm in 97. 2 tkls, 1 sk on DL in 98. 11 sts at LT in 99, 2 letters. Jon Karpuck (6-4 272 Sr) backup LT in 99 & lettered.*

**K Brendan Mullen Sr.** 5-9 180 *JV tm in both 97 & 98. Did KO's in 99, 9 gms of action, 2 tkls. James Maloney (6-0 200 So). Paul Stelzer (6-4 178 So).*

**DE ZAC HURST SR.** 6-3 246 *JV tm in 97. 1 st in 98, 10 tkls, 1 tfl at SS. 11 sts in 99, 48 tkls, **7 sks**, 5 tfl. Brandon Perdue (6-2 223 Jr) PS#270LB, 1 tkl in 98.*

**DT Chris Curran Jr.** 6-2 255 *PS#229 in 98. 0 tkls in 99. Randy Mitchell (5-9 233 Sr) 4 tkls in 97. 7 tkls, 1 sk in 98. 9 gms in 99, 3 tkls, 1 tfl.*

**DT Paddy Heiliger So.** 6-4 262 *PS#322 in 98. USMA prep in 99. 1 tkl in 99. Travis Ault (6-2 256 Jr) PS#416OL in 98. Mitch O'Reilly (6-0 256 Jr).*

**DE Ron Sporer Sr.** 6-1 242 *PS#309LB in 97. 2 tkls as true. 8 sts, 40 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl in 98. 5 sts in 99, 29 tkls, 4 tfl. Matt Cole (6-1 234 Sr) 8 tkls in 99.*

**ILB LYLE WEAVER SR.** 5-11 240 *11 sts in 98, 118 tkls, 4 sks, 11 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 112 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl, **2nd tm CUSA**. Jesse Waters (6-0 225 Sr) 17 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl ly.*

**ILB JASON FRAZIER SO.** 6-0 226 *6 sts as true! 31 tkls, 5 tfl in 99. BJ Wiley (5-11 221 Jr) PS#349DB in 98. 7 tkls in 99. Joe Martinez (6-0 217 So) PS#299RB.*

**OLB BRIAN ZICKEFOOSE JR.** 5-10 208 *6 gms at HB as true. 11 sts at FS ly. 91 tkls, 1 pbu. Michael Lennox (6-3 222 So) PS#156LB. Kevin Johnson (6-0 236 Jr) PS#156TE.*

**CB Andrew Burke Sr.** 5-6 162 *PS#347. 4 tkls as true. 4 sts at CB in 98. 40 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. 14 tkls in 99. Imani Dupree (6-0 174 Sr) 3 tkls in 3 yrs, 5 PR (8.2).*

**CB DERICK McNALLY SR.** 6-2 192 *6 tkls as true. 11 sts at SS in 98, 65 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. 11 sts at CB in 99, 78 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu, 5 tfl. Brandon Dickens (5-5 163 Jr).*

**SS DERRICK GOODWIN SR.** 5-11 201 *QB on JV in 97. 5 gms in 98. 11 sts at SS in 99, 107 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl, 3 pbu. Shane Radtke (6-1 188 So) PS#158QB in 99.*

**FS Ben Woodruff Jr.** 6-2 199 *QB on JV & varsity in 98. Left leg fracture in 99 & missed year. Moved to FS. Brent Dial (6-0 180 Jr) 24 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu in 99.*

**P Dan MacElroy Jr.** 5-11 191 *Backup P in 99, 0 punts. He and Chris Castelli (5-11 205 So) will battle to replace Graham White who avg'd 43.7 in 99.*

# ARMY CADETS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Cadets are 8-3 ATS L/10Y vs current MAC teams. Black Knights are 7-2 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. Army is 3-7 SU, 3-6 ATS their L/10 vs the Big East. Last year's Army-Louisville game was the first overtime game for either of the two schools. |
| Sep. 2 | at Cincinnati | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Army is 91-16-3 SU in their opener but have lost 3 straight. Black Knights are 1-5-1 ATS in their 1st lined road game. |
| Sep. 9 | Boston College | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cadets are 24-11 ATS as a home dog since 1983. Army is 7-3 ATS in their 1st lined home game. |
| Sep. 16 | at Houston | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Black Knights have lost 21 of 23 SU on grass!!! They are 8-18 ATS on this surface since 1986. |
| Sep. 23 | Memphis | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | If Army is installed as a fav here, it will be their 9th chalk role the L/3Y. Black Knights are 3-6 ATS L3Y as a favorite, but were 2-0 LY. |
| Sep. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | at New Mexico St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cadets are 18-8 ATS L/26 October matchups. Army hosted NMSU LY & won 35-18 as a 6' point home fav. |
| Oct. 14 | at E Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending earlier results TY, Army is 3-9 SU L2Y vs CUSA teams. Also pending earlier results, they have covered 11 of their L/18 vs CUSA teams. |
| Oct. 21 | Tulane | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Home team is 4-0 ATS, 3-1 SU in this short series. Army is 9-5-1 ATS L/15 prior to a bye week(s). |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | Air Force | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cadets are 3-11 ATS L/14 games after a bye week(s). The home team is 8-1 & 14-2 ATS in this series. |
| Nov. 11 | at Louisville | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Army is 3-6 ATS L/9 road finales. The SU winner is 4-0 ATS in the series, a "NL" in 1983. |
| Nov. 18 | Alabama-Birm | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Black Knights are 4-3 SU, 3-1 ATS in home finales. Coming into this season, Army was 13-24 ATS in Nov & Dec S/89. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 2 | † Navy (Baltimore) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Army is 8-4 SU but just 3-9 ATS in this rivalry. The favorite has covered just 4 of the last 12 meetings. |

## STADIUM: MICHIE STADIUM (39,929)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 4-7 | 5-5-1 | 10-1 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 3-8 | 35-41-1 |
| ATS | 3-4 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 7-2-1 | 2-7 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 32-31-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 6-6 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 12-7 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-0-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 3-5-1 |
| Away Dog | 0-3 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 11-13 |
| Favorite | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 5-1-1 | 1-4 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 9-11-1 |
| Dog | 2-3 | 4-2 | 5-2 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 6-3 | 3-6 | 23-20 |
| Grass | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 7-9 |
| Artificial | 3-2 | 3-2 | 5-2 | 6-2-1 | 2-5 | 3-3 | 3-5 | 25-21-1 |
| vs CUSA | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 9-7 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-4 | 3-4 | 5-2 | 6-2-1 | 2-6 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 23-24-1 |
| Off SU Win | 3-1 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 5-2-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 12-12-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-3 | 4-3 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 1-4 | 5-3 | 4-3 | 18-17 |

## Coach: TODD BERRY (Career 24-24)
### *Berry's records AT ARMY*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year at Army | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 0-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs CUSA | 0-0 | Vs Non-CUSA |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 84 | Cherry | +4 | Michigan St | 10-6 | W |
| 85 | Peach | +6' | Illinois | 31-29 | W |
| 88 | Sun | +14 | Alabama | 28-29 | W |
| 96 | Independence | +7' | Auburn | 29-32 | W |

# ARMY (3-8)

CONFERENCE: **USA**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 6***
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 31 (14,15,2)**
**Lost: 24 (9,13,2)**

## ARMY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 20.5 | 18 | 265 | 4.6 | 73 | 40.6 | 16.5 | -4 | 1999 | 7 | 28.8 | 20 | 172 | 3.9 | 205 | 63.8 | 13.1 |
| 4* | 23.4 | 19 | 294 | 5.3 | 76 | 45.9 | 15.8 | -3 | 1998 | 4 | 29.5 | 20 | 174 | 4.2 | 243 | 57.2 | 14.1 |
| 5 | 20.1 | 18 | 295 | 4.8 | 35 | 30.4 | 16.5 | -3 | 1997 | 2 | 28.3 | 19 | 175 | 4.5 | 211 | 57.9 | 13.7 |
| 5* | 31.6 | 23 | 339 | 5.1 | 108 | 64.1 | 14.1 | +6 | 1996 | 6 | 18.7 | 15 | 95 | 3.2 | 184 | 51.0 | 15.0 |
| 7* | 29.5 | 22 | 330 | 5.2 | 72 | 50.0 | 13.6 | +1 | 1995 | 6 | 19.2 | 19 | 139 | 3.9 | 195 | 56.4 | 17.4 |
| 5* | 19.5 | 18 | 249 | 4.4 | 66 | 50.0 | 16.1 | -8 | 1994 | 6 | 22.9 | 21 | 171 | 4.2 | 197 | 60.0 | 16.1 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Wake Forest | 19 | 52-282 | 5.4 | 8-16 | 68 | 3 | | 22 | 56-320 | 5.7 | 9-13 | 139 | 2 | +1 |
| at Tulane | 19 | 64-289 | 4.5 | 5-6 | 131 | 3 | | 27 | 30-124 | 4.1 | 34-50 | 447 | 1 | 0 |
| Ball St | 23 | 63-447 | 7.1 | 2-4 | 26 | 0 | | 15 | 41-93 | 2.3 | 14-20 | 144 | 5 | 0 |
| E Carolina | 17 | 58-184 | 1.6 | 10-20 | 196 | 4 | | 17 | 32-52 | 3.2 | 25-35 | 309 | 1 | +1 |
| Louisville | 28 | 68-480 | 2.9 | 5-11 | 84 | 1 | | 32 | 42-123 | 7.1 | 36-50 | 366 | 4 | 0 |
| at S Mississippi | 12 | 52-172 | 3.8 | 2-8 | 30 | 2 | | 21 | 41-156 | 3.3 | 17-33 | 195 | 3 | -2 |
| New Mexico St | 24 | 66-388 | 3.6 | 3-7 | 37 | 3 | | 23 | 43-155 | 5.9 | 18-34 | 257 | 2 | 0 |
| at Air Force | 8 | 44-90 | 4.4 | 2-6 | 10 | 4 | | 17 | 56-244 | 2.0 | 7-15 | 93 | 2 | -2 |
| at Memphis | 16 | 64-231 | 4.6 | 2-9 | 16 | 2 | | 17 | 35-161 | 3.6 | 15-26 | 157 | 1 | +2 |
| Houston | 21 | 57-237 | 4.2 | 6-22 | 113 | 5 | | 21 | 52-247 | 4.8 | 12-17 | 122 | 2 | 0 |
| † Navy | 12 | 48-115 | 2.4 | 7-19 | 95 | 2 | | 13 | 58-216 | 3.7 | 3-5 | 27 | 1 | -4 |
| TOTALS | 199 | 636-2915 | 4.6 | 52-128 | 806 | 29 | | 225 | 486-1891 | 3.9 | 190-298 | 2256 | 24 | -4 |
| AVERAGES | 18.1 | 58-265 | 4.6 | 5-12 | 73 | 2.6 | | 20.4 | 44-172 | 3.9 | 17-27 | 205 | 2.2 | -0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lehigh | NL | 42-9 | – |
| Duke | +10 | 21-23 | W |
| at Washington | +26 | 13-21 | W |
| Rice | +1' | 21-21 | W |
| † Notre Dame | +23 | 27-28 | W |
| at Boston College | +13 | 49-7 | W |
| Colgate | NL | 56-14 | – |
| E Carolina | +1 | 25-31 | L |
| at Air Force | +7' | 20-38 | L |
| Bucknell | NL | 37-6 | – |
| † Navy | -2' | 14-13 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ohio Univ | -16 | 37-20 | W |
| Duke | -3' | 35-17 | W |
| at N Texas | -17 | 27-10 | T |
| Yale | -36 | 39-13 | L |
| † Rutgers | -5 | 42-21 | W |
| Tulane | -6' | 34-10 | W |
| at Miami (Oh) | -1' | 27-7 | W |
| Lafayette | NL | 41-21 | – |
| Air Force | +3 | 23-7 | W |
| at Syracuse | +18' | 17-42 | L |
| † Navy | +2 | 28-24 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Marshall | -3 | 25-35 | L |
| Lafayette | NL | 41-14 | – |
| at Duke | -6 | 17-20 | L |
| Miami (Oh) | -4 | 14-38 | L |
| at Tulane | +6 | 0-41 | L |
| Rutgers | -16' | 37-35 | L |
| Colgate | NL | 35-27 | – |
| at Air Force | +14 | 0-24 | L |
| N Texas | -6' | 25-14 | W |
| at Boston College | +13' | 20-24 | W |
| † Navy | +12' | 7-39 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miami (Oh) | +7 | 13-14 | W |
| Cincinnati | +2' | 37-20 | W |
| at Rutgers | -10 | 15-27 | L |
| at E Carolina | +13 | 25-30 | W |
| at Houston | +7 | 38-28 | W |
| S Mississippi | +10 | 13-37 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +25 | 17-20 | W |
| Air Force | +13 | 7-35 | L |
| Tulane | +16 | 35-49 | W |
| at Louisville | +8' | 23-35 | L |
| † Navy | -6' | 34-30 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wake Forest | +2' | 15-34 | L |
| at Tulane | +14 | 28-48 | L |
| Ball St | -9' | 41-21 | W |
| E Carolina | +11' | 14-33 | L |
| Louisville | +14 | 59-52 | W |
| at S Mississippi | +24' | 0-24 | W |
| New Mexico St | -6' | 35-18 | W |
| at Air Force | +15 | 0-28 | L |
| at Memphis | +12 | 10-14 | W |
| Houston | +4' | 14-26 | L |
| † Navy | +7 | 9-19 | L |

# AUBURN TIGERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 98 Ben Leard began the year as the starter but lost out to Gabe Gross who started the last six. Both QB's struggled, completing just 45.8%. Last year Gross won the starting job, but lost it to Leard after just 3Q's. Leard was #2 in the NCAA in pass efficiency when he went down to injury with Auburn leading Mississippi and did not return until Arkansas but was injured again. He returned versus Georgia and set a school record with 416 yards passing. For the year Leard completed an amazing 70.7% with a 12-1 ratio. Gabe Gross quit the team to concentrate on baseball so when Leard was injured, Jeff Klein (6-3 200 So) was forced to take over. Klein threw for 1,038 yards (50%) with a 6-9 ratio and 4 starts. The depth is much better this year. Allen Tillman (6-2 198 rFr) was PS#31. Jason Campbell (6-5 195) is simply PS#2 and already has NFL size and arm strength. This will likely be a redshirt year for him, but Tuberville is not squeamish about playing true frosh. Daniel Cobb (6-4 225 Jr) was PS#9 and originally signed at Georgia. He had some shoulder problems there and is finally recovered after a season as a JUCO. Klein had the best spring and was pushing Leard but he suffered a knee injury late and will miss some of the August drills. This is a much deeper group in 2000 and the numbers should be dramatically improved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - This has been a weakness for the Tigers for the last 3 seasons. Last year this group was hit hard prior to the season as they lost their top 2 TB's who transferred plus numerous backups. Combined with a shuffled offensive line, they were among the worst in the NCAA in rushing (68 ypg, 1.9). Heath Evans who moved from FB to TB and rushed for 297 yards in the last four games. I expect Evans to move back to FB as super JC transfer Rudi Johnson has size (5-10 220) and 4.4 speed and is powerful between the tackles. He could be one of the SEC's best if he lives up to his potential. Michael Owens was PS#38 and played in just 5 games as a true frosh as he was bothered by injuries. Casinious Moore (PS#59) redshirted after ACL surgery. At the end of the season, they used a H-back instead of a FB and may do more of the same this season. This group has added talent and experience with the lone loss being FB Rusty Williams (6 sts, 297 yds). Johnson is the most talked about newcomer at RB since Bo Jackson and the Auburn fans have lofty expectations.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Tigers had to replace their top WR after he left for the NFL and then lost 2 promising incoming true frosh who I projected in the 2 deep. Their #2 receiver from 98 was moved to TB (Clifton Robinson). That left a very young unit that struggled early, especially with the QB injuries. After six games Ronney Daniels had just 21 rec's but he exploded in the season's 2H with 35 catches in the final 5 games. This Parade AA, who spent 3 years playing baseball with the Expos after originally signing with Fla St, could be the SEC's top WR. Reggie Worthy was the starter last year, but I expect him to lose his job to Deandre Green who was PS#10 in 99 and did not qualify. I list the two deep below. Tim Carter is perhaps the SEC's fastest football player (4.31) but had just 1 rec and 12 KR's in 99. Robert Johnson was PS#12TE and did not qualify last year, but could beat out returning starter Lorenzo Diamond. Also in the mix at TE is Reid Tankersley (6-3 265 Jr) who was PS#41 and has 4 starts in 2 years. At WR Marcel Willis (6-1 180 So) was PS#136 with 9 rec's. Clifton Robinson (5-8 176 Sr, PS #32) had 42 rec in 98 and spent time at FB last year. The only losses are TE Jack Schwieger (4 sts, 6 rec) and HB Markeith Cooper (6 sts, 36 rec).

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Tigers had to replace two starters and had 8 players returning with starting experience, but for the second straight year the line was shuffled constantly throughout the season due in part to injuries. This year they must replace LT Jeno James (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, #6 DC of CAR) but 7 players with starting experience return and they get some outstanding frosh coming in to compete. This should be a solidly improved group especially if the starting five can stay together during the season.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Tigers had one of the strongest D-lines in the SEC last year after the switch to a 4 man front. This year they suffer massive losses in DT Leonardo Carson (11 sts, 4 tfl, #4 DC of SD), DE Quinton Reese (11 sts, 4.5 tfl, #6 DC of DET), DE Marcus Washington (#2 DC of IND, 11 sts, 12 tfl), DT Jimmy Brumbaugh (11 sts, 9 tfl) and two backup DT's. Tuberville brought in a big class of JUCO's and freshmen who will contribute immediately. I list the two deep below and while there are plenty of HT's and VHT's in the mix, this unit is clearly weaker.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Tigers play a 4-2-5 and their Whip is more of a DB than a LB but I will list that position here. Last year the Tigers had 2 returning starters in Tavarreus Pounds and James Callier but both lost their starting jobs (one due to injuries) so the LB corps was basically brand-new. Callier & Pounds return this year but they must replace OLB Kenny Kelly (11 sts, 10 tfl) and OLB Haven Fields (11 sts, 13.5 tfl). I list Alton Moore as a starter at OLB but there's a good possibility that he could move to DL. Callier was nowhere near 100% last year rehabbing from his 98 injury but should be 100% this fall. SS Rob Pate moved to the hybrid LB/DB Whip position this spring. This is not an overwhelming group but it actually has a little more experience than it did heading into last season.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After a #3 finish in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98, the Tigers had to replace two starters last year and surprisingly dropped to #41 allowing 56.7% with a 16-18 ratio. This year the only losses are FS Adlai Trone (10 sts, 3 int) and CB Antwoine Nolan (1 st, 17 tkls). All four of the projected starters (including Pate at Whip) listed below are all SEC caliber in my estimation which makes this a top notch secondary.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Auburn's special teams ranked just 94th and 84th in Bowden's last 2 seasons. Tuberville's special teams at Ole Miss always ranked in the upper half of the NCAA and were as solid as expected last year with a finish at #27. The Tigers were a +3 in the TD/blk category and had a super net punting average of 38.1. If they had a weakness, it was a surprising one at K. Robert Bironas was a Groza Award semifinalist in 98 but hit just 1 of 4 FG's with a long of 23. Damon Duval, who did an excellent job punting, was forced to take over the kicking duties but had crucial misses versus Ole Miss, Miss St and Alabama costing them victories and a bowl berth. Both Duval and Bironas were suspended at times for disciplinary reasons. Look for true frosh Philip Yost to step in as he had an amazing 87% touchbacks on KO's in high school and has a solid and accurate leg. All of the top KR's are back including speedy Tim Carter. Markeith Cooper averaged a solid 10.1 on PR's and must be replaced. This group definitely should contend for a top 20 spot in 2000.

QB Ben Leard was #2 in the NCAA in pass efficiency when inj'd in 99.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Heath Evans** | 93 | 357 | 27 | 330 | 2 | 3.5 |
| Rusty Williams | 102 | 331 | 34 | 297 | 3 | 2.9 |
| **Clifton Robinson** | 91 | 292 | 65 | 227 | 1 | 2.5 |
| Markeith Cooper | 10 | 67 | 9 | 58 | 0 | 5.8 |
| **Michael Owens** | 20 | 58 | 9 | 49 | 0 | 2.5 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ben Leard** | 157 | 111 | 70.7 | 1423 | 12 | 1 |
| **Jeff Klein** | 169 | 85 | 50.3 | 1038 | 6 | 9 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ronney Daniels** | 56 | 1068 | 19.1 | 9 | 84 |
| Markeith Cooper | 36 | 365 | 10.1 | 3 | 46 |
| **Reggie Worthy** | 23 | 270 | 11.7 | 1 | 40 |
| **Travaris Robinson** | 18 | 174 | 9.7 | 1 | 34 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Damon Duval** | 57 | 2443 | 42.9 | - | 38.1 | 0 | 14 | 5 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Damon Duval** | 4-5 | 2-5 | 3-5 | 0-0 | 9-15 | 47 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alex Lincoln** | 92 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Haven Fields | 87 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| **Rodney Crayton** | 66 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 2 |
| Kenny Kelly | 62 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| **Rob Pate** | 59 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Adlai Trone | 58 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| Marcus Washington | 52 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Jimmy Brumbaugh | 51 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Leonardo Carson | 43 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| **Larry Casher** | 41 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| Quinton Reese | 40 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Tavarreus Pounds** | 35 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Shawn Shaw** | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Markeith Cooper | 17 | 171 | 10.1 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Travaris Robinson** | 14 | 316 | 22.6 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**APPALACHIAN ST NL 22-15** – App St had 19 returning starters & outgained AU 323-288. Gross started but hit just 5 of 14 for 25 yds w/ 2 ints. App St led 12-7 (miss xp & 2 pt ng) at the half. They appeared on their way to an upset with a 27 yd 3Q FG. Leard came in & hit 10 of 19 for 159 yds. His 1st drive was a 9 play drive for a TD with 2:23 left in the 3Q to tie. Both teams missed short FG's. With :38 left Leard tossed a 33 yd TD pass & AU got an int the EZ to escape on the final play.

**IDAHO -11 30-23 LOSS** AU dominated the 1H allowing (-11) yds in the 1Q & just 29 yds by half. AU led 20-0. They continued to dominate in the 3Q but only managed 1 FG, 23-0 after 3Q's. Leard set a school rec hitting 16 of 19 for 84.2% but was inj'd in the 3Q. Gross relieved & failed to generate a FD on his 1st 3 poss & a fmbl set up UI for an 18 yd TD drive early 4Q. AU drove 49 yds for a TD but UI answered with an 80 yd TD drive mid 4Q. UI scored a TD with :41 left for the backdoor cover.

**AT LSU +8' 41-7 WIN** I used a 4★ Late Phone Selection on AU & they dominated. LSU had 0 FD's, 0 completions & only 15 1Q yds & attempted an SEC record 69 passes. Aub led 34-0 w/ 4:12 left in the 3Q. LSU gained most of its yds late.

**MISSISSIPPI (OT) -4 17-24 LOSS** Leard hit 14 of 17 for 100 yds. Ole Miss had 80 & 78 yd TD drives, 14-3. With :09 left in the half AU blk'd a punt for a TD, 14-10. AU had a 251-120 yd edge in the 1H. AU opened the 3Q w/ a solid drive but Leard was inj'd. Klein led them to the Miss 7 but they fmbl'd in the EZ. AU later drove 48 yds for a TD, 17-14. Miss drove 44 yds foll a long PR to tie it with a 45 yd FG. AU missed a 37 yd FG. In OT Miss got a 23 yd TD pass. AU's 1st play was 23 yds to the 2 but they were SOD.

**AT TENNESSEE +19 0-24 LOSS** AU's det played well but Klein threw an int for a UT TD on the 1st play. UT had trouble inside the redzone, fumbling at the 2, getting int'd at the 22 & int'd in the EZ, but did get a short FG, 10-0 at half. UT got a TD drive & AU missed a 33 yd FG. UT had a 1st & goal at the 10 but were int'd but then drove 45 yds for a TD w/ 4:34 left & ended things at the AU 5, taking a knee. UT had a 401-222 yd edge.

**MISSISSIPPI ST +3 16-18 WIN** AU got a 64 yd TD pass, 7-0. After blk'ing a punt, AU settled for a 19 yd FG. MSU missed a 48 yd FG & AU led 10-0 at the half. A 53 yd int ret set up AU for a 36 yd FG & a 48 yd drive for a FG made it **16-0.** MSU's Wyatt came in for an inj'd Madkin & hit 17 of 29 for 209 yds. He led MSU to a 33 yd FG. AU had a FD at the MSU 33 but were SOD instead of trying the 45 yd FG. MSU drove 67 yds for a TD w/ 2:28 left, 16-10. AU took an intentional safety on a punt. MSU ret'd the free kick 40 yds & got a TD pass with :19 left but missed the 2 pt conv, 18-16. AU's final chance was int'd.

**FLORIDA +16 14-32 LOSS** UF controlled the 1H w/ a 319-54 yd edge but was int'd at the AU 10, settled for 4 short FG's & added a 32 yd TD pass, 19-0. Two of the FG's were set up on short drives foll TO's. UF got a 62 yd TD run on its opening 3Q drive, 25-0. AU battled back with 65 & 84 yd TD drives, 25-14 early 4Q. UF was int'd at the AU 29 but then AU was int'd at the UF 30. UF drove 44 yds for a TD with 2:59 left.

**AT ARKANSAS +7' 10-34 LOSS** Heavy rain throughout. Ark opened with a pair of 80 yd TD drives, 14-0. Ark was stopped on a fake punt & Aub got 2 FD's to the Hog 22 but Leard was inj'd. Aub missed a 46 yd FG. Ark got 44 & 40 yd FG's & Aub got a 47 yd FG, 20-3 at half. Ark had a 283-91 yd edge. Ark went 30 & 61 yds for TD's on its 1st 2 poss of the 3Q & Hampton replaced Stoerner at QB. Aub got a 53 yd drive for a TD w/7:04 left but got no closer.

**C FLORIDA -10' 28-10 WIN** AU took its 1st poss for a TD, 7-0. CF got an 83 yd TD to tie at half. CF's 1st 3Q poss ended in a FG. AU missed 2 FG's & was int'd deep in CF terr. CF had a FG bounce off the uprights. CF led until 3:41 was left. AU capped a 70 yd, 16 play drive with a 16 yd TD pass, 14-10. CF was SOD deep in its own terr & Evans got an 8 yd TD run & then 2 plays later AU got a 20 yd int ret for a TD. CF totalled (-27) yds rushing thanks to 8 sacks. Klein hit 19 of 31 for 270 yds with 2 int's.

**AT GEORGIA +10 38-21 WIN** Leard made his homecoming to GA & hit 24 of 32 for 416 yds & 4 TD's. I used AU as the Big Dog POW on my Private Play Hotline & they delivered yet another DD dog outright upset in even more dominating fashion than the final score as they led **38-0** in the 3Q! GA got 80, 91 & 72 yd TD drives & was SOD at the AU 12 with 1:21 left.

**ALABAMA +3' 17-28 LOSS** Bama got a 33 yd FG foll a fmbl & 41 yd FG after AU faked a punt at its own 29. AU had a pair of 80 yd TD drives, 14-6 at half. AU could have salted it away with a 67 yd, 14 play drive to open the 3Q but settled for a missed 22 yd FG. Watts came in & guided the Tide 78 yds but they were SOD. AU was sk'd in the EZ for a safety & Bama drove 53 & 50 yds for TD's, 22-14. AU settled for a 35 yd FG with 2:58 left, 22-17. Bama rec'd the onsides & Alexander's running drove them 41 yds for the TD with 1:09 left. AU was int'd on their final drive.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I went out on a limb and called for Auburn to be the surprise team in the SEC. This was an Auburn team that finished 3-8 in 1998 but had been 44-10-1 the previous 5 years. If not for an injury to QB Ben Leard, they probably would have won six or seven games last season. They jumped out to a 3-0 start and were leading Mississippi but lost to the Rebs in OT & Leard was injured. The offense, which had averaged 33 ppg behind Leard, averaged just 10 ppg behind backup Klein and they lost 5 straight. Leard came back to orchestrate the big win over Georgia throwing for a school record 416 yards but Auburn blew a 14-3 lead to Alabama and went home for the holidays. Tuberville signed a massive recruiting class which brings in a nice mix of top notch frosh as well as JUCO's. The offense is loaded. Leard should be one of the better QB's in the SEC, and new RB Rudi Johnson's arrival is almost as anticipated as that of Bo Jackson. WR Ronney Daniels was perhaps the top WR in the SEC at the end of last year and incoming frosh Deandre Green looks like a star. The O-line was missing 3 starters during spring drills but should be solidly improved and Auburn has the second most improved offense in the conference. The defense did suffer some big losses and Tuberville has gone the JUCO route to shore up the D-line. How quickly they mesh will determine the amount of slippage in the stop unit. They still pull Florida and Georgia from the East but trade Tennessee for Vandy in the other crossover game. They face 3 of 5 West rivals on the road. Tuberville was thrilled with the difference between this year and last year's spring when they were changing schemes and again I'll call a winning season for the Tigers.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Jason Campbell 6-5 195 PS#2 |
| RB | Rudi Johnson 5-10 220 PS#1JC |
| LB | Alton Moore 6-6 240 PS#2JC |
| DL | Marcus White 6-3 270 PS#23 |
| DL | Javor Mills 6-5 250 PS#4JC |
| DL | Nate French 6-3 295 PS#40 |
| LB | Spencer Johnson 6-3 238 PS#42 |
| TE | Jay Ratliff 6-5 230 PS#20 |
| RB | Derrick Graves 6-1 195 PS#61 |
| WR | Silas Daniels 6-0 175 PS#42 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB BEN LEARD SR.** 6-4 225 *PS#34. 5 sts in 98. 703 yds (47%) 7-4 ratio. 6 sts in 99, 1423 yds (70.7!!), 12-1 ratio. Daniel Cobb PS#9 in 97 @ Georgia.*

**RB Rudi Johnson Jr.** 5-10 220 *PS#1JC! 4.4 speed. 425 lb bench. 2224 yds, 31 TD's at JC in 99! Casinious Moore (6-0 214 rFr) PS#59. ACL surgery in 99.*

**FB Heath Evans Jr.** 6-0 240 *4 sts, 187 yds as rFr. 4 sts in 99, 330 rush (3.5), 8 rec. Michael Owens (6-0 220 So) PS#38, 49 yds as true. Derrick Graves PS#61.*

**WR RONNEY DANIELS SO.** 6-1 204 *PS#28, orig at Fla St. 11 sts as true, 56 rec (19.1), 2nd tm SEC. Travaris Robinson (5-10 170) PS#63, 18 rec (9.7) in 4 sts as true.*

**WR Reggie Worthy Sr.** 6-0 191 *9 sts, 23 rec (11.7) in 99. Tim Carter (6-0 186 So) 4.31 spd. Deandre Green (6-2 210 Fr) PS#10 in 99. Resigned this year.*

**TE LORENZO DIAMOND SO.** 6-3 234 *6 sts ly, 13 rec (12.2). Robert Johnson was PS#12TE in 99. Resigned this year. Michael Lindsey (6-4 269 So) PS#47.*

**C COLIN SEARS SR.** 6-3 287 *PS#9, 4 gms in 97. 7 sts in 98. 4 sts at RG in 99. Cole Cubelic (6-3 289 Sr) PS#102, 5 sts in 97 & 98. 8 sts at C in 99.*

**RG MIKE PUCILLO JR.** 6-4 312 *PS#27. 5 sts as rFr. 9 sts ly (6@RG, 3@C). TJ Meers (6-6 310 Sr) PS#23. 11 sts in 97. RS in 98, 4 sts ly.*

**LG KENDALL SIMMONS JR.** 6-3 334 *PS#105DL. 3 sts as true. 5 sts in 98. 3 sts in 99 (ii inj, RS. Hart McGarry (6-5 280 Jr) PS#326, 5 sts at LG in 99.*

**RT TIM CASTRO SR.** 6-4 318 *PS#159. 4 sts as true at GA Tech. 1 st in 98. 11 sts at RT in 99, +20 lbs. Ron Samuel (6-3 274 Fr) in for spring.*

**LT Mark Pera rFr.** 6-6 303 *PS#91 in 99. +13 lbs in spg. Jeremy Toungett (6-6 303 Jr) 2nd string in 98. 11 gms as 2nd string ly, 2 letters.*

**K Philip Yost Fr.** 6-1 180 *PS#5. 8 of 8 on FG's 47 yds or less in HS, 87% of KO's were TB's! Damon Duval PS#11. 9 of 15 FG's in 99.*

**DE Whit Smith Jr.** 6-3 245 *PS#45LB. 26 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. 17 tkls, 4.5 tfl in 99. Reggie Torbor (6-3 225 rFr) PS#96RB, Bret Eddins is PS#74.*

**DT DeMarco McNeil rFr.** 6-1 303 *PS#12DL in 99. Roderick Chambers (6-2 265 Sr) 11 tkls, 1 sk, 32 gms in 3 yrs. Nate French is PS#40DL.*

**DT Josh Weldon Jr.** 6-4 284 *PS#34, 13 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. 7 tkls, 2 tfl in 99. Marcus White is PS#23. Dexter Murphy (6-2 245 rFr) PS#295.*

**DE Javor Mills Jr.** 6-5 250 *PS#4JC! 115 tkls, 12 tfl, 22 QB hurries at JC ly. Derek Magwood (6-3 225 So) 18 tkls, 3.5 tfl, 1 pbu as rFr.*

**OLB Alton Moore Jr.** 6-6 240 *PS#2JUCO! 15 sks at JC ly. Tavarreus Pounds (6-1 232 Jr) PS#104. 9 sts in 98, 58 tkls. 35 tkls, 3 tfl in 99.*

**MLB ALEX LINCOLN SR.** 6-0 238 *PS#277. 11 sts in 99, 92 tkls, 6.5 tfl. James Callier (6-1 228 Jr) PS#80, 7 sts in 98, 64 tkls, 4 tfl. 13 tkls ly (inj).*

**WHIP ROB PATE SR.** 6-3 199 *PS#52. 8 sts in 97, 8 pbu. 9 sts in 98, 2nd tm SEC, 70 tkls. 11 sts in 99, 59 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu. Mayo Sowell is PS#63.*

**CB LARRY CASHER SR.** 5-11 164 *PS#132. 5 sts in 97, 2 int, 3 tfl. 5 sts in 98, 3 int, 8 pbu. 10 sts in 99, 1st tm SEC, 5 int, 12 pbu. Phillip Gargis PS#131QB.*

**CB RODNEY CRAYTON SR.** 5-8 174 *PS#41. 5 sts, 1 int, 7 pbu as true. 2 sts in 98. 11 sts in 99, 2 int, 14 pbu, 66 tkls. Brandon Reed (5-10 169 So) PS#180.*

**SS Rashaud Walker So.** 5-9 190 *PS#60, 14 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu as rFr. Courtney Rose (5-8 192) PS#112, 48 tkls, 3Y. Roderick Hood (5-10 184 So).*

**FS Stanford Simmons So.** 6-2 191 *PS#6, 1 st as true, 18 tkls, 2 pbu. Roshad Gilyard (5-9 190 Fr) PS#54 in 99. Rodney Mars is PS#48DB.*

**P DAMON DUVAL SO.** 6-0 175 *PS#11. 44.7 avg in HS. 57 punts in 99 as rFr, 42.9 avg, solid 38.1 net. Also handled FG's, 9 of 15 L/47. Just punts in 2000.*

# AUBURN TIGERS

Auburn, Alabama
Weather (334) 636-9764

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score AUB | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Auburn plays all of their games on grass for the 6th year in a row.<br>Tigers are 2-7 ATS L/9 vs Tennessee.<br>War Eagle are 0-6 ATS in their home finale. |
| Aug. 31 | Wyoming (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Auburn is 12-1 SU in their home opener.<br>Tigers are 22-5 SU in Sept since 1993 but 13-10 ATS in that span. |
| Sep. 9 | at Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Auburn is 13-2 SU in this series but fell in OT LY.<br>Lookahead has not affected Tigers as they are 8-0 SU prior to LSU. |
| Sep. 16 | LSU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tuberville's L/3 tms have pulled upsets over LSU, including AU's 41-7 win LY.<br>Auburn is 3-7 ATS the L/10 vs LSU. |
| Sep. 23 | N Illinois | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | War Eagle are 4-12 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.<br>Tigers are 1-4 ATS their L/5 as a favorite of 20 or more. |
| Sep. 30 | Vanderbilt | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | These 2 SEC rivals have not played since a 14-10 Aub win at Vandy in '93.<br>Tigers are 6-0 SU, 3-2-1 ATS vs Vandy since 1980. |
| Oct. 7 | at Mississippi St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | War Eagle are 7-13 ATS in October since 1995.<br>Despite a loss LY, the favorite have covered 6 of 8 in this series. |
| Oct. 14 | at Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Auburn is 4-12 ATS overall their last 16 vs Florida.<br>Tigers are 2-6 ATS at "The Swamp." |
| Oct. 21 | Louisiana Tech (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the LSU result, Aub is 10-2 ATS in the 1st of a 2 (+) game homestand.<br>Tigers are 2-0 SU & ATS vs LT, in 98 they played LT after Bowden departed. |
| Oct. 28 | Arkansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 6-0 ATS in this series.<br>Auburn is 3-10 ATS prior to a bye week. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: The underdog is 7-1 ATS in the Georgia series. |
| Nov. 11 | Georgia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Auburn is 6-13 ATS L/19 November games.<br>Despite dropping 4 of 6 ATS, Auburn is 13-6 ATS L/19 vs UGA. |
| Nov. 18 | at Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 2-8 ATS L/10Y versus their arch rival.<br>The underdog is 13-7-1 ATS in the Iron Bowl since 1979. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: JORDAN-HARE STADIUM (85,214)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 11-0 | 9-1-1 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 9-3 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 52-25-1 |
| ATS | 8-2 | 5-4 | 3-7 | 5-5 | 7-5 | 3-8 | 4-6 | 35-37 |
| Home Fav | 4-1 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 15-16 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 3-8 |
| Away Fav | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 8-7 |
| Away Dog | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 9-6 |
| Favorite | 6-2 | 4-4 | 3-6 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 23-23 |
| Dog | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 2-7 | 3-4 | 12-14 |
| Grass | 7-1 | 5-3 | 3-7 | 5-5 | 6-5 | 3-8 | 4-6 | 33-35 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| vs SEC | 7-1 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 4-5 | 27-30 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 7-7 |
| Off SU Win | 7-2 | 6-2 | 1-5 | 3-4 | 4-4 | 0-3 | 2-3 | 23-23 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 3-4 | 2-3 | 10-11 |

## Coach: TOMMY TUBERVILLE (Career 30-26)
### *Tuberville's records AT AUBURN*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Auburn | | 1-2 | Home Favorite |
| 5-6 | Straight Up | 1-2 | Home Underdog |
| 4-6 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 2-3 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-2 | Away Underdog |
| 4-5 | Vs SEC | 0-1 | Vs Non-SEC |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | Hall of Fame | -8 | Ohio St | 31-14 | W |
| 90 | Peach | -9' | Indiana | 27-23 | L |
| 95 | Outback | +2' | Penn St | 14-43 | L |
| 96 | Independence | -7' | Army | 32-29 | L |
| 97 | Peach | -4' | Clemson | 21-17 | L |

# AUBURN (5-6)

*CONFERENCE:* **SEC WEST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 9*** **Returning: 44 (24,18,2)**
**DEFENSE: 4** **Lost: 21 (9,10,2)**

## AUBURN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 21.2 | 16 | 68 | 1.9 | 227 | 58.4 | 13.9 | +6 | 1999 | 7 | 21.5 | 20 | 103 | 3.2 | 260 | 56.7 | 16.9 |
| 4 | 15.1 | 15 | 94 | 2.6 | 176 | 45.8 | 17.9 | -2 | 1998 | 8 | 21.4 | 15 | 119 | 3.3 | 188 | 56.7 | 14.4 |
| 7* | 26.2 | 18 | 77 | 2.5 | 270 | 51.4 | 13.3 | +4 | 1997 | 8 | 19.2 | 17 | 110 | 3.2 | 219 | 53.9 | 17.1 |
| 5 | 33.2 | 22 | 156 | 3.9 | 244 | 55.6 | 12.0 | +13 | 1996 | 9 | 23.1 | 20 | 142 | 3.5 | 232 | 53.4 | 16.2 |
| 8* | 36.5 | 23 | 198 | 5.2 | 249 | 59.1 | 12.6 | +2 | 1995 | 5 | 23.6 | 20 | 159 | 4.1 | 234 | 51.4 | 19.7 |
| 6 | 32.6 | 20 | 191 | 4.9 | 220 | 56.1 | 12.6 | +15 | 1994 | 10 | 18.1 | 17 | 116 | 3.1 | 208 | 51.3 | 17.9 |

**OFFENSE** 1999 STATS BY GAME **DEFENSE**

| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Appalachain St | 16 | 34-104 | 3.1 | 15-33 | 184 | 0 | 16 | 31-127 | 4.1 | 22-38 | 196 | 0 | 0 |
| Idaho | 17 | 45-85 | 1.9 | 18-23 | 202 | 4 | 20 | 26-59 | 2.3 | 22-43 | 190 | 6 | 0 |
| at LSU | 19 | 47-86 | 1.8 | 18-26 | 340 | 2 | 22 | 21-26 | 1.2 | 33-69 | 316 | 3 | +5 |
| Mississippi | 20 | 41-58 | 1.4 | 24-34 | 212 | 7 | 15 | 31-53 | 1.7 | 17-29 | 242 | 3 | +1 |
| at Tennessee | 14 | 27-75 | 2.8 | 15-30 | 147 | 3 | 21 | 46-181 | 3.9 | 16-27 | 220 | 2 | 0 |
| Mississippi St | 9 | 42-39 | 0.9 | 7-28 | 125 | 3 | 18 | 23-42 | 1.8 | 25-49 | 320 | 4 | +2 |
| Florida | 17 | 25-1 | 0.0 | 19-39 | 245 | 5 | 25 | 36-189 | 5.3 | 24-43 | 310 | 1 | -1 |
| at Arkansas | 11 | 27-80 | 3.0 | 17-30 | 115 | 0 | 22 | 41-175 | 4.3 | 20-30 | 254 | 0 | 0 |
| C Florida | 17 | 37-98 | 2.6 | 19-31 | 270 | 3 | 19 | 30-(-27) | -0.9 | 29-52 | 374 | 9 | -1 |
| at Georgia | 20 | 36-56 | 1.6 | 24-32 | 416 | 4 | 20 | 27-82 | 3.0 | 26-37 | 319 | 4 | +1 |
| Alabama | 21 | 29-66 | 2.3 | 26-40 | 237 | 2 | 22 | 46-226 | 4.9 | 17-26 | 124 | 3 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 181 | 390-748 | 1.9 | 202-346 | 2493 | 33 | 220 | 358-1133 | 3.2 | 251-443 | 2865 | 35 | +6 |
| AVERAGES | 16.4 | 35-68 | 1.9 | 18-31 | 227 | 3.0 | 20.0 | 33-103 | 3.2 | 23-40 | 260 | 3.2 | 0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mississippi | -17 | 46-13 | W |
| UT Chattanooga | NL | 76-10 | – |
| at LSU | -6 | 6-12 | L |
| at Kentucky | -16 | 42-21 | W |
| Mississippi St | -17 | 48-20 | W |
| Florida | +4 | 38-49 | L |
| W Michigan | -35' | 34-13 | L |
| at Arkansas | -6 | 28-30 | L |
| NE Louisiana | -37 | 38-14 | L |
| at Georgia | -10 | 37-31 | L |
| Alabama | -6 | 31-27 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama-Birm | NL | 29-0 | – |
| Fresno St | -16' | 62-0 | W |
| at Mississippi | -10' | 45-28 | W |
| LSU | -7 | 15-19 | L |
| S Carolina | -19 | 28-24 | L |
| at Mississippi St | -11 | 49-15 | W |
| at Florida | +22 | 10-51 | L |
| Arkansas | -16 | 28-7 | W |
| NE Louisiana | -41 | 28-24 | L |
| Georgia | -10 | 49-56 | L |
| at Alabama | +6' | 23-24 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Virginia | -4' | 28-17 | W |
| Mississippi | -20' | 19-9 | L |
| at LSU | +4' | 31-28 | W |
| C Florida | -16 | 41-14 | W |
| at S Carolina | -7' | 23-6 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | -24 | 49-13 | W |
| Florida | +7' | 10-24 | L |
| at Arkansas | -16' | 26-21 | L |
| Mississippi St | -17 | 0-20 | L |
| at Georgia | +5' | 45-34 | W |
| Alabama | -11 | 18-17 | L |
| † Tennessee | +6' | 29-30 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Virginia | +1 | 0-19 | L |
| at Mississippi | +3 | 17-0 | W |
| LSU | +5 | 19-31 | L |
| Tennessee | +6' | 9-17 | L |
| at Mississippi St | +1 | 21-38 | L |
| at Florida | +19 | 3-24 | L |
| Louisiana Tech | -6' | 32-17 | W |
| Arkansas | +3' | 21-24 | W |
| C Florida | -5' | 10-6 | L |
| Georgia | +6 | 17-28 | L |
| at Alabama | +4 | 17-31 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appalachian St | NL | 22-15 | – |
| Idaho | -11 | 30-23 | L |
| at LSU | +8' | 41-7 | W |
| Mississippi | -4 | 17-24 | L |
| at Tennessee | +19 | 0-24 | L |
| Mississippi St | +3 | 16-18 | W |
| Florida | +16 | 14-32 | L |
| at Arkansas | +7' | 10-34 | L |
| C Florida | -10' | 28-10 | W |
| at Georiga | +10 | 38-21 | W |
| Alabama | +3' | 17-28 | L |

# BAYLOR BEARS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Odell James was PS#3 back in 1996 and his signing was highly lauded. He got the first 4 starts in 98 with 869 total yards but lost his starting job to Jermaine Alfred. James saw little action in 99 and moved to FS this year. Jermaine Alfred started all 11 in 99 and threw for 1,230 yards (48.7%) with a poor 4-9 ratio but he departs. Michael Odum was PS#112 and has 32 passes in 2 years. He finished the 99 season as the #2 QB. Steele signed two of the top 100 QB's out of HS this year (see Top Newcomers), and there is chance that Aaron Karas could grab the backup job. He is more of a pure passing QB with 2,404 yards (63%) and 24 TD's as a high school senior in 99. Another big signee was JUCO Greg Cicero, who originally signed at Texas and is a VHT. Cicero took command of the job with a great spring and is the clear starter. He does not have a powerful arm but is a take charge guy with a solid grasp of the offense. Last year's QB play was below average and they should be much stronger this year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Bears had 3 VHT's at TB coming into the 1999 season but one left the team prior to the year and for the second straight season the team struggled to establish the run. After a lofty 4.7 ypc in 1997, they've dropped to 2.8 and 3.1 the last 2 years. Darrell Bush, who averaged 6.7 ypc as a rFr in 97, did improve upon his 3.4 ypc of 98, rushing for 682 yards (4.2). He was the #10 rusher in the Big 12. This year's top HS recruit is RB Jonathan Golden who could easily step into the starter's role. Also in the mix at TB are Chedrick Ricks (5-9 201 So) who was PS#336 and had 60 yards rushing as a true frosh and Jimmy Dalton (6-3 250 So) who was PS#157 and played in 8 games as a true frosh. Eli Burkins (PS #11) was awarded a medical redshirt for the 99 season & has 697 rush yards in 3 years. He looked 100% healthy in the spring. I list the top two FB's below. With the added talent, and last year's low numbers, this unit can only improve in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year Baylor had to replace its top 3 receivers from 98 and while the offense as a whole struggled, this unit had very weak numbers. The leading receiver was Andra Fuller (PS#50) who had 26 rec's (11.8). Marc Cogdill had 7 starts but only 5 rec's and departs. Lanny O'Steen was #2 with 16 (9.9). Watch Randy Davis as he just moved to WR last year from RB and runs the 100 and 200 meters for the track team. Shane Williams is a VHT at the TE spot. Steele also recruited 3 WR's & TE's in this year's class who may compete for playing time. The top 9 receivers are all back this year if you include RB's. Not included in the 2 deep below is PS#268 Martin Dossett (5-11 170 Sr) who runs hurdles and the 55m on the track team. They also get a solid transfer at TE in Anthony Dozier (PS #77) who had 21 starts and 34 rec at Louisiana Lafayette. I expect Fuller to more than double last year's totals and he was Cicero's favorite target all spring including one scrimmage in which he hauled in 5 TD's. This group is much stronger.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Bears had 3 returning starters last year but the OL struggled as they opened up holes for just 3.1 ypc rushing and allowed 25 sacks in 265 pass attempts. This is the second year of the offensive scheme and four starters return. The only loss is RG Chris Watton (11 sts, 2 yr st'r). Basically nine of the top 10 return. This should be a solidly improved group and Steele noted they made great strides this spring.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year's DL was a veteran group that lost just one starter to graduation but then another to injury. This year they lose NT Dwight Johnson (11 sts, 4 tfl), DE Eddrick Brooks (10 sts, 38 tkls), DE Justin Snow (9 sts, 9 tfl) and DE Fred Rogers (2 sts, 45 tkls, 5 tfl). Baylor improved the rush ypc allowed from 4.8 in 98 to 4.4 last year, but only managed 15 sacks compared to 21 in 98. There are a couple of HT's in the two deep I list below but overall this unit looks even weaker than last year.

**LINEBACKERS** - This was an extremely deep unit last year as all three starters returned and SS Rodney Smith moved in to take over one starting job. This year they lose WLB Rodney Smith (9 sts, 74 tkls, 6 tfl), SLB Andre Taylor (3 sts, 59 tkls, 7 tfl) and OLB Jason Jackson (5 sts, 40 tkls). Three players return with starting experience and I list them 3 deep at a couple of the LB positions. They also add a VHT true frosh who I project as a starter. This unit is not quite as experienced as last year but should come fairly close to the same production level.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After finishing a respectable #56 in my pass defense rankings in 98, Baylor returned three starters plus had some experienced starters from 97 returning after injury. Despite solid talent in the secondary and perhaps due to a weak front seven, the Bears dropped to #92 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 60.6 completions, 17 TD's and recording just 9 int's. This year they must replace SS Sean Armistead (9 sts, #1 tkl'r), CB Robert Neal (3 sts) and FS Curtis Henderson (64 tkls, 3 pbu). Those are some big losses, but I really like the starting lineup below and both the backups at CB have potential. This is not an overly deep unit but with ex-QB James and an NFL caliber CB in Gary Baxter, Steele should have this unit solidly improved and moving significantly higher in the rankings in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Under ex-coach Reedy this unit had 2 top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings. In 1997 after a coaching change they dropped to 89th. They rose up to #46 in 1998 and had the majority of the players back, but they then plummeted to #112 for 99. They were -4 in the TD/blk category with other problem areas being net punting and KR defense. They do lose solid P Kyle Atteberry who averaged 40.7 but keep in mind the team averaged just a 29.7 net per punt. Going into the spring a pair of walk-ons in K Daniel Andino (5-11 219 So) & P Ryan Chapdelaine (6-0 190 Jr) were listed as the specialty starters. They did sign a JUCO in Adam Stiles who may handle both duties. The top returnmen are back. Atteberry's strong leg on KO's will be missed but they allowed 25.3 per KR. As long as the new P proves to be adequate, this unit can only get better in 2000.

LG Ethan Kelly looks to protect the new QB in town Greg Cicero.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Darrell Bush** | **162** | **743** | **61** | **682** | **2** | **4.2** |
| **Derek Lagway** | **51** | **226** | **11** | **215** | **1** | **4.2** |
| **Odell James** | **25** | **141** | **40** | **101** | **0** | **4.0** |
| **Melvin Barnett** | **25** | **69** | **1** | **68** | **1** | **2.7** |
| Jermaine Alfred | 66 | 176 | 147 | 29 | 4 | 0.4 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| Jermain Alfred | 228 | 111 | 48.7 | 1230 | 4 | 9 |
| **Odell James** | **22** | **8** | **36.4** | **64** | **0** | **2** |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| **Andra Fulier** | | **26** | **308** | **11.8** | **2** | **73** |
| **Lanny O'Steen** | | **16** | **158** | **9.9** | **2** | **34** |
| **Randy Davis** | | **15** | **159** | **10.6** | **0** | **33** |
| **Darrell Bush** | | **14** | **116** | **8.3** | **0** | **45** |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| Kyle Atteberry | 77 | 3137 | 40.7 | - | - | 2 | 13 |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| Kyle Atteberry | 4-6 | 3-4 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 9-15 | 52 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sean Armistead | 104 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| **Samir Al-Amin** | **91** | **0** | **5** | **8** | **1** |
| **Kris Micheaux** | **85** | **1** | **8** | **7** | **1** |
| Rodney Smith | 74 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 1 |
| Justin Snow | 66 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| Curtis Henderson | 64 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Andre Taylor | 59 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| **Gary Baxter** | **53** | **0** | **1** | **15** | **2** |
| Dwight Johnson | 52 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **McKinley Bowie** | **51** | **2** | **4** | **3** | **1** |
| **Kelvin Chaisson** | **49** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **0** |
| Fred Rogers | 45 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Jason Jackson | 40 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Andra Fuller** | **11** | **86** | **7.8** | **0** |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Martin Dossett** | **22** | **433** | **19.7** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT BOSTON COLL (OT)+4' 29-30 WIN** Alfred hit 15 of 18 for 244 yds. BC had a 13-4 FD edge in the 1H but trailed 16-7 thanks to a blk'd punt which set up a FG and an 83 yd int ret with :25 left. BC settled for a 21 yd FG early 3Q but blk'd a punt setting up a TD. A celeb pen forced a missed XP, 16-16. BC missed a 37 yd FG but got a TD with 6:42 left. 1:00 later BU got a 73 yd TD drive. OT. Each team scored a TD but BU missed their XP.

**UNLV -10 24-27 LOSS** One of the most amazing finishes in NCAA history. BU rec'd a fmbl at the UNLV 7 to set up an early TD & led 10-0. UNLV battled back to lead 14-10 after 3Q's. After a BU TD, UNLV got a TD mid 4Q but 1:01 later BU answered with a TD with 6:06 left. BU, leading 24-21, had a 1st & goal at UNLV's 8 w/ :28 left & could have gone to a knee but went for the TD & a fmbl was ret'd 100 yds for a TD w/ no time left!

**AT OKLAHOMA +12' 10-41 LOSS** OU QB Heupel hit 37 of 54 for 420 yds & 3 TD's. OU had a 557-208 yd edge. OU got 57, 67 & 94 yd TD drives & led 21-0. Both tms got FG's, 24-3. OU went 89 yds on 11 plays for a TD & added a 26 yd FG foll an int. BU had an 83 yd, 9 play drive for a TD with 9:13 left. OU foll a long PR & pen got a 15 yd, 2 play TD drive with 4:58 left to deliver a 4★ Key Selection winner for Power Sweep.

**TEXAS +16 0-62 LOSS** 41,784 were on hand but half the crowd was clad in burnt orange. BU suffered its worst loss since 1913. BU had more KR yds than yards from the line of scrimmage as UT had a 586-159 yd edge & 34-8 FD edge. They led 42-0 at half with 4 long drives and 12 & 13 yd drives foll fmbl's.

**N TEXAS -11' 23-10 WIN** I used the Bears as a 3★ Small College Play as they had a large size edge along the line & the OL dominated as they rushed for 251 yds. BU came in ranked 100th among the 114 Div teams in scoring & NT was 110th & both showed why in the 1H as BU led 9-3. BU's FG drives were 66, 74 & 41 yds. In the 3Q BU forced NT to punt from its own EZ & drove 38 yds for a TD. They also drove 89 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 23-3 and got a garbage TD with 4:27 left. Bush had 164 yds rushing. NT had -2 yds in the 3Q. NT only crossed midfield twice.

**AT TEXAS A&M +30 13-45 LOSS** 75,476, the largest crowd ever in this series showed & was loud throughout. BU played A&M even up in the 1H. BU nailed a 52 yd FG on its 1st series & A&M's defense got a 20 yd int ret for a TD, 7-3 after 1Q. BU hit a 23 yd FG & A&M a 27 yd'r, 10-6. A blk'd punt set up A&M for a 22 yd TD drive. BU's Wiltumer ret'd an int 49 yds to the 10 barely being tkl'd by McCown, but BU missed a 27 yd FG. The Aggies led 17-6 at half despite just 115 yds. The Aggies scored on all three 3Q poss w/ 26,12 & 74 yd TD passes, 38-6. BU had a FG blk'd in the 3Q. A&M added a 2 yd TD run in the 4Q, 45-6. BU ret'd a blk'd FG 63 yds for a TD w/ 4:01 left & then was stopped on 4th & 2 at the 11.

**TEXAS TECH +8' 7-35 LOSS** TT did not dominate with just a 302-225 yd edge & 18-15 FD edge. TT got 41 & 40 yd FG's & led 6-0 after 1Q. TT got a 1 yd TD drive foll an int & BU missed a 45 yd FG with 1:23 left, 14-0. BU ran a reverse on the opening KO of the 3Q & it went 91 yds for a TD by Davis 14-7. Norman ret'd a punt 80 yds for a TD & TT got an 8 yd TD drive foll a blk'd punt. TT added a 38 yd TD drive foll an int to close the scoring.

**AT KANSAS ST +38 7-48 LOSS** KSU's 1st 3 drives were 15, 9 and 13 plays covering 74, 49 and 72 yds, 21-0. BU had just 1 FD in the 1H. 34-0 at the half. KSU ret'd the opening KO 73 yds in the 3Q to set up a short TD. BU crossed midfield for the 1st time with 12:09 left & a muffed punt set up a 49 yd TD drive. KSU got another TD with 6:04 left for the cover & had a 402-119 yd edge.

**AT KANSAS +14 10-45 LOSS** BU had 130 yds in the 1Q & 193 yds at half but had just 58 total in the 2H. KU drove 71 yds all on the ground for a 1Q TD & rushed for 373 yds. BU hit a 26 yd FG & drove 80 yds for a TD, 10-7. KU drove 80 & 63 yds for TD's & were trying to run out the clock at the end of the 1H but got a 49 yd run by Bowles to set up a FG, 24-10. 4Q, a 35 yd PR set up a 22 yd TD drive for KU, then a 34 yd PR set up a 31 yd drive for a TD w/ 7:26 left. KU added a 50 yd TD drive w/ 4:12 left & had a 28-15 FD edge.

**COLORADO +21' 0-37 LOSS** CU had a 28-6 FD edge, 261 yds rushing & 232 yds passing while BU had 114 total yds. CU opened with a 48 yd, 10 play TD drive & then on 4th & inches got a 57 yd pass setting up a 1 yd TD run. Five times CU went for it on 4th down having complete confidence in their defense. CU added a 24 yd FG in the 2Q. BU crossed midfield on a James 32 yd run but missed a 44 yd FG. CU faked a punt & that set up a TD & then on the last play of half got a 37 yd FG, 27-0. CU got a 47 yd FG in the 3Q & a 2 yd TD run & the backups played the rest of the game.

**OKLAHOMA ST +20 14-34 TIE** OSU dominated far more than the final indicates. OSU finished w/ a 25-4 FD & 442-86 yd edges. They led just 3-0 after 1Q but 27-0 at half incl a 52 yd PR for a TD. In the first 28:00 OSU had a 211-(-15) yd edge. BU got a 41 yd drive foll a 55 yd KR & then a 4Q 52 yd int ret for a TD to score 14 pts with just 4 FD's.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Coach Kevin Steele's first year was not a banner one. Baylor opened with a pair of tough losses, losing on the last play versus both UNLV & Boston College. UNLV was a strange game as Baylor had the lead & the ball with less than a minute left inside the Rebels 10. Instead of going to a knee to run out the clock, they went for a TD and the RB was stripped of the ball and UNLV then returned it all the way for a TD, turning a sure win into a quick loss. Baylor never seemed to recover and they were not even competitive in Big 12 play. They set Big 12 records for most points allowed in conference games in a season (347) and the fewest amount of points scored (61). The closest they came to any Big 12 opponent was in their season finale when they lost by "only" 20 but in that game they had just 2 FD's with 4:30 left in the 3Q. It was Baylor's first one win season since 1971. The Bears have now lost 35 of their last 41 games and 13 straight in Big 12 competition. For Kevin Steele's sake, we hope that the school shows more patience with him than it did with his 2 predecessors who were both ousted well before their contracts expired. The offense averaged a paltry 12.4 ppg and will actually be able to move the ball and score some points this year. QB Greg Cicero gives them a take charge QB, something they have lacked, and the rest of the units on offense all look much stronger. The defensive line did suffer some big losses but the defense can do nothing but improve after ly's dismal performance. Baylor is a much stronger team this year but they had a HUGE gap between them and the rest of the Big 12. The best they can hope for in conference play is probably a home win vs either Iowa St or Missouri and they should bag a couple of non-conference wins. Look for a much more competitive team but escaping the Big 12 South cellar may be a year away.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| RB | Jonathon Golden | 6-1 205 PS#44 |
| LB | John Garrett | 6-2 215 PS#39 |
| QB | Greg Cicero | 6-4 210 PS#10JC |
| QB | Aaron Karas | 6-2 195 PS#45 |
| LB | Robert Forney | 6-2 220 PS#132 |
| WR | Robert Quiroga | 6-2 185 PS#115 |
| TE | Jonathan Evans | 6-2 250 PS#58 |
| QB | Kerry Dixon | 6-1 190 PS#98 |
| DB | Danielle McLean | 5-11 180 PS#149 |
| DB | Matt Johnson | 5-9 175 PS#177 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Greg Cicero Jr.** 6-4 210 *PS#24 in 97 & signed at Texas. 2800 yds, 33-11 ratio at JC in 99. Michael Odum (6-3 239 Jr) PS#112, 29 yds ly.*

**RB DARRELL BUSH SR.** 5-9 194 *PS#6 in 96. 3 sts in 97, 693 yds (6.7). 8 sts in 98, 357 yds (3.4). 11 sts in 99, 682 yds (4.2), 3rd tm Big 12. Eli Burkins PS#11.*

**FB DEREK LAGWAY SR.** 6-1 244 *PS#110. 229 total yds as true. 11 sts in 98, 335 rush (3.6), 266 rec yds. 5 sts ly, 215 yds (4.2). Melvin Barnett (6-0 252 Jr) 6 sts ly.*

**WR ANDRA FULLER JR.** 5-11 182 *PS#50WR. 6 rec as rFr (8.3). 179 ret yds. 10 sts in 99, 26 rec (11.8), frack tm. Lanny O'Steen (5-11 180 So) had 16 rec (9.9).*

**WR Randy Davis So.** 5-9 160 *PS#79RB. 10.44 in 100m on track team. Moved to WR in 99, 15 rec (10.6). Reggie Newhouse (6-1 195 So) 7 rec as true.*

**TE SHANE WILLIAMS rFR.** 6-4 246 *PS#20, Brandon Thompson (6-3 252 Sr) had 4 sts, 6 rec (18.8). Andrew Obriotti (6-3 239 Jr) has 14 sts, 9 rec (12.8) in 2 yrs.*

**C JOE JACKSON JR.** 6-3 283 *7 starts as rFr. Added 17 lbs in 99. 11 sts at C. 400 bench, 775 squat. Eric South (6-4 260 rFr) was PS#268.*

**RG TYSHAUN WHITSON SR.** 6-6 293 *PS#129JC. Redshirt in 98 as DL. Moved to OL last year, 11 sts. Derrick Pearcy (6-3 306 So) was PS#154OL.*

**LG ETHAN KELLEY SO.** 6-2 297 *PS#293DL in 98. Added 17 lbs in 99. 11 sts as rFr. Cedric Fields (6-4 295 rFr) PS#173OL in 99 & Redshirted.*

**RT GREG JERMAN JR.** 6-5 280 *6 of L/7 sts in 98 as rFr. 11 sts in 99, 2 letters. Jon Erickson (6-6 300 Jr) PS#371, 2nd string in 99, 0 letters.*

**LT Chad Crady So.** 6-5 265 *PS#130DL in 98. 2nd string LT in 99 & lettered. Derek Long (6-6 312 rFr) PS#112. Luke Nichols (6-5 299 Jr) PS#44.*

**K Adam Stiles Jr.** 5-9 180 *Hit 12 of 15 FG's at JUCO in 99. 6 of 6 from 40+. Daniel Andino (5-11 219 So) Grant Armstrong (5-11 159 rFr).*

**DE Charles Mann So.** 6-3 240 *PS#65 in 98. 9 gms as rFr, 20 tkls, 1sk, 5 tfl. Aaron Lard (6-2 258 rFr). Joshua Samples (6-6 234 rFr).*

**DT Kevin Stevenson So.** 6-2 280 *PS#109. 4 sts as rFr, 32 tkls, 2 tfl. Travis Hicks (6-3 289 So) PS#52 in 98. 1 st,30 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl in 99.*

**NT RYAN GILLENWATER JR.** 6-1 287 *PS#82DL in 98, 11 tkls as true. 6 sts in 99, 20 tkls. Cliff McDonald (6-5 297 rFr) PS#210. Eric Sims PS#336.*

**DE Joseph Simmons rFr.** 6-4 232 *PS#313DL. Eric Clay (6-1 235 Sr) PS#133LB. 49 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 yrs. Derrel Simmons (6-3 246 So) PS#131LB.*

**SLB McKinley Bowie Sr.** 6-2 245 *PS#106, 9 sts, 36 tkls, 7 tfl in 98. 2 sts, 51 tkls, 6 tfl ly. Derrick Cash (6-0 202 rFr) PS#123. Darwin Scott (5-11 228 Sr) PS#65.*

**MLB KRIS MICHEAUX SR.** 6-1 262 *PS#86. 9 sts, 95 tkls in 97. 8 sts, 72 tkls in 98. 9 sts, 85 tkls, 9 tfl ly. Kelvin Chaisson (6-2 228 So) PS#182, 3 sts, 49 tkls ly.*

**WLB John Garrett Fr.** 6-2 215 *PS#39LB. Anthony Simmons (6-0 210 rFr) PS#175. Jason Lary (6-0 214 Sr) 33 tkls in 98, 14 tkls in 99.*

**CB DANIEL WILTURNER SR.** 5-8 171 *PS#155RB. 17 tkls, 2 pbu in 98. 8 sts in 99, 37 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu, 4.34 speed. Eric Giddens (5-11 179 rFr) PS#69.*

**CB GARY BAXTER SR.** 6-2 195 *PS#101. 11 sts, 4 int, 18 pbu, 2nd tm B12 in 98. 10 sts, 2 int, 15 pbu ly. 4.38 spd. Allen Pace PS#81, 8 sts, 6 pbu, 2 yrs.*

**SS SAMIR AL-AMIN JR.** 6-0 211 *PS#37. 3 sts as true, 28 tkls. Inj in 98. 6 sts, #2 tkl'r in 99, 1 int, 8 pbu, 5 tfl. Drew Harding (5-10 184 Sr) 8 tkls in 2 yrs.*

**FS Odell James Sr.** 6-3 225 *PS#3QB in 98. 5 gms, 200 yds in 97. 4 sts, 869 yds in 98. 205 yds in 99. Kyle Staudt (6-2 206 Jr) PS#208, 2 rec in 98.*

**P Ryan Chapdelaine Jr.** 6-0 190 *Has been both P and WR the last 3 years but has no stats. Faisal Bandar (6-0 185 rFr) will also contend for the job.*

# BAYLOR BEARS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score BAY | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Bears have finished last in the Big 12 South for 4 consecutive seasons. Baylor is 10-5 ATS prior to a bye week. Bears are 3-9 ATS L/12 after a bye week. |
| Aug. 31 | at N Texas (Thurs) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NTU is the only team that the Bears beat SU last season. Baylor is first Big 12 team to **visit** Denton to play N Texas. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | Minnesota | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bears are 3-6 ATS their L/9 non-conference games. Baylor is 7-4 ATS in last 11 lined home openers. |
| Sep. 23 | S Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The S Florida Bulls were 7-4 LY & will be joining CUSA after this season. Bears last "NL' game was a 13-9 win over Sam Houston in '90. |
| Sep. 30 | Iowa St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Baylor is 5-16-1 (0-4 LY) vs former Big 8 schools. Bears are 0-9-2 ATS their L/11 conference games!!! |
| Oct. 7 | at Texas Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tech has raided the Bears with a 7-2 ATS mark the L/9 meetings. TT is 3-6 ATS their last 9 October away games. |
| Oct. 14 | Texas A&M | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Baylor is 7-3 ATS in sandwiched home games. Bears are 2-8 ATS the L/10 series meetings, 0-7 the L/7. |
| Oct. 21 | at Nebraska | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Baylor is 4-8 ATS in the first of B2B away games. Bears are 1-5 ATS s/'80 when a dog of 28 or more, 0-4 when 30+. |
| Oct. 28 | at Texas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Baylor is 1-6 ATS in the 2nd straight away game. The underdog is 12-5 ATS the L/17 in this series. |
| Nov. 4 | Oklahoma | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Strange but true: Bears are 1-11 ATS L/10Y in the first of 2 or more home games. Bears are 6-15-1 ATS the last 22 at home in November. |
| Nov. 11 | Missouri (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Baylor is 4-14-1 ATS as a home dog S/90. Bears are 3-7-1 ATS S/91 in their 2nd straight home game. |
| Nov. 18 | at Oklahoma St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Baylor is 4-11-1 ATS in their final road game. Bears are 0-4-2 ATS L/6 vs OSU, tying each of the L2Y (1-5 SU). |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 4-7 | 2-9 | 2-9 | 1-10 | 28-49 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 5-5-1 | 2-8-1 | 32-43-2 |
| Home Fav | 2-2 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 11-10 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 0-3-1 | 3-11-1 |
| Away Fav | 1-2 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 7-6 |
| Away Dog | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 3-2-1 | 1-4 | 11-16-1 |
| Favorite | 3-4 | 6-3 | 5-2 | 2-4 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 18-16 |
| Dog | 1-3 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 4-4-1 | 1-7-1 | 14-27-2 |
| Grass | 0-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-4 | 3-4 | 1-6-1 | 12-17-1 |
| Artificial | 4-6 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-6 | 2-3 | 2-1-1 | 1-2 | 20-26-1 |
| vs Conf | 2-5 | 4-3 | 4-3 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 4-3-1 | 0-7-1 | 19-32-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-2 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 13-11 |
| Off SU Win | 0-5 | 4-3 | 3-4 | 3-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 11-17 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-5 | 4-4 | 4-3-1 | 1-7-1 | 17-23-2 |

## Coach: KEVIN STEELE (Career 1-10)
### *Steele's records AT BAYLOR*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Baylor | | 1-1 | Home Favorite |
| 1-10 | Straight Up | 0-3-1 | Home Underdog |
| 2-8-1 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 1-7-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-4 | Away Underdog |
| 0-7-1 | Vs BIG 12 | 2-1 | Vs Non-BIG 12 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 85 | Liberty | E | LSU | 21-7 | W |
| 86 | Bluebonnet | -5' | Colorado | 21-9 | W |
| 91 | Copper | -3' | Indiana | 0-24 | L |
| 92 | John Hancock | +6' | Arizona | 20-15 | W |
| 94 | Alamo | +5' | Washington St | 3-10 | L |

# BAYLOR (1-10)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 12 SOUTH**

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 8** **Returning: 31 (18,12,1)**
**DEFENSE: 5** **Lost: 18 (4,13,1)**

## BAYLOR'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 12.5 | 13 | 110 | 3.1 | 120 | 46.0 | 18.5 | -5 | 1999 | 10 | 37.6 | 24 | 219 | 4.4 | 202 | 60.8 | 11.2 |
| 6 | 17.7 | 16 | 110 | 2.8 | 167 | 51.7 | 15.6 | +3 | 1998 | 7 | 29.0 | 22 | 214 | 4.8 | 227 | 50.5 | 15.2 |
| 7* | 18.2 | 18 | 185 | 4.7 | 151 | 54.3 | 18.5 | -5 | 1997 | 5 | 34.1 | 22 | 274 | 5.8 | 164 | 56.7 | 12.8 |
| 8 | 24.2 | 18 | 150 | 3.8 | 182 | 50.5 | 13.7 | -4 | 1996 | 7 | 29.5 | 24 | 287 | 5.6 | 181 | 48.6 | 16.1 |
| 7* | 24.8 | 19 | 210 | 4.3 | 173 | 51.4 | 15.4 | 0 | 1995 | 8 | 15.1 | 14 | 113 | 3.1 | 151 | 47.7 | 17.5 |
| 5 | 30.2 | 17 | 207 | 4.3 | 156 | 48.6 | 12.0 | +2 | 1994 | 10 | 23.0 | 18 | 139 | 3.7 | 220 | 56.6 | 15.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Boston College | 14 | 44-110 | 2.5 | 15-18 | 244 | 0 | 28 | 59-350 | 5.9 | 13-30 | 101 | 0 | 0 |
| UNLV | 24 | 53-240 | 4.5 | 10-22 | 107 | 1 | 19 | 40-138 | 3.5 | 17-27 | 192 | 4 | -1 |
| at Oklahoma | 12 | 32-51 | 1.6 | 19-29 | 157 | 0 | 30 | 24-128 | 5.3 | 38-56 | 429 | 0 | 0 |
| Texas | 8 | 20-12 | 0.6 | 13-31 | 147 | 2 | 34 | 49-233 | 4.8 | 29-41 | 353 | 1 | -4 |
| N Texas | 21 | 51-251 | 4.9 | 12-19 | 142 | 1 | 14 | 34-105 | 3.1 | 12-21 | 74 | 0 | +2 |
| at Texas A&M | 13 | 35-86 | 2.5 | 15-23 | 189 | 5 | 19 | 48-195 | 4.1 | 11-21 | 222 | 2 | 0 |
| Texas Tech | 15 | 42-137 | 3.3 | 9-29 | 88 | 3 | 18 | 55-185 | 3.4 | 11-22 | 117 | 4 | 0 |
| at Kansas St | 7 | 33-102 | 3.1 | 3-16 | 17 | 4 | 24 | 56-225 | 4.0 | 15-24 | 177 | 0 | -1 |
| at Kansas | 15 | 33-96 | 2.9 | 16-35 | 155 | 3 | 28 | 54-373 | 6.9 | 11-18 | 93 | 0 | 0 |
| Colorado | 6 | 24-74 | 3.1 | 4-21 | 40 | 2 | 28 | 66-261 | 4.0 | 20-31 | 232 | 2 | 0 |
| Oklahoma St | 4 | 18-49 | 2.7 | 6-22 | 37 | 4 | 25 | 67-214 | 3.2 | 17-28 | 228 | 2 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 139 | 385-1208 | 3.1 | 122-265 | 1323 | 25 | 267 | 552-2407 | 4.4 | 194-319 | 2218 | 15 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 12.6 | 35-110 | 3.1 | 11-24 | 120 | 2.3 | 24.3 | 50-219 | 4.4 | 18-29 | 202 | 1.4 | -0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Tulsa | -9' | 37-5 | W |
| Mississippi St | -6' | 21-30 | L |
| at N Carolina St | +1 | 14-0 | W |
| Texas Tech | E | 9-7 | W |
| at Houston | -17 | 47-7 | W |
| Texas A&M | +2 | 9-24 | L |
| TCU | -13 | 27-24 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +6 | 14-35 | L |
| at SMU | -16 | 48-7 | W |
| Rice | -15 | 34-6 | W |
| at Texas | +4 | 13-21 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Louisiana Tech | -20 | 24-16 | L |
| at Louisville | +1 | 14-13 | W |
| Oregon St | -18 | 42-10 | W |
| at Texas Tech | +7 | 24-45 | L |
| at Nebraska | +38 | 0-49 | L |
| Oklahoma | -7 | 24-28 | L |
| Iowa St | -7 | 49-21 | W |
| at Texas | +12 | 23-28 | W |
| Texas A&M | +5 | 7-24 | L |
| Missouri | -10 | 42-49 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | -2' | 17-37 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miami (Fla) | +15' | 14-45 | L |
| at Fresno St | +1' | 37-35 | W |
| at Michigan | +28 | 3-38 | L |
| Texas Tech | +5 | 14-35 | L |
| Nebraska | +39 | 21-49 | W |
| at Oklahoma | +15' | 23-24 | W |
| at Iowa St | -3' | 17-24 | L |
| Texas | +9 | 23-21 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +21 | 10-38 | L |
| at Missouri | +16' | 24-42 | L |
| Oklahoma St | +9' | 14-24 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Oregon St | +7 | 17-27 | L |
| N Carolina St | +3' | 33-30 | W |
| at Colorado | +15' | 16-18 | W |
| at Texas Tech | +12' | 29-31 | W |
| Kansas | -6 | 31-24 | W |
| Texas A&M | +7 | 14-35 | L |
| at Texas | +17' | 20-30 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +14' | 3-27 | L |
| Kansas St | +30' | 6-49 | L |
| Oklahoma | -4 | 16-28 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | +14 | 10-24 | T |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Boston College | +4' | 29-30 | W |
| UNLV | -10 | 24-27 | L |
| at Oklahoma | +12' | 10-41 | L |
| Texas | +16 | 0-62 | L |
| N Texas | -11' | 23-10 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +30 | 13-45 | L |
| Texas Tech | +8' | 7-35 | L |
| at Kansas St | +38 | 7-48 | L |
| at Kansas | +14 | 10-45 | L |
| Colorado | +21' | 0-37 | L |
| Oklahoma St | +20 | 14-34 | T |

# BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year's QB position was lightly tested coming into the season with a grand total of 12 career pass attempts from the group in 98. Tim Hasselbeck (PS#8) won the starting job and had a solid year throwing for 2,086 yards (54%) with a 12-9 ratio while also rushing for 402 yards. Hasselbeck did face an extremely varied slate of opposing defenses and versus the top four defenses that he faced (VT, Colo, Syr, Miami), he averaged just 146 ypg and completed 48%. He missed spring practice, but should be healthy for the fall. Brian St. Pierre (PS#11) got in 1 start (Pitt) and threw for 295 yards (57%) with a 1-3 ratio and had 134 yards rushing. He benefitted from the extra spring reps. Kevin Kiley (6-3 200 rFr) was PS#59. This is a talented group and now with experience, we'll look for much improved numbers in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year BC had to replace #2 DC of KC, Mike Cloud, who had rushed for 1,726 yards (5.6) in 98. O'Brien recruited PS#8 William Green and many, including myself, expected him to step right into the starter's role. Cedric Washington (PS#38) had other plans and started all 12 games and was named First Team Big East with 1,152 yards (4.8). Green did show a lot of promise and rushed for 283 yards (4.7) as a true frosh and also was among the top KR's in the country with a nifty 26.3 average. Carlton Rowe also saw action at TB and rushed for 262 yards (3.6), but he graduated. The top 2 FB's from last year both return, but starter Ryan Burch has been moved to LB. Ryan Utzler was the 98 starter there and will be pushed by a couple of HT's (see Projected Starting Lineups). This group is far more experienced than last year and looks to be one of the Big East's top RB corps.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year this was a very young group as the Eagles lost their top 5 receivers and all 3 starters. This year they lose starting TE Brian Arndt (12 sts, 28 rec, 12.8) and WR Derrick Crittenden (12 sts, 14 rec, 20.1). Despite the losses this group should be improved as it is more experienced. I really like the depth and talent at the WR position. Dedrick Dewalt led the team in receiving and I list the two deep below including explosive DuJuan Daniels. Not listed below is WR Kenney Gaskins (5-9 166 Jr, PS#161). They also get a solid addition in WR Ryan Read who had 17 rec and a super 25.5 ypc with 6 TD's at Navy in 98 and transferred in last year. Despite the losses this group has more experience than last year and will be improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Tom O'Brien has done a great job in this area as this unit had allowed 46 sacks prior to his arrival but has given up just 20, 17 and 22 sacks the last 3 years. The 99 unit had to replace 3 starters including 1st & 3rd round draft picks. This year two starters depart in LT Darnell Alford (#6DC of KC, 1st tm Big East, 3 yr st'r) and C Butch Palaza (12 sts). Three players return with starting experience and O'Brien signed a great crop of frosh last year including 2 VHT's who will contend for playing time. The projected starting 5 averages 6-5 301. This is a good sized group with a lot of talent and more experience than last year and should be improved.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Eagles had just 16 sacks in 98 despite having a veteran front. Last year almost everyone returned to the unit and the defense totalled 41 sacks led by star NG Chris Hovan (#1DC of MIN, 12 sks, 21 tfl, 1st tm AA). The losses are much greater this year as not only does Hovan depart, but also DE Adam Newman (12 sts, 8 tfl) and DT Mike Willetts (12 sts, 13 tfl, 69 tkl). Only two lettermen return to this group but O'Brien has done an incredible job recruiting in this area as he has no less than five VHT's either in the 2 deep below or among the Top Newcomers. This could be one of the Big East's best D-lines...in the year 2001. This year it is clearly less experienced and looks weaker than last year's version.

**LINEBACKERS** - For the first time in O'Brien's tenure, he has a 2 deep at LB consisting entirely of scholarship players. Last year they had to replace two starters and the backup. Ex-FB Frank Chamberlin (#5DC of TEN), who moved to LB in 98, was the only returning starter last year and won the Scanlon Award (top honor for BC player) leading the team with 134 tackles and 13 tfl. He is the only starter lost this year and one backup also departs. Hoping for a repeat of the success of the Chamberlin switch, O'Brien has moved starting FB Ryan Burch (12 sts) to the MLB slot and he looked solid in the spring. The most improved player on the team is OLB Scott Bradley who is drawing comparisons to Erik Storz who was a dominating pass rusher here. All of the players listed below are HT's including a VHT rFr in JD Schmidt. This is a much more experienced group and even with the loss of a star like Chamberlin, it is improved.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Eagles finished #102 and #94 in my pass efficiency defense ratings in 97 & 98. Last year the top 10 DB's all returned but they still finished a lowly #100 in my rankings allowing 235 ypg (60.9%) with a 18-12 ratio versus a soft slate of opposing QB's. This year they lose FS Pedro Cirino (1st tm BE, 12 sts, 98 tkl, 9 tfl, 6 pbu) and SS George White (11 sts, 3 int's, 87 tkl, 3 pbu). Starting CB RaMon Johnson was moved to safety in the spring, giving them basically three CB's on the field. I list Poole as the starter at one CB spot, but he will have to beat out DJ Sutton who was the 98 starter before a knee injury, and never fully recovered from it last fall. The safety positions look solid and go three deep. After the last 3 years' poor performances in the pass efficiency defense, I like the talent they have available here and even with the losses, they should improve upon the 1999 ranking.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In 98 BC finished just #101 in my special teams rankings and last year had to replace a solid P due to graduation. They still managed to rise to #69 with net punting being a weakness but the return game a big strength. True frosh William Green and WR DuJuan Daniels combined to average 26 ypr on 33 returns. Dedrick Dewalt was a solid PR. Kevin McMyler had an adequate year in his first year as P and looks to be solidly improved this year after a solid offseason and spring. BC switched their special teams to a more aggressive group last year and ended up blocking three punts and numerous FG's. They were a +2 in the TD block category. K John Matich must be replaced but he had an erratic year hitting just 9 of 18 FG's with a long of 45. Overall this area should be much stronger.

QB Tim Hasselbeck will thrive in his 2nd year of hassling defenses.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cedric Washington** | 238 | 1214 | 62 | 1152 | 7 | 4.8 |
| **William Green** | 60 | 295 | 12 | 283 | 4 | 4.7 |
| Carlton Rowe | 73 | 284 | 22 | 262 | 4 | 3.6 |
| **Tim Hasselbeck** | 98 | 402 | 179 | 223 | 3 | 2.3 |
| **Brian St.Pierre** | 25 | 134 | 26 | 109 | 0 | 4.4 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tim Hasselbeck** | 292 | 158 | 54.1 | 2086 | 12 | 9 |
| **Brian St.Pierre** | 42 | 24 | 57.1 | 295 | 1 | 3 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dedrick Dewalt** | 42 | 674 | 16.0 | 4 | 97 |
| **Cedric Washington** | 31 | 181 | 5.8 | 0 | 16 |
| Bryan Arndt | 28 | 359 | 12.8 | 3 | 27 |
| **Ryan Burch** | 15 | 180 | 12.0 | 1 | 40 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kevin McMyler** | 65 | 2441 | 37.6 | - | 31.4 | 2 | 18 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Matich | 3-3 | 5-9 | 1-4 | 0-2 | 9-18 | 45 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Chamberlin | 134 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 1 |
| Pedro Cirino | 98 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| George White | 87 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| **Jonathan Ordway** | 82 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Chris Hovan | 77 | 12 | 21 | 5 | 0 |
| Mike Willetts | 69 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| **Antonio Garay** | 64 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| **RaMon Johnson** | 62 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| **Scott Bradley** | 59 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| **Marco Williams** | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adam Newman | 27 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| **Sean Guthrie** | 26 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Jerome Ledbetter** | 26 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dedrick Dewalt** | 19 | 138 | 7.3 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DeJuan Daniels** | 17 | 432 | 25.4 | 1 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**BAYLOR (OT) -4' 30-29 LOSS** BC had a 13-4 FD edge in the 1H but trailed 16-7 thanks to a blk'd punt which set up a FG and an 83 yd int ret with :25 left 1H. BC settled for a 21 yd FG to open the 3Q but blk'd a punt setting up a TD. A celeb pen forced a missed XP, 16-16. BC missed a 37 yd FG but got a TD with 6:42 left. 1:00 later BU got a 73 yd TD pass to tie. In OT, each team scored a TD but Baylor missed the XP.

**AT NAVY -7 14-10 LOSS** Navy missed a 22 yd FG but made a 25 yd'r & BC had a 64 yd TD pass, 7-3. BC fmbl'd at the Navy 15, was int'd at the 12, had a FD at the 14 but went backwards & had a FG blk'd just before half. BC was SOD at the Navy 23 in the 3Q. Navy drove 67 yds for a TD. BC went 73 yds for a TD mid 4Q. Foll a Navy fmbl, BC had a FG bounce off the upright with 3:35 left. Navy was SOD and BC knelt at the Navy 25.

**AT RUTGERS -7 27-7 WIN** RU had only 5 healthy DL's & BC's huge O-line wore them down in the 2H. In the 1H BC had just a 191-157 yd edge but was aided by 5 RU dropped passes. BC got a 31 yd FG foll an int & an 87 yd TD drive, 10-0. BC got a 62 yd drive for a FG to open the 3Q but RU got a 56 yd TD pass. BC drove 73 yds for a TD, 20-7. RU drove 56 yds but missed a 37 yd FG & 2 poss later BC's TD sealed it.

**NORTHEASTERN NL 33-22** - Div IAA NE actually outgained BC 401-307 & had a 20-14 FD edge. A 58 yd KR set up a flea flicker on the 1st play that resulted in a 39 yd TD pass for NE. BC went up 13-7. NE got a 71 yd TD drive. Chamberlin ret'd a fmbl 12 yds for a TD, 20-14 BC at half. The 3Q had 5 TO's. BC got a 15 yd blk'd punt ret for a TD & a 27 yd int ret TD, 33-14. NE took advantage of 2 BC fmbl's & got a late 24 yd TD pass. BC had just 1 offensive TD.

**AT TEMPLE -14 14-24 LOSS** TU QB Scott was not supposed to play but hit 17 of 24 for 169 yds including leading the game changing drive before the half. BC got a 6 yd TD drive after a blk'd punt. BC missed a 45 yd FG. TU was int'd & BC drove 67 yds for a TD, 14-0. BC was int'd in the EZ & got to midfield but punted, wasting 2 more chances. TU's drive looked to be stalled but on 4th &19 a pers foul by BC gave them a FD. TU continued on to get a TD with just :02 left 1H, 14-7. With the momentum the 2H was all TU as they drove 51 & 73 yds for TD's. BC fmbl'd at the TU 25 and got no closer.

**PITTSBURGH +3' 20-16 WIN** BC started St Pierre (Hasselbeck inj'd). Late 1Q BC got a TD. Each team had a FG blk'd. Pitt brought in QB Priestley in the 2Q & on his 1st poss got a 29 yd FG. His 2nd poss went 67 yds for a TD, 10-7 at half. Pitt added a 3Q FG, 13-7. St Pierre was inj'd & Hasselbeck had 202 yds in the 2H. His 35 yd TD pass tied it (xp blk'd). Early 4Q Pitt got a long pass but settled for a short FG, 16-13. BC missed a 50 yd FG but got a 36 yd TD pass with 1:48 left for the win despite squandering many opportunities.

**MIAMI, FLA. +18 28-31 WIN** Both of BC's 1st 2 poss were kept alive by Miami pen's on FG attempts & BC cashed in getting 80 and 81 yd TD drives. BC had a 250-101 yd halftime edge, 21-0. BC led 28-0 in the 3Q. UM drove 74 yds for a TD. BC missed a 33 yd FG early 4Q. UM drove 80 yds for a TD. BC fmbl'd to set up another UM TD, 28-21. UM drove 77 yds for a TD with 3:51 left. Later UM had a 4th & 16 & elected not to kick a 51 yd FG & conv'd a FD w/a 21 yd pass. With :03 left they got the game-winning FG.

**AT SYRACUSE +19 24-23 WIN** SU dominated everywhere but the scoreboard & had a 26-11 FD edge. BC ret'd the opening KO 100 yds for a TD, 7-0. In the 1H SU had an 88 yd drive end in a 34 yd FG. SU drove 48 yds for a TD & BC answered going 80 yds for a TD. SU got a 65 yd TD drive, 17-14. BC went 58 yds for a TD to open the 3Q foll an int. SU settled for a 31 yd FG & then after a 1st & goal at the 4 settled for a 36 yd FG, 23-21. SU missed a 40 yd FG. After an exchange of punts, BC drove for a 34 yd FG with 3:00 left. SU got 2 FD's but QB Williams was tkl'd a foot short on 4th & 13 with 1:19 left.

**W VIRGINIA -3' 34-17 WIN** Big plays by BC & no Bulger were the keys. BC led 17-10 at half. WV was driving in the 3Q to tie when BC DB Cirino ret'd a fmbl 63 yds for a TD, 24-10. Later BC got a 66 yd TD pass. WV went on a 15 play, 98 yd TD drive, 31-17. BC was not only able to run out the clock but got 4 FD's & nailed a 26 yd FG with 2:06 left. BC only had a 23-21 FD edge despite the 17 point victory.

**AT NOTRE DAME +8' 31-29 WIN** ND had 94 & 63 yd TD drives, 14-0. BC drove 53 yds foll an int & 49 yds for a TD to tie. BC drove 94 yds for a 23 yd FG with 1:16 left 1H. ND got a 44 yd FG on the half's final play, 17-17. BC drove 93 & 80 yds for a TD's. ND drove 62 yds for a TD with 5:52 left (xp ng). ND ret'd a punt 67 yds for a TD with 3:27 left (2 pt ng). ND got it back with 2:18 left but was int'd at the 38.

**AT VIRGINIA TECH +24 14-38 TIE** VT dominated catching BC the week after their upset of ND. BC fmbl'd the snap on a FG & was SOD at the VT 31 in the 1H. VT got an 88 yd TD drive, 69 and 59 yd TD passes to Davis and a 40 yd FG & had a 358-122 yd edge at half. BC was SOD at the VT 23 & VT was SOD at the BC 1. BC got a 97 yd TD pass. VT drove 80 & 50 yds for TD's but BC got a 45 yd TD run by Green with :46 left for the backdoor push.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

After not going bowling since 1994, BC had to feel good about an 8-4 season & a trip to a warmer climate for the holidays. Unfortunately the Eagles were blown out in their final two performances by a combined total of 100-42. It is interesting to note that despite BC's 8-4 record, they were actually outscored on the season and outgained by an average 399-370 yard margin. That is one of the reasons I used a 4★ on Colorado in the bowl game. In 1997 new coach Tom O'Brien got off to a 2-1 start but they went just 2-6 down the stretch. In 1998 they opened up 3-0 including a big win over Georgia Tech but finished 4-7 on the season. Last year they jumped out to a 4-0 start and finally made it to a bowl as mentioned. Last year they had just 3 returning starters on offense but I called for them to come close to the previous year's 24.8 ppg. That's exactly what they did totaling the exact same output (24.8). This year the bulk of the offense returns and with an experienced QB and two star RB's they should be much more potent. The defensive line suffered some massive losses and will need a veteran back seven to help compensate. How quickly the young but talented D-line comes around will be a key to the stop unit. They do get 4 Big East home games and have another soft non-conference slate. This looks like a solid team and one that has a chance to contend for 3rd in the Big East, however I feel they were fortunate to bag their 8 wins last year being outgained and matching last year's lofty win total will be tough.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DL | Justin Hinds | 6-4 265 PS#11 |
| DL | Anthony Crosson | 6-3 270 PS#48 |
| WR | Joel Hazard | 5-11 175 PS#39 |
| DL | Jordan Stockwell | 6-4 330 PS#50 |
| QB | Eric Boatwright | 6-4 215 PS#49 |
| WR | Grant Adams | 6-1 185 PS#45 |
| TE | David Kashetta | 6-4 255 PS#22 |
| DL | Robert Bennett | 6-4 295 PS#67 |
| OL | Doug Goodwin | 6-2 280 PS#77 |
| DB | T.J. Stancil | 6-2 195 PS#67 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB TIM HASSELBECK SR.** 6-1 212 *PS#8. 140 yds in 98. 11 sts in 99, 2086 yds (54%). 12-9 ratio, 402 rush. Brian St. Pierre (6-3 201 So) was PS#11, 1 st in 99.*

**RB CEDRIC WASHINGTON SR.** 5-10 201 *PS#38 in 96, 9 tkls at LB as true. 173 yds in 98, 12 sts in 99, 1152 yds (4.8), 31 rec (5.8), 1st Tm BE.* ***William Green*** *(6-1 220 So) was PS#8.*

**FB Ryan Utzler Jr.** 6-1 236 *PS#53TE. 10 sts as rFr, 7 yds. 7 yds in 99 also, 2nd string. JP Comella (6-1 215 rFr) PS#78; Greg Toal (6-0 200 rFr) PS#63.*

**WR DEDRICK DEWALT JR.** 5-9 175 *13 rec (10.8) in 98. 12 sts in 99, 42 rec (16.0). DuJuan Daniels (5-11 181 Jr) was PS#81WR, 9 rec (16.7). Ryan Read (5-11 180 Jr).*

**WR Jamal Burke So.** 6-0 196 *PS#20 in 98. 12 rec in 99 & solid 21.0 ypc. Keith Hemmings (6-3 190 So) was PS#38. Chris Barnes (6-1 180 rFr) PS#52.*

**TE Mike Guazzo Sr.** 6-3 248 *PS#117 in 96. 8 rec (9.4) as true. 4 sts in 97, 10 rec (14.0). Reds in 98. 3 rec (12.7) in 99. Josh Cervi (6-3 241 Jr) PS#72.*

**C Dan Koppen So.** 6-3 288 *PS#139. 2nd string as rFr, lettered. Todd McKniff (6-4 253 So) PS#66DL. John Richardson (6-3 279 Jr) PS#266, 2 letters.*

**RG PAUL ZUKAUSKAS SR.** 6-6 318 *PS#53, lettered as true. 11 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99. 2nd tm Big East. Mark Parenteau (6-5 290 So) PS#119, 5 gms as true.*

**LG PAUL LaQUERRE SR.** 6-3 291 *PS#51. 2nd string as rFr. 2nd string in 98 (inj) 12 sts in 99, 2 letters. Augie Hoffmann (6-2 315 rFr) PS#15.*

**RT Marc Columbo Jr.** 6-8 298 *PS#146, 2nd string in 98. 2nd string in 99, 7 gms, 2 letters. Frank Wilpert (6-6 275 rFr) PS#27. Leo Bell is PS#142.*

**LT MIKE COOK SR.** 6-5 310 *PS#12. 2nd string as rFr. 2 sts, 9 gms in 98. 12 sts in 99, 3 letters. Dan Murphy (6-2 268 So) PS#76, 2nd string ly.*

**K Sandro Sciortino rFr.** 5-10 194 *From Canada. Strong leg for KO's & solid accuracy. Extensive action in the spring. Redshirt here in 1999.*

**DE Derric Rossy So.** 6-3 241 *PS#38LB. 16 tkls, 1 sk, 2 pbu as rFr.* ***Tom Martin*** *(6-5 255 rFr) was PS#26DL in 99. Justin Hinds is PS#11.*

**DT Keith Leavitt rFr.** 6-8 290 *PS#10OL in 99. Jim Connor (6-5 270 rFr) PS#56 in 99. Anthony Crosson PS#48. Jordan Stockwell PS#50.*

**NG Antonio Garay Jr.** 6-4 287 *PS#58DL, 20 tkls as true. 4 sts in 99, 64 tkls, 8 tfl. Kevin Crane (6-4 267 Jr) PS#38TE. 11 tkls, 3 tfl in 99.*

**DE SEAN GUTHRIE JR.** 6-4 245 *5 tkls, 1 sk in 98. 8 sts in 99, 26 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 pbu in 99. Frank Misurelli (6-5 225 So) PS#33, 3 tkls as true but inj.*

**OLB MARCO WILLIAMS SO.** 6-1 211 *PS#143. 8 sts in 99, 52 tkls as rFr. Jerome Ledbetter (6-3 220 So) PS#87, 4 sts in 99, 28 tkls, 4 tfl (inj'd).*

**MLB RYAN BURCH SR.** 6-3 242 *PS#76. DT/FB in 98. 12 sts at FB ly, 180 rec yds. Andy Romanowsky (6-2 227 Jr) PS#63, 34 career tkls.* ***JD Schmidt*** *(6-3 225 rFr) PS#19.*

**OLB SCOTT BRADLEY JR.** 6-1 219 *PS#85. 19 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 12 sts, 59 tkls, 13 tfl in 99. Steve Martin (6-2 232 Sr) 40 tkls, 3 yrs. Curtis Bolden PS#131.*

**CB JONATHAN ORDWAY JR.** 5-10 178 *54 tkls, 3 pbu as rFr, 12 sts, 82 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu in 99. Sprinter on track tm. Trevor White (5-10 180 So) PS#83RB.*

**CB William Poole rFr.** 5-11 185 *PS#64 in 99,* ***DJ Sutton*** *(5-8 158 Sr) 2 sts in 97, 18 tkls, 2 pbu. 6 sts in 98, 17 tkls (miss 5 inj) not 100% ly, 8 tkls.*

**SS Doug Bessette So.** 5-11 205 *PS#101. 1 st as true, 25 tkls, 1 tfl. Ralph Parent (6-2 206 So) PS#73WR, 8 tkls ly. TJ Stancil is PS#67DB.*

**FS RAMON JOHNSON SR.** 5-10 192 *PS#137. 3 sts in 98, 34 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 12 sts at CB in 99, 62 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. Brian Flores (5-11 195 rFr) PS#39DB.*

**P KEVIN McMYLER SO.** 6-1 192 *Took over punting duties as frosh & 65 punts with 37.6 avg, net of 31.4. Solid leg. 61 yard punt vs Baylor.*

# BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
Weather (617) 936-1234

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score BC | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Eagles are 4-2 ATS vs Louisville.<br>Boston College is 4-7 ATS their L/11 conference openers. |
| Sep. 2 | at W Virginia | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Boston College is 4-11 ATS in season openers since 1985.<br>Eagles are 15-7 ATS in the 1st of B2B road games since 1985. |
| Sep. 9 | at Army | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BC is 3-9 ATS as a favorite away from Chestnut Hill.<br>Eagles are 9-1 SU, 7-3 ATS vs the Cadets since 1987. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bonus: The favorite is 5-2 ATS the last 7 Army/BC meetings. |
| Sep. 23 | Navy | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BC is 6-11 ATS as a home favorite the L/6 years.<br>Eagles are 4-2 SU but just 1-5 ATS vs the Middies. |
| Sep. 30 | Virginia Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Boston College is 2-6 ATS in their 2nd straight game on The Hill.<br>The home team is 0-5-1 ATS the last 6 series meetings. |
| Oct. 7 | Connecticut | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite a 3-2 mark LY, BC is 3-10 SU in October under O'Brien.<br>UConn is moving to 1A ball TY & was 4-7 SU LY but 10-3 in '98. |
| Oct. 14 | Syracuse | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This will be the 1st time S/92 BC is at home for a 4th straight game.<br>BC is 4-9 ATS their L/13 games against Syracuse. |
| Oct. 21 | at Pittsburgh | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Eagles are 10-4 ATS the L/14 series meetings.<br>The SU winner is 12-1 ATS the L/13 in this matchup. |
| Oct. 28 | Rutgers | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BC has been favored in 18 of the L/19 meetings vs Rut, only dog role in '91.<br>Boston College is 6-2 ATS the L/8 vs the Scarlet Knights. |
| Nov. 4 | Temple | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BC owns just 1 cover in the L/6 meetings vs Temple.<br>That came in 98, a yr after TU beat them SU. That situation is in effect here. |
| Nov. 11 | at Notre Dame | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BC is 6-15 ATS the L/5Y vs non Big East teams.<br>Eagles are 11-6-1 ATS on natural grass since 1993. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 25 | at Miami (Fla) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Eagles are 0-10 SU, 6-4 ATS vs UM since the Flutie Hail Mary in '84.<br>Boston College is 7-3-1 ATS in their final road game. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: ALUMNI STADIUM (44,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 6-4-1 | 4-8 | 5-7 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 8-3 | 39-39-1 |
| ATS | 8-3 | 6-5 | 5-7 | 4-8 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 6-3-1 | 38-39-1 |
| Home Fav | 4-1 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 10-12 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 7-9 |
| Away Fav | 2-1 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 8-11 |
| Away Dog | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-0-1 | 13-7-1 |
| Favorite | 6-2 | 4-4 | 2-4 | 1-4 | 0-4 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 18-23 |
| Dog | 2-1 | 2-1 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 4-3 | 2-4 | 4-0-1 | 20-16-1 |
| Grass | 1-0 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-1-1 | 11-6-1 |
| Artificial | 7-3 | 5-4 | 2-7 | 2-8 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 4-2 | 27-33 |
| vs BIG EAST | 5-2 | 2-5 | 4-3 | 2-5 | 4-3 | 3-4 | 5-1-1 | 25-23-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-1 | 4-0 | 1-4 | 2-3 | 0-4 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 13-16 |
| Off SU Win | 7-1 | 3-3 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 4-2-1 | 20-15-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-1 | 1-2 | 4-4 | 2-4 | 3-4 | 2-4 | 2-0 | 15-19 |

## Coach: TOM O'BRIEN (Career 16-18)
### *O'Brien's records AT BOSTON COLLEGE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Boston College | | 3-4 | Home Favorite |
| 16-18 | Straight Up | 5-4 | Home Underdog |
| 15-16-1 | Vs The Spread | 2-5 | Away Favorite |
| 7-9 | Off A S/U Loss | 5-3-1 | Away Underdog |
| 12-8-1 | Vs BIG EAST | 3-8 | Vs Non-BIG EAST |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 86 | Hall of Fame | +2' | Georgia | 27-24 | W |
| 92 | Hall of Fame | +3' | Tennessee | 23-38 | L |
| 93 | Carquest | -6' | Virginia | 31-13 | W |
| 94 | Aloha | +1' | Kansas St | 12-7 | W |
| 99 | Insight.com | +7' | Colorado | 28-62 | L |

# BOSTON COLLEGE (8-4)

CONFERENCE: BIG EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 31 (18,12,1)
Lost: 21 (8,11,2)

## BOSTON COLLEGE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 24.8 | 20 | 171 | 4.1 | 200 | 54.6 | 15.0 | -1 | 1999 | 8 | 25.7 | 21 | 162 | 3.9 | 235 | 61.0 | 15.5 |
| 4 | 24.8 | 22 | 196 | 4.6 | 216 | 60.5 | 16.6 | -2 | 1998 | 7 | 28.3 | 20 | 164 | 3.8 | 234 | 57.7 | 14.1 |
| 8* | 21.6 | 20 | 178 | 4.6 | 222 | 61.8 | 18.6 | -1 | 1997 | 5 | 28.6 | 20 | 199 | 4.3 | 196 | 58.3 | 13.8 |
| 8 | 22.0 | 23 | 142 | 3.6 | 210 | 50.0 | 16.1 | +1 | 1996 | 7 | 30.3 | 20 | 190 | 4.2 | 214 | 56.0 | 13.3 |
| 7* | 17.2 | 19 | 132 | 3.6 | 184 | 51.4 | 18.3 | -10 | 1995 | 6 | 26.8 | 21 | 195 | 4.3 | 190 | 53.5 | 14.3 |
| 6 | 22.6 | 19 | 171 | 4.0 | 202 | 55.8 | 16.5 | -2 | 1994 | 8 | 14.1 | 15 | 95 | 2.6 | 161 | 52.2 | 18.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Baylor | 28 | 59-350 | 5.9 | 13-30 | 101 | 0 | | 14 | 44-110 | 2.5 | 15-18 | 244 | 2 | 0 |
| at Navy | 21 | 44-98 | 2.2 | 19-29 | 305 | 4 | | 17 | 56-253 | 4.5 | 4-12 | 84 | 2 | -1 |
| at Rutgers | 26 | 50-243 | 4.9 | 19-25 | 184 | 1 | | 16 | 27-79 | 2.9 | 16-33 | 228 | 3 | +3 |
| Northeastern | 14 | 43-146 | 3.4 | 14-29 | 161 | 0 | | 20 | 37-142 | 3.8 | 25-48 | 259 | 5 | 0 |
| at Temple | 20 | 35-105 | 3.0 | 20-31 | 223 | 4 | | 25 | 33-156 | 4.7 | 30-47 | 273 | 1 | -2 |
| Pittsburgh | 20 | 32-105 | 3.3 | 22-39 | 317 | 0 | | 21 | 33-45 | 1.4 | 28-40 | 346 | 5 | +1 |
| Miami (Fla) | 26 | 48-237 | 4.9 | 18-35 | 139 | 0 | | 20 | 33-178 | 5.4 | 20-36 | 218 | 4 | -1 |
| at Syracuse | 11 | 31-108 | 3.5 | 6-15 | 161 | 2 | | 26 | 54-164 | 3.0 | 21-29 | 200 | 5 | 0 |
| W Virginia | 23 | 44-214 | 4.9 | 11-15 | 229 | 1 | | 21 | 39-107 | 2.7 | 23-37 | 241 | 5 | -1 |
| at Notre Dame | 23 | 44-165 | 3.8 | 21-31 | 277 | 3 | | 20 | 32-95 | 3.0 | 19-34 | 283 | 3 | +2 |
| at Virginia Tech | 13 | 39-181 | 4.6 | 6-21 | 138 | 6 | | 28 | 57-265 | 4.6 | 11-13 | 290 | 5 | +1 |
| Colorado (Bowl) | 12 | 35-96 | 2.7 | 14-35 | 159 | 1 | | 29 | 50-347 | 7.2 | 16-27 | 158 | 1 | -3 |
| TOTALS | 237 | 504-2048 | 4.1 | 183-335 | 2394 | 22 | | 257 | 495-1941 | 3.9 | 228-374 | 2824 | 41 | -1 |
| AVERAGES | 19.8 | 42-171 | 4.1 | 15-28 | 200 | 1.8 | | 21.4 | 41-162 | 3.9 | 19-31 | 235 | 3.4 | -0.1 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Ohio St | +4 | 6-38 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +2' | 20-14 | W |
| Michigan | +6 | 13-23 | L |
| at Michigan St | -4 | 21-25 | L |
| Pittsburgh | -10 | 17-0 | W |
| W Virginia | -6' | 19-31 | L |
| Army | -13 | 7-49 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +19 | 10-20 | W |
| at Temple | -10 | 10-9 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | +7 | 14-17 | W |
| at Syracuse | +8 | 29-58 | L |
| at Rutgers | -2 | 41-38 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Hawaii | -13 | 24-21 | L |
| Virginia Tech | +2' | 7-45 | L |
| at Michigan | +22 | 14-20 | W |
| Navy | -6' | 43-38 | L |
| at W Virginia | +14 | 17-34 | L |
| at Cincinnati | +2' | 24-17 | W |
| Rutgers | -14' | 37-13 | W |
| Syracuse | +13' | 17-45 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | -11' | 13-20 | L |
| Notre Dame | +24 | 21-48 | L |
| Temple | -10 | 21-20 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +22 | 26-43 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Temple | -12 | 21-28 | L |
| W Virginia | +7 | 31-24 | W |
| at Rutgers | -14' | 35-21 | L |
| Cincinnati | +2 | 6-24 | L |
| Georgia Tech | +6' | 14-42 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +18' | 7-17 | W |
| Miami (Fla) | +6 | 44-45 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +15 | 20-52 | L |
| Pittsburgh | -4' | 22-21 | L |
| at Syracuse | +27 | 13-20 | W |
| Army | -13' | 24-20 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Georgia Tech | +13 | 41-31 | W |
| Rutgers | -22' | 41-14 | W |
| Temple | -18 | 31-7 | W |
| at Louisville | -6' | 28-52 | L |
| Virginia Tech | +6' | 0-17 | L |
| Syracuse | +13' | 25-42 | L |
| Navy | -14 | 31-32 | L |
| at Miami, (Fla) | +15 | 17-35 | L |
| Notre Dame | +11 | 26-31 | W |
| at Pittsburgh | -1' | 23-15 | W |
| at W Virginia | +13' | 10-35 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baylor | -4 | 30-29 | L |
| at Navy | -7 | 14-10 | L |
| at Rutgers | -7 | 27-7 | W |
| Northeastern | NL | 33-22 | – |
| at Temple | -14 | 14-24 | L |
| Pittsburgh | +3' | 20-16 | W |
| Miami (Fla) | +18 | 28-31 | W |
| at Syracuse | +19 | 24-23 | W |
| West Virginia | -3' | 34-17 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +8' | 31-29 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +24 | 14-38 | T |

# BYU COUGARS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Cougars lose a good one in Kevin Feterik who was a 3 year starter. Feterik had his best season as a senior throwing for 3,679 yards, completing a solid 66.1% with a 25-15 ratio. He will be tough to replace as they showed in the Motor City Bowl when the offense went into hibernation after he went out of the lineup. There are some talented players competing for the position. Bret Engemann was PS#22 in 96 but went away on a mission. He returned as a true frosh last year and saw limited action with 15 pass attempts and 7 rushes. Charlie Peterson was PS#112 in 95 and also came back from a mission throwing for 50 yards. Brandon Doman (6-1 195 Jr) was PS#49 and saw action in both 98 & 99 at QB but ended up at WR last season. Matt Berry (6-5 218 rFr) was PS#44 but is now on a mission. In the spring game the 3 QB's combined to hit 43-76 for 620 yards and Edwards thinks they will be "fine at QB". There's plenty of talent available at this position and BYU always turns out a top notch QB, but this unit is much less experienced than last year and is definitely weaker.

**RUNNING BACKS** - BYU has been blessed with some solid RB's over the last few years. Brian McKenzie topped 1,000 yards in both 96 & 97 and Ronney Jenkins had 777 yards in 96 and then 1,307 yards in 98. Last year the Cougars had to replace Jenkins as well as Junior Mahe (551 yds in 98) who surprisingly withdrew prior to the season. The RB corps was made up predominately of true frosh last year at the TB slot and they did well. Fahu Tahi and Luke Staley combined for 876 yards (4.3) despite both missing time due to injuries. FB Kalani Sitake had 6 starts until injury. All three could return giving them much better depth than they had last season. They lose FB Donny Atuaia (6 sts, 304 total yds). Since Edwards showed no aversion to playing true frosh last year, it is possible that Marcus Whalen (PS#64) could see action. He also signed JUCO RB Brian Mcdonald (6-0 200). Not listed in the 2 deep below is Paul Peterson (5-8 200 Jr) who was PS#123. Andrew Ord (6-2 200 So) was PS#77 in 96. Ned Stearns (6-0 210 Jr) was PS#176 in 95. FB Mike Nielson (6-2 240 Jr) transferred in from Utah St and saw limited action. Junior Mahe is also trying to get back into school and could end up starting. Tahi may elect to go on a mission and Staley may redshirt if not 100% healthy. BYU was without their top 2 backs for most of the season's final 3 games (they lost all 3), and this year SHOULD have much better depth and talent.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Cougars had a veteran receiving corps with all the top players back and they do so once again this year. The lone loss is TE Carlos Nuno (7 sts, 12 rec). Tevita Ofahengaue had only 5 starts but had 23 rec's and should be a fine replacement for Nuno. I list his backups and the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed are Soren Halladay (6-1 195 So, PS#105), Cody Fonnesbeck (5-7 145 Fr, PS#68), Toby Christensen (5-11 190 rFr, PS#155, Todd's son) and Mike Rigell (5-9 175 So, PS#200) who had 19 rec's (17.7) and 1 start in 98. Edwards says "we have a chance to be as good as we have ever been at receiver." This is a deep and talented group and clearly one of the Mt West's best.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Cougars had to replace a pair of NFL draft picks from this unit and the group struggled for a second consecutive year. In 98 they allowed 50 sacks while only paving the way for 3.4 ypc. At least that unit had 14 games to give up the 50 sacks. In 99 the Cougars O-line allowed 45 sacks in just 12 games and only paved the way for 2.7 ypc rushing. In the bowl game versus Marshall they did not come close to stopping the Marshall pass rush and Feterik was injured. This year they must replace RG Matt Johnson (12 sts, 1st tm MW, #5 DC of IND), C Jimmy Richards (12 sts, 2nd tm MW) and LG John Skiba (12 sts, 2 yr st'r). Edwards has a VHT JUCO in Teag Whiting who redshirted last season and, of course, most of the players on the line have gone on missions and are much older than freshmen and sophomores at other schools. Edwards hired former lineman Mike Empey to assist OL Coach Roger French this season. I basically list a 3 deep of the O-line below, and there are plenty of HT's in the group. I look for improvement this season.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Cougars had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and this year only one departs in DE Byron Frisch (12 sts, 8 sks, 10 tfl, 1st tm MW, #3 DC of TEN). Three solid starters return and almost the entire 2 deep listed below is made up of HT's, with all but one having experience. Edwards signed a great crop of true frosh DL's this year and I list a couple in the Top Newcomers block below. BYU has allowed just 3.0 ypc rushing in each of the last 2 years and should be even stronger next season. This unit should put a lot of pressure on opposing QB's.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Cougars had to replace 2 starters last year but had superstar MLB Rob Morris (#1 DC of IND) returning. Unfortunately Morris got hurt early in the season and missed 4 complete games earning just 8 starts, but still finished with 92 tackles, 6 sacks and was 1st team Mt West. Jeff Holtry took his place and got in 6 starts but then tore his ACL on November 8th and missed the rest of the year. Holtry missed spring but should be 100% for the fall. The other 2 starters may return in Justin Ena and Josh Lowe, but Lowe suffered 2 herniated disks in his back and his future is in doubt. Edwards did land some excellent true frosh who could play immediately and I list them in the 2 deep below. Even though last year's LB corps was hurt by injuries, it is tough to replace a talent like Morris and with Lowe's availability in question, I'll call this unit a little weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Cougars finished #34 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and returned their outstanding CB combo of Brian Gray and Heshi Robertson last year. Surprisingly they dropped to #55 in my rankings allowing 51.9% with a 17-15 ratio while taking on a light slate of opposing QB's. This year they lose Gray (12 sts, 1st tm MW, 3 int, 9 pbu), Robertson (12 sts, 1 int, 5 pbu), SS Tyler Nelson (4 sts, 25 tkls, 7 pbu) and 2 backup CB's who combined for 16 tackles. I like the size and speed of Jemaro Guilford at one of the CB slots and they have 4 safeties returning with starting experience and get a couple of JUCO's to plug in at CB. This has the makings of a good group but I'll call it a notch weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - K Owen Pochman hit 20 of 27 FG's with a long of 47 in 98 but opened up the 99 season with 3 straight misses. He ended the season as a Groza semifinalist and hit a solid 19 of 27 with a long of 47. After ranking #9 in my special teams rankings in 96, the Cougars were just #71 and #45 the next 2 years. Last year special teams hurt them early and they finished just #89 with a major weakness in KR defense where they allowed a whopping 24.8 per return. They lose P Jesse Sowards this year but should find a capable replacement. Jaron Dabney was the top PR and KR last season, and also must be replaced. At least Pochman gives them a steady K. I look for an improvement in the rankings this year.

A new Cougar QB needs to get the "hook up" with #14 WR Margin Hooks

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fahu Tahi** | 106 | 473 | 32 | 441 | 2 | 4.2 |
| **Luke Staley** | 99 | 482 | 47 | 435 | 10 | 4.4 |
| **Kalani Sitake** | 24 | 118 | 9 | 109 | 0 | 4.5 |
| Kevin Feterik | 96 | 257 | 361 | -104 | 1 | -1.1 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Kevin Feterik | 463 | 283 | 61.1 | 3679 | 25 | 15 |
| **Bret Engemann** | 15 | 9 | 60.0 | 58 | 0 | 1 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Margin Hooks** | | 64 | 1175 | 18.4 | 7 | 77 |
| **Ben Horton** | | 44 | 496 | 11.3 | 2 | 29 |
| **Jonathon Pittman** | | 32 | 502 | 15.7 | 4 | 44 |
| **Luke Staley** | | 26 | 339 | 13.0 | 3 | 36 |
| **Tevita Ofahengaue** | | 23 | 303 | 13.2 | 2 | 28 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Jesse Sowards | 58 | 2565 | 44.2 | - | 35.6 | 1 | - |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| **Owen Pochman** | 9-10 | 6-9 | 4-6 | 0-2 | 19-27 | 47 | |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jared Lee** | 104 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 5 |
| Rob Morris | 92 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Byron Frisch | 57 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| **Chris Hoke** | 55 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| **Josh Lowe** | 53 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| **Justin Ena** | 52 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| **Setema Gali** | 45 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| **Elan Edwards** | 43 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Heshi Robertson | 40 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Brian Gray | 38 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| **Jeff Holtry** | 36 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| **Isaac Kelley** | 35 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Hans Olsen** | 33 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Jaron Dabney | 32 | 168 | 5.3 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Jaron Dabney | 16 | 375 | 23.4 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**WASHINGTON -3' 35-28 WIN** BYU had a 295-80 yd edge in the 1H but only led 13-7. UW rec'd a fmbl'd punt in the EZ for their 1st TD. Feterik threw for 501 yds. He led 85 & 88 yd TD drives. The 1st 3 drives of the 3Q were 80+ yd TD drives & BYU had 2 of them, 27-14. UW drove 88 yds for a TD then int'd a pass & scored a TD w/ 5:04 left. BYU conv a 4th &10 & 2 plays later got a 38 yd TD pass. UW drove to the BYU 19 but BYU escaped.

**COLORADO ST -7 34-13 WIN** I used BYU as the Thurs Night ESPN Play on the PPH. CSU was w/o RB McDougal & rushed for just 28 yds on 17 carries. BYU got 79, 78 & 71 yd TD drives & had a FG blk'd after having a 1st & goal, 21-0 at half w/a 247-82 yd edge. They extended it to 31-0 on a 32 yd drive foil a fmbl. CSU got the majority of the yds on 2 garbage time TD drives so it was a misleading final & comfortable PPH win.

**VIRGINIA -7 40-45 LOSS** BYU struggled early vs VA's size & speed & VA led 21-0. BYU drove 61 yds for a TD (xp blk). VA got a 45 yd TD run. BYU got a TD drive & a 28 yd int ret for a TD, 28-19 at half. Early 3Q VA ret'd a lateral 20 yds for a TD, 35-19. BYU got 2 TD's, 38-33. VA got an 80 yd TD drive. VA missed a 52 yd FG & BYU got a TD that bounced off the DB's hands, 45-40. BYU was int'd in the EZ w/ 1:37 left from the 8.

**AT UTAH ST (OT) -17 34-31 LOSS** BYU was w/o RB Staley & LB Morris. I used USU as the Friday Night Play on my PPH. Sellout crowd. USU led 7-0 & then got an 87 yd TD pass, 14-0. BYU drove 81 yds for a TD. USU was int'd at the BYU 19 setting up a BYU TD. A 44 yd PR set up a USU 30 yd FG. BYU hit a short FG but thanks to a 55 yd pass USU got a FG just before half, 20-17. Feterik was inj'd in the 2Q but ret'd in the 3Q to lead a 65 yd TD drive. BYU led early 4Q, 31-20. USU hit a 47 yd FG. BYU missed a 44 yd FG w/ 1:07 left. USU drove 74 yds including a 4th & 10 conv & got a TD w/ just :21 left & the 2 pt conv. In OT USU made a FG but it was called back via pen & they then missed a 42 yd FG & Pochman nailed a 33 yd FG. BYU had 30-19 FD & 497-419 yd edges.

**CALIFORNIA -14 38-28 LOSS** Misleading final. BYU had 27-13 FD & 490-302 yd edges. Feterik took a beating but threw for 414 yds. Cal got a 55 yd run to open but missed a FG. BYU got an 79 yd TD drive & 20 yd TD drive foil a fmbl, 14-0. BYU got a 68 yd TD drive, 21-0. Cal got a 19 yd int ret for a TD & after a 31 yd PR drove 30 yds for a TD, 21-14. BYU got a 44 yd FG & but Cal got an 80 yd int ret for a TD for a 14 pt turnaround, 24-21. BYU got a 40 yd TD drive, 31-21. Cal was int'd at the BYU 5 & BYU drove for a TD w/ 1:21 left. Cal got a 55 yd TD pass w/:02 left for the backdoor cover.

**AT NEW MEXICO -16' 31-7 WIN** BYU & the weather absolutely dominated. The 1H was played in rain & BYU, thanks to a roughing the K pen on its 1st drive, had 80, 55 & 37 yd TD drives on its 1st 3 poss, 21-0. NM had just 1 FD the entire 1H & BYU added a FG just before half. A storm delayed the 2H for 43:00 & a crowd of 25,301 was down to less than 500 when the teams returned. BYU got a 61 yd TD run on its 1st play of the 3Q. NM got a 79 yd 5 FD garbage drive for a TD w/ just 3:50 left vs the BYU backups & finished w/ -10 yds rushing. BYU had 17-10 FD & 390-124 yd edges.

**AT UNLV -18' 29-0 WIN** BYU dominated w/ a 399-118 yd edge but settled for FG's of 47, 26, 28 & 31 and 30 or this would have been an even bigger blowout.

**AIR FORCE -7' 27-20 LOSS** Feterik hit his 1st 10 passes & BYU controlled the 1H as they held the ball for 18:31 & led 17-7. AF got a 25 yd FG foll a blk'd punt early 3Q. BYU settled for a 26 yd FG & got a 57 yd TD pass, 27-10 w/ 10:18 left. BYU took over at its own 37 w/ just 5:02 left & had a 442-242 yd edge. A fmbl was ret'd to the BYU 10. 2 plays later AF got a TD, they rec'd the onside kick, got 2 FD's & nailed a 32 yd FG for the backdoor cover & a very tough 5★ loss for me.

**AT SAN DIEGO ST -6' 30-7 WIN** SDS had an 18-16 FD edge but 5 TO's were their downfall. They led 7-0 but BYU drove 61 yds for a TD. After 3 TO's in 3 plays, BYU took over at the SDS 8 but settled for a 23 yd FG. SDS missed a 50 yd FG & BYU nailed a FG on the final play of the half, 13-7. BYU got a 24 yd fmbl ret for a TD & added a 42 yd FG, 23-7. BYU later drove 83 yds for a clinching TD.

**AT WYOMING -7' 17-31 LOSS** Staley was inj'd & FB Sitake left w/ a broken leg & BYU had just 29 rush yds. WY drove 58 yds for a TD. Both teams blew 1H scoring chances before BYU drove 88 yds for a TD & WY got a 20 yd TD pass, 14-7. WY opened the 3Q w/ a FG & BYU dropped a TD pass & settled for a 32 yd FG. WY added 80 & 83 yd drives for TD's on their next 2 poss. BYU got an 80 yd TD drive to close the scoring.

**UTAH -6' 17-20 LOSS** BYU had a 107-34 yd edge in a defensive 1Q & led 3-0. Utah had an 81-(-16) yd edge in the 2Q & got 30 & 38 yd FG's, 6-3. BYU got a 77 yd TD pass & Utah a 70 yd TD pass less than 2:00 later in the 3Q. Utah drove 43 yds for a TD after an int, 20-10. BYU missed a 38 yd FG. Utah fmbl'd on the BYU 44 w/ 4:00 left. BYU got a TD w/ 2:20 left. Utah punted. BYU was int'd w/ 1:09 left & the Utes ran out the clock. BYU had a 19-13 FD edge but still lost.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Since LaVell Edwards took over this program way back in 1972, the team has had just one losing season and that came in his second year. That is 26 consecutive non-losing seasons. Edwards has taken BYU to 22 bowl games. Last year BYU appeared to be the dominant team in the new Mt West and had destiny in their hands with an 8-1 record. Unfortunately they suffered upsets to both Wyoming and Utah to finish in a tie for the conference title and then dropped their bowl game to Marshall when they lost their starting QB early in the 3Q. It was the first time in Edwards' 27 seasons here that the Cougars lost their last 3 games. One of the reasons for BYU's success has been the stability of its coaching staff but they lost their first assistant since 1995 when long time OC Norm Chow, who had been at the school for 22 years and was the 1999 National Assistant Coach of the Year, decided to accept the OC job at NC State. It was good to see BYU's offense back in high gear in 1999 as they incorporated the shotgun. They averaged "just" 227 and 239 ypg passing in 97 & 98 but were back to BYU standards last year averaging 316 ypg. Even with a new QB, they could top that figure this year and Edwards may have his best WR corps yet. If the defense gets all their LB's back and healthy they will be stronger, even having to replace their CB's. BYU will fly over 10,000 miles this year including 3 trips east of the Mississippi in the first 6 weeks. Playing Florida St, Miss St, Virginia and Syracuse on the non-conference slate is ambitious and will make getting to a bowl (7 wins needed) a solid accomplishment but this team is capable of it. If they can win a road game vs Colorado St or Utah in Mt West play, they could repeat as conference champs.


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**TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| LB | K.C. Bills 6-1 220 PS#32 | |
| OL | Junior Kato 6-3 290 PS#43 | |
| RB | Marcus Whalen 6-0 200 PS#64 | |
| OL | Brent Pollock 6-2 280 PS#63 | |
| TE | Lawrence Cowan 6-3 220 PS#32 | |
| OL | Eddie Keele 6-6 270 PS#107 | |
| DB | Quinn Gooch 6-0 185 PS#89 | |
| DL | Mike Marquardt 6-4 260 PS#108 | |
| DL | Judd Anderton 6-6 270 PS#115 | |
| LB | Jordan Hill 6-2 230 PS#133 | |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Bret Engemann So.** 6-4 220 *PS#22 in 96. 58 yds pass (60%) ly. Charlie Peterson (6-2 195 Jr) PS#112 in 95. 64 total yds ly. Brandon Doman PS#49.*
**HB LUKE STALEY SO.** 6-1 210 *PS#108RB. 4 sts as true, 435 yds (4.4), 26 rec (13.0). Fahu Tahi (6-0 230 So) PS#102RB, 441 yds (4.2), 8 sts, 11 rec (6.7).*
**FB KALANI SITAKE SR.** 6-0 245 *3 sts in 97, 59 yds. 11 sts in 98, 246 yds. 6 sts in 99, 233 total yds. Will Snowden (5-10 220 Sr) PS#70, 351 career yds.*
**WR MARGIN HOOKS SR.** 6-0 190 *PS#163. 14 sts in 98, 50 rec (14.7). 12 sts in 99, 64 rec (18.4),* ***1st tm MW****. Eugene Childs (6-1 185 Fr) PS#59.*
**WR BEN HORTON SR.** 5-11 190 *9 sts in 98, 31 rec (17.3). 12 sts in 99, 44 rec (11.3). Jonathan Pittman (6-0 180 Sr) PS#49JC, 32 rec (15.7) here in 99.*
**TE TEVITA OFAHENGAUE SR.** 6-3 250 *11 sts in 98, 22 rec (13.9). 5 sts in 99, 23 rec (13.2). Nathan Wente (6-7 220 So) PS#31. Doug Jolley (6-5 240 Jr) PS#166QB.*
**C Jason Scukanec Jr.** 6-2 290 *PS#126OL in 97. 4 gms in 98. 430 bench. 12 gms 2nd string in 99. Scott Jackson (6-4 267 rFr) PS#97. Cory Ramage (6-2 240 Sr).*
**RG Kam Valgardson Sr.** 6-4 280 *Mission in 95 & 96. 2nd string & lettered in each of 3 yrs. Isaac Herring (6-5 285 So) PS#161, 11 gms in 99. David Sollami (6-2 275 rFr).*
**LG Teag Whiting Jr.** 6-5 288 *PS#38JC in 99 & RS. Ben Archibald (6-5 285 So) PS#150. 2 sts in 97. Mission L/2Y. Brandon McFerran (6-5 305 So) PS#155.*
**RT FORD POSTON SR.** 6-6 285 *PS#330JC in 98. 12 sts here in 99. Matt Griffith (6-6 285 rFr) PS#70 in 97, mission. John Moala (6-6 300 Sr) PS#28TE.*
**LT AARON McCUBBINS JR.** 6-4 285 *PS#301 in 97. 6 gms in 98 & lettered. 12 sts at LT in 99. Dustin Rykert (6-6 300 So) 11 gms ly. Larry Moeaki (6-3 350 rFr) PS#69.*
**K OWEN POCHMAN SR.** 6-0 180 *9 of 15 FG's, long 47 in 97. 20 of 27 long of 47 in 98. 19 of 27 long of 47 ly. 2nd tm All Conf 3 straight yrs. 5 of 5 in spg.*

**DE Brett Keisel Jr.** 6-4 250 *PS#80TE in 97. Big spring. Ryan Denney (6-7 280 Sr) PS#137DL in 95. Mission. 13 tkls in 98, 28 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl, 3 pbu in 99.*
**DT CHRIS HOKE SR.** 6-3 285 *PS#173DL in 94. 34 tkls, 3 sks, 8 tfl in 98. 12 sts in 99, 55 tkls, 6 sks, 8 tfl. Brent Pollock (6-2 280 Fr) PS#63OL.*
**DT HANS OLSEN SR.** 6-5 290 *PS#142. 3 sts, 9 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 33 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl in 99. Chris Watkins (6-2 300 Jr) PS#63DL in 96, 21 tkls, 2 tfl in 99.*
**DE SETEMA GALI SR.** 6-4 250 *PS#100LB in 94. 17 tkls, 7 tfl in 98. 12 sts ly, 45 tkls,* ***10 sks****, 5 tfl.* ***2nd tm MW****. TJ Sitake (6-4 255 So) PS#147, 1 sk ly.*
**SLB JUSTIN ENA JR.** 6-4 260 *22 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. 12 sts in 99,* ***2nd tm MW****, 52 tkls, 5 tfl. Isaac Kelley (6-4 250 Jr) PS#112QB in 97. 35 tkls, 6 tfl in 99.*
**MLB JEFF HOLTRY SR.** 6-3 245 *PS#34DL in 94, 10 tkls at Mich. 6 sts here in 99 til inj, 36 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Mike Tanner (6-1 240 rFr) PS#192. Ammon Mauga PS#234.*
**WLB JOSH LOWE SR.** 6-2 245 *PS#125 in 94. 29 tkls, 1 st in 97 & 98. 10 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 6 tfl. Colby Bockwoldt (6-2 200 rFr) PS#277. KC Bills is PS#32.*
**CB Jernaro Guilford So.** 6-2 180 *PS#252. 1 int as true. Size & speed. Derrus Wilson (5-9 180 Jr) 11 pbu at JC ly, 4.4 speed. Quinn Gooch is PS#89DB.*
**CB Danny Phillips Jr.** 6-1 190 *33 tkls, 8 pbu at JC ly. Alex Farris (5-11 190 rFr) PS#284DB. Michael Lafitte (5-7 160 Sr) was JC trans ly.*
**SS ELAN EDWARDS JR.** 6-1 195 *PS#21DB in 96 & Colorado trans. 7 sts here in 99, 43 tkls, 1 pbu. Dustin Staley (5-11 185 Jr) 2 sts ly, 31 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu.*
**FS JARED LEE SR.** 6-0 200 *PS#86JUCO. 8 sts here in 99. #1 w/104 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 int, 9 pbu. Tyson Smith (6-0 203 Sr) JC trans ly, 3 sts here, 19 tkls, 4 tfl.*
**P Aaron Edmonds Jr.** 5-11 185 *PS#159 JUCO this year. Was PS#32. K in 95 out of HS. Is expected to take over punting duties in 2000.*

# BYU COUGARS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score BYU | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BYU's loss LY was their 1st vs Wyoming since 1988.<br>BYU is 4-1 SU & ATS vs Washington.<br>Cougars are 3-8 ATS their last 11 vs the Pac 10.<br>Brigham Young is 7-17 ATS in sandwiched road games.<br>BYU is 8-3 ATS in the 2nd of B2B away games since 1991. |
| Aug. 26 | at Florida St (Jacksonville) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BYU is 2-11 ATS in season openers but won LY in a National TV gm.<br>Cougars have been a DD dog 6 times S/91 & are 2-5 ATS in that role. |
| Sep. 2 | at Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BYU has faced only 2 ACC schools S/91. They are 0-2 SU, 0-1-1 ATS.<br>BYU is 3-10 ATS in September road games. |
| Sep. 9 | at Air Force | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cougars defend the option well & are 11-4 ATS L/15 vs AF.<br>LY's ATS loss was by a half pt after BYU led 27-10 w/4:00 left. |
| Sep. 14 | Miss St (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Prior to this season, BYU was 8-19 ATS L/27 non-conf games.<br>This is only the 2nd SEC team BYU has played since at least '76. |
| Sep. 23 | UNLV | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Brigham Young has won by an avg of 29.3 ppg but is 1-2 ATS vs UNLV.<br>Cougars are 15-27 ATS as a home favorite the L/8Y. |
| Sep. 30 | at Syracuse | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BYU is 6-16 ATS their L/22 games on artificial turf.<br>Cougars are 7-17 ATS in sandwiched road games since 1986. |
| Oct. 6 | Utah St (Fri) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cougars are 3-1 SU, 1-2-1 ATS in this instate rivalry.<br>BYU is 8-4 ATS prior to a bye week. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | San Diego St (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cougars are 10-20 ATS L/30 home games vs conf foes.<br>BYU is 5-0 SU, 4-1 ATS L/5 meetings with the Aztecs. |
| Oct. 26 | Wyoming (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BYU is 8-0 ATS in the 2nd of B2B home games.<br>Cougars are 3-1 SU, 1-3 ATS vs the Cowboys since 1991. |
| Nov. 2 | at Colorado St (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | If installed as a dog, BYU is 6-1 ATS as a conf AD since 1985.<br>This will be BYU's 4th non-Saturday game in a 7 game stretch. |
| Nov. 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 18 | New Mexico | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BYU is 4-7 ATS vs New Mexico, 3-6 as a DD favorite in the series.<br>Cougars are 2-4 ATS L/6Y in their final Provo outing. |
| Nov. 25 | at Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor has covered 8 straight in this series.<br>BYU is 3-3 ATS L/6 but 0-3 L/3 in regular season finales. |

## STADIUM: COUGAR STADIUM (65,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 9-3 | 7-4 | 13-1 | 6-5 | 9-4 | 8-3 | 58-25 |
| ATS | 3-8 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 9-5 | 2-9 | 6-6 | 5-6 | 35-46 |
| Home Fav | 2-3 | 1-4 | 2-3 | 3-3 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 2-4 | 13-23 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-3 |
| Away Fav | 0-3 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 5-1 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 14-13 |
| Away Dog | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 6-7 |
| Favorite | 2-6 | 3-7 | 4-4 | 8-4 | 1-7 | 4-3 | 5-6 | 27-37 |
| Dog | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 8-10 |
| Grass | 3-8 | 4-5 | 5-6 | 7-3 | 2-7 | 4-4 | 5-6 | 30-39 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 5-7 |
| vs Conf | 3-5 | 4-5 | 5-3 | 6-4 | 1-7 | 5-4 | 4-3 | 28-31 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-3 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 7-15 |
| Off SU Win | 1-4 | 5-4 | 3-3 | 8-4 | 1-5 | 5-4 | 4-4 | 27-28 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-3 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 6-13 |

## Coach: LAVELL EDWARDS (Career 251-95-3)
### *Edwards' records AT BYU*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29th Year at BYU | | 40-42-1 | Home Favorite |
| 251-95-3 | Straight Up | 6-4 | Home Underdog |
| 110-111-3 | Vs The Spread | 36-38-2 | Away Favorite |
| 23-19 | Off A S/U Loss | 15-13 | Away Underdog |
| 65-64-1 | Vs Conf | 32-33-2 | Vs Non-Conf |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | Holiday | +14 | Ohio St | 21-28 | W |
| 94 | Copper | -1' | Oklahoma | 31-6 | W |
| 96 | Cotton | +3' | Kansas St | 19-15 | W |
| 98 | Liberty | +7 | Tulane | 27-41 | L |
| 99 | Motor City | +3 | Marshall | 3-21 | L |

# BYU (8-4)

CONFERENCE:
## MT. WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 6**
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 48 (27,20,1)**
**Lost: 18 (8,8,2)**

## BYU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 27.9 | 23 | 92 | 2.7 | 316 | 60.8 | 14.6 | -8 | 1999 | 4 | 20.9 | 17 | 106 | 3.0 | 205 | 51.9 | 14.9 |
| 4* | 28.7 | 20 | 138 | 3.4 | 239 | 59.3 | 13.1 | -9 | 1998 | 8 | 20.7 | 15 | 103 | 3.0 | 189 | 48.8 | 14.1 |
| 4 | 22.7 | 18 | 108 | 3.1 | 227 | 57.4 | 14.8 | -10 | 1997 | 7 | 23.1 | 17 | 164 | 3.8 | 194 | 50.7 | 15.5 |
| 6* | 39.3 | 24 | 174 | 4.2 | 296 | 67.9 | 11.9 | +12 | 1996 | 6 | 18.5 | 17 | 119 | 3.3 | 194 | 52.2 | 17.0 |
| 3 | 27.9 | 22 | 96 | 2.8 | 315 | 64.9 | 14.8 | +2 | 1995 | 7 | 24.4 | 20 | 168 | 4.1 | 209 | 58.7 | 15.5 |
| 6* | 29.6 | 26 | 139 | 3.5 | 326 | 61.2 | 15.7 | -5 | 1994 | 7 | 23.1 | 18 | 118 | 3.0 | 255 | 52.0 | 16.1 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Washington | 37 | 27-72 | 2.7 | 39-59 | 501 | 2 | 19 | 29-82 | 2.8 | 21-33 | 236 | 2 | -3 |
| Colorado St | 22 | 41-106 | 2.6 | 28-37 | 310 | 4 | 20 | 17-28 | 1.6 | 26-44 | 289 | 0 | +3 |
| Virginia | 25 | 25-172 | 6.9 | 28-47 | 303 | 2 | 26 | 55-242 | 4.4 | 14-19 | 190 | 2 | -3 |
| at Utah St | 30 | 47-208 | 4.4 | 23-36 | 289 | 3 | 19 | 28-108 | 3.9 | 19-42 | 311 | 1 | 0 |
| California | 27 | 37-76 | 2.1 | 25-41 | 414 | 6 | 13 | 33-124 | 3.8 | 11-33 | 173 | 3 | -1 |
| at New Mexico | 17 | 40-165 | 4.1 | 16-30 | 225 | 2 | 10 | 28-(-10) | -0.4 | 13-35 | 134 | 7 | 0 |
| at UNLV | 24 | 35-143 | 4.1 | 23-43 | 256 | 3 | 10 | 37-24 | 0.6 | 10-19 | 94 | 5 | -2 |
| Air Force | 22 | 39-91 | 2.3 | 24-33 | 336 | 4 | 17 | 45-212 | 4.7 | 7-16 | 109 | 4 | +1 |
| at San Diego St | 16 | 27-33 | 1.2 | 22-34 | 262 | 3 | 18 | 34-49 | 1.4 | 18-36 | 192 | 7 | +3 |
| at Wyoming | 22 | 29-29 | 1.0 | 30-46 | 362 | 4 | 28 | 44-173 | 3.9 | 20-30 | 302 | 3 | 0 |
| Utah | 19 | 28-20 | 0.7 | 22-52 | 309 | 4 | 13 | 40-96 | 2.4 | 15-33 | 228 | 1 | -1 |
| Marshall (Bowl) | 12 | 30-(-16) | -0.5 | 16-29 | 220 | 8 | 14 | 31-147 | 4.7 | 17-28 | 207 | 3 | -5 |
| TOTALS | 273 | 405-1099 | 2.7 | 296-487 | 3787 | 45 | 207 | 421-1275 | 3.0 | 191-368 | 2465 | 38 | -8 |
| AVERAGES | 22.8 | 34-92 | 2.7 | 25-41 | 316 | 3.8 | 17.3 | 35-106 | 3.0 | 16-31 | 205 | 3.2 | -0.7 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Air Force | -3' | 12-38 | L |
| UCLA | +12 | 9-23 | L |
| San Diego St | -3 | 31-19 | W |
| at Colorado St | +3' | 28-21 | W |
| at Arizona St | +1 | 21-29 | L |
| Wyoming | -7 | 23-20 | L |
| Hawaii | -15 | 45-7 | W |
| Tulsa | -16 | 45-35 | L |
| at N Mexico | -6 | 31-14 | W |
| Utah | -5' | 17-34 | L |
| at Fresno St | -4 | 45-28 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Texas A&M | +7 | 41-37 | W |
| Arkansas St | -33' | 58-9 | W |
| at Washington | +3' | 17-29 | L |
| N Mexico | -13' | 17-14 | L |
| SMU | -14' | 31-3 | W |
| at Utah St | -14 | 45-17 | W |
| UNLV | -38 | 63-28 | L |
| at Tulsa | -10 | 55-30 | W |
| at TCU | -16 | 45-21 | W |
| UTEP | -30 | 40-18 | L |
| Rice | -12' | 49-0 | W |
| at Hawaii | -30 | 45-14 | W |
| at Utah | -6' | 37-17 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | +8 | 20-42 | L |
| at Arizona St | +8' | 13-10 | W |
| at SMU | -11 | 19-16 | L |
| Utah St | -14 | 42-35 | L |
| at Rice | -2' | 14-27 | L |
| Hawaii | -27' | 17-3 | L |
| TCU | -18' | 31-10 | W |
| at UTEP | -20 | 3-14 | L |
| Tulsa | -18 | 49-39 | L |
| at N Mexico | +3' | 28-38 | L |
| Utah | -5' | 14-20 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Alabama | +4' | 31-38 | L |
| Arizona St | +6' | 26-6 | W |
| at Washington | +9' | 10-20 | L |
| Murray St | NL | 43-9 | – |
| at Fresno St | -7 | 21-31 | L |
| UNLV | -32 | 38-14 | L |
| at Hawaii | -21' | 31-9 | W |
| San Jose St | -18 | 46-43 | L |
| San Diego St | -10 | 13-0 | W |
| N Mexico | -16 | 46-21 | W |
| at UTEP | -10' | 31-14 | W |
| at Utah | +2 | 26-24 | W |
| † Air Force | +4 | 13-20 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | -3' | 35-28 | W |
| Colorado St | -7 | 34-13 | W |
| Virginia | -7 | 40-45 | L |
| at Utah St | -17 | 34-31 | L |
| California | -14 | 38-28 | L |
| at New Mexico | -16' | 31-7 | W |
| at UNLV | -18' | 29-0 | W |
| Air Force | -7' | 27-20 | L |
| at San Diego St | -6' | 30-7 | W |
| at Wyoming | -7' | 17-31 | L |
| Utah | -6' | 17-20 | L |

# CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year Cal had very little experience returning at the QB position. The only somewhat seasoned player was Sam Clemons (PS#163) who had hit 2 of 12 career passes. Holmoe signed possibly Cal's biggest recruit since (Russell White) 1989 in Kyle Boller (PS#3). Clemons started the first 2 games, throwing for 108 yards but soon found himself at the WR position and then was injured and lost for the year. He transferred to W Illinois in the offseason. Boller took over as the starter in the 3rd game. His 38.6% completions was among the weakest in the NCAA. However, his WR corps was decimated by injuries & inexperience (see Receivers) and dropped passes were plentiful. Boller was injured in the 10th game and missed the finale. Walk-on QB Wes Dalton started vs Stanford and had 227 yards on the year with a 1-4 ratio. Now that Boller has had a year of experience as a starter and a spring under his belt, I look for vastly improved numbers. Holmoe's top signee this year is also a QB in Reggie Robertson (PS#30). He also brings in JUCO QB Eric Holtfreter (6-2 220) who threw for 2667 yards (55%) with 24 TD's at JC in 99. This position has added talent and much more experience and should be among the most improved QB positions in the country.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year Cal returned their top 3 RB's but went to more of a one back offense, many times lining up in a 3 WR set. Marcus Fields began the year as the starter and he has a nice combination of size and 4.5 speed and he finished with 368 yards (3.8). Fields also moved to WR at times due to that unit's depletion by injuries. Joe Igber (5-8 190 So) has a running style that's been compared to Barry Sanders and he had 694 yards (4.7). Igber had 3 straight 100 yard games at midseason until he suffered a shoulder injury. In those three games he averaged 5.6 ypc, in the final 4 games (in which he wasn't 100%) he had just 156 yards. Saleem Muhammad (6-0 205 Jr) was PS#57 and has 240 yards (3.4) in 2 years. He is a solid north/south runner. Joe Echema (5-11 195 So) was PS#209 and got in 7 games as a true frosh with 24 yards rushing. He also saw time at WR. Chris Hanks (6-0 190 So) was PS#127. Keala Keanaaina (6-3 250 Sr) was a JC transfer last year and will likely be the top FB when that position is used. Ryan Stanger (6-2 240 So) was PS#160. They will utilize an H-back this year and Fields, with his solid receiving talents, will be the main man. I like the talent level at this position and look for improved numbers in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - This was probably the most injury plagued group of receivers in the country last year. Their star, WR Michael Ainsworth, missed six games due to injuries but he still led the team by far with 34 rec's (14.7). Ronnie Davenport, the #2 WR, suffered through injuries and had just 15 rec's. Philip Pipersburg (13 rec's, 6.5 ypc), one of the fastest players on the team, also caught the injury bug. During the course of the year Cal moved RB's Igber, Fields and Echema into the WR unit as well as DB's Drae Harris, LaShaun Ward, Jemeel Powell and backup QB Sam Clemons. Unfortunately they suffered some unexpected losses during the offseason when Davenport and Ainsworth both became academically ineligible. QB Boller questioned their attitude in going after balls and blocking and feels better about this year's WR's. Holmoe signed 3 JUCO's were in for the spring and are listed in the two deep. Also one of his top frosh recruits is a WR. I list the 2 deep below and not listed is Brian White (6-0 185 So) who was PS#186 and Sean Currin (6-1 185 Jr) who had 7 rec's in 99. TE looks solid with the top two returning and both are HT's. As long as the JUCO's live up to expectations, this unit can only improve.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Cal has had some top notch OL coaches here the last few years including Ed White who took over in 99. White had 6 of the top 10 back but ended up the year with 2 soph and a frosh in the 2 deep. This year they must replace RG Kevin Doherty (11 sts, HM PAC 10) and C John Romero (#6DC of PHI). Holmoe signed a solid group of frosh last year that will contend for time and also has a couple of JUCO's in the mix. Basically 4 players who started the last 4 games return and RT Diehl was moved to his more natural C spot which is a plus. They made improvement last year going from allowing 58 sacks in 98 to 36 in 99 and increasing the ypc by 1/2 yard. Look for continued improvement this year.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Bears have had one of the PAC 10's top D-lines in each of the last 2 years. Last year 7 of the top 8 players returned but they did lose one of their two big stars in DT Jerry DeLoach who missed most of the season with injury. The other big star, Andre Carter, returns for his senior year contending for PAC 10 Defensive Player of the Year and will be playing on Sundays next season. Besides DeLoach they must also replace DE Mawuko Tugbenyoh (11 sts, HM PAC 10, 13 sks!) and DE Jeremiah Parker (7 sts, 6.5 tfl, #7DC of NYG). Three players are back with starting experience including 2 who earned 1st Team PAC 10 laurels. They add 2 HT rFr and 2 HT true frosh to the mix. This is still a top notch unit but it looks a little weaker in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Cal only lost 1 starter last year to graduation but then suffered a big loss when NFL caliber ILB Matt Beck went down to injury in the 2nd game of the season. Also Chris Ball, a super JUCO recruit, did not qualify. This year they must replace OLB Sekou Sanyika (#7DC of AZ, 11 sts, 2 time 1st tm PAC 10, 17.5 tfl), Beck, ILB Keith Miller (9 sts, 6.5 tfl, HM PAC 10) and backup ILB Fa'avae Fa'avae (8 tkls). Jamaal Cherry and Chris Ball look like NFL prospects and this should be the year Jason Smith makes an impact after his transfer from Vandy. Three other players return with starting experience. Holmoe signed 3 HT true frosh who will contend plus a JUCO and has a couple of HT sophomores filling in the depth. Despite the considerable losses, this group should come very close to last year's standards.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 98 Cal ranked a super #7 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 46.1% with 14 int's. Last year they had to replace 2 starters to graduation but did get a couple of VHT true frosh newcomers and, of course, had spectacular CB Deltha O'Neal returning. They still finished a strong #10 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 47.4% with an 18-17 ratio in my rankings. In each of the last two years they finished higher than the NCAA rankings for pass efficiency defense because my rankings take into account strength of opponents faced and Cal takes on high quality pass attacks. This year they lose their star in O'Neal (#1DC of DEN, 11 sts, PAC 10 Def POY, 1st tm AA) as well as FS Pete Destefano (11 sts, 80 tkl, 6 tfl) and SS Damian Marzett (10 sts, 38 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu). Only 2 players return with starting experience and while there are plenty of HT's and VHT's in the mix, this group clearly looks weaker, especially with the loss of a player like O'Neal.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In 1998 Cal's special teams finished just 103rd in the country and in last year's magazine I said they might be one of the most improved units in the NCAA and a darkhorse for top 10 honors in 1999. That is exactly what happened. Spurred on by Deltha O'Neal's amazing 29.2 avg on KR's and 10.2 avg on PR's, plus Nick Harris' 39.7 net punting, Cal vaulted all the way up to #6 in my special teams rankings. Harris is back so the punting is in good hands but replacing a star like O'Neal will be very tough. Luckily for Cal the FG kicking percentage is not included in my special teams rankings. For the 2nd straight year they struggled mightily in that area. After hitting just 10 of 19 FG's in 1998, they slipped even further to 5 of 15. Amazingly they had 4 of their first 5 attempts bounce off the uprights in 1999. Jeremy Hershey did not get off to a good start, hitting just 1 of 5 FG's but I expect him to regain the form that made him PS#8. Mark-Christian Jensen handled KO's and hit 4 of 8 FG's with a long of 37 yards. This is once again a solid special teams unit, but with the loss of O'Neal clearly weaker in 2000.

TB Joe Igber hopes to gain more ground for the CU offense in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Joe Igber** | 148 | 733 | 39 | 694 | 2 | 4.7 |
| **Marcus Fields** | 98 | 397 | 29 | 368 | 1 | 3.8 |
| **Saleem Muhammad** | 35 | 126 | 14 | 112 | 1 | 3.2 |
| Joshua White | 17 | 98 | 6 | 92 | 2 | 5.4 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| **Kyle Boller** | 259 | 100 | 38.6 | 1303 | 9 | 15 |
| Wes Dalton | 38 | 16 | 42.1 | 227 | 1 | 4 |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| Michael Ainsworth | | 34 | 499 | 14.7 | 3 | 58 |
| Ronnie Davenport | | 15 | 211 | 14.1 | 3 | 48 |
| **Phillip Pipersburg** | | 13 | 85 | 6.5 | 0 | 16 |
| **Joe Igber** | | 13 | 78 | 6.0 | 0 | 19 |
| Drae Harris | | 11 | 176 | 16.0 | 1 | 83 |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** | **TB** |
| **Nick Harris** | 85 | 3795 | 44.6 | - | 39.7 | 1 | 21 | 11 |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| **Jeremy Hershey** | 1-2 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-5 | 25 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pete Destefano | 80 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Keith Miller | 62 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sekou Sanyika | 57 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 2 |
| **Andre Carter** | 53 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| **Chidi Iwuoma** | 50 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 |
| **Jacob Waasdorp** | 42 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Damian Marzett | 38 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Jeremiah Parker | 34 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Deltha O'Neal | 32 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 9 |
| Mawuko Tugbenyoh | 28 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **J.P Segura** | 25 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Juan Jimenez** | 20 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Jamaal Cherry** | 20 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deltha O'Neal | 42 | 428 | 10.2 | 1 |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| Deltha O'Neal | 19 | 555 | 29.2 | 1 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**RUTGERS -18' 21-7 LOSS** RU controlled the 1H with 215-126 yd & 13-6 FD edges. Cal's 1st play was a 49 yd Fields TD run but RU answered with a 75 yd TD drive. Both teams missed FG's. Cal fmbl'd at the RU 30. 4 plays later RU was int'd by O'Neal & he ret'd it 75 yds for a TD & a 14 pt swing, 14-7. RU gained 48 yds on the final drive of the half. Cal's defense dominated the 2H, holding RU to -9 yds on their 1st 6 poss. Cal got a 79 yd TD drive & missed a 27 yd FG. RU's last drive ended on an int in the EZ.

**AT NEBRASKA +32 0-45 LOSS** I used NU as a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep. Cal missed an early FG & NU drove 51 & 80 yds for TD's, 14-0. Crouch hit Wistrom with a 70 yd TD pass & then Newcombe hit Crouch w/a 60 yd'r. NU added a 37 yd FG after a blk'd punt & a 3 yd TD drive foll an int. NU later drove 50 yds for a TD & held Cal to 145 yds. Crouch became the 1st NU player s/ Johnny Rodgers in '73 to run, throw and catch a pass for a TD.

**ARIZONA ST +1' 24-23 WIN** ASU had a 475-263 yd edge. Cal missed a 42 yd FG, ASU got a long TD drive, 7-0. After a 5 yd ASU punt Cal got a 14 yd TD drive. ASU went 80 yds for a TD & after an ASU fmbl Cal hit a long pass to set up a TD. ASU missed a 53 yd 3Q FG and early 4Q settled for a 27 yd FG. After an int ASU drove for a TD, 23-14 (xp blk). Cal got a 75 yd TD drive & after a 21 yd PR got a 25 yd FG with 7:11 left. Kealy was inj'd 4Q & Leonard hit just 2 of 8. Leonard fired an int & Cal escaped.

**AT WASH ST -4 7-31 LOSS** WSU had a 322-174 yd edge. WSU got a 2Q 59 yd TD drive. Cal fmbl'd the KO & WSU got a 40 yd FG. WSU blk'd a punt & drove 11 yds for a TD, 17-0. WSU got a 25 yd fmbl ret for a 3Q TD. WSU drove 96 yds in 16 plays for a 4Q TD & added a late TD. Boller hit just 13 of 33 & was under constant pressure.

**AT BYU +14 28-38 WIN** Misleading final. BYU had 27-13 FD & 490-302 yd edges. BYU QB Feterik took a beating but hit 25 of 41 for 414 yds. Cal got a 55 yd run to open but missed a FG. BYU got an 80 yd TD drive & 20 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, 14-0. BYU got a 67 yd TD drive, 21-0. Cal got a 19 yd int ret for a TD & after a 31 yd PR drove 30 yds for a TD, 21-14. BYU was int'd at the 1. BYU got a 44 yd FG & but Cal got an 81 yd int ret for a TD & a 14 pt turnaround, 24-21. BYU got a 40 yd TD drive, 31-21. Cal was int'd at the BYU 5 & BYU drove for a TD with 1:21 left. Cal got a 55 yd TD pass w/:02 left for the backdoor.

**AT UCLA +13 17-0 WIN** UCLA got its 1st FD late 2Q on a def pen. Cal had a 371-168 yd edge & went on a 40 yd drive for a TD late 1Q. UCLA got an int at the Cal 37 mid 3Q but was int'd at the 2. Cal drove 41 yds for a TD, 14-0. Cal went 86 yds for an 18 yd FG with 2:50 left. UCLA got 53 yds on a garbage drive but was SOD at the 13.

**WASHINGTON +3 27-31 LOSS** Cal RB Igber had 184 rush yds. Cal got an early int ret to the 1 to set up a TD & led 14-10 after 1Q & added a 33 yd FG after an int. Cal had a 1st & goal but fmbl'd, 17-10 at half. Cal went on an 82 yd TD march to open the 3Q, 24-10. On 3rd & 13 UW WR Elstrom took away a pass from the DB & raced 83 yds for a TD. UW drove 88 yds for a TD to tie. Cal got an int at the UW 24 but settled for a FG. Cal lost Igber to inj. On 3rd & 2 Cal punted w/ 2:13 left. UW drove 78 yds & Harris' 2 yd TD run won it.

**USC +5' 17-7 WIN** Misleading final. USC had 452-232 yd & 23-9 FD edges. USC QB Van Raaphorst hit 14 of 24 but late 2Q O'Neal ret'd an int 67 yds for a TD, 7-0. 3Q, O'Neal's 60 yd PR set up a FG. Fox relieved & hit 12 of 25 for 226 yds & after Van Raaphorst suffered 7 sk's in the 1H Fox was sk'd just twice & hit a 72 yd TD pass, 10-7. After an int Cal got a 68 yd TD drive, USC fmbl'd at the Cal 42 & had 4 TO's.

**AT OREGON ST +9 7-17 LOSS** Misleading final. FD's were 14-14. Cal got a 83 yd TD pass. OSU got a safety (holding in the EZ), 7-2 at half. OSU's offense avg'd 488 ypg but were held to 280. 3Q, Cal crossed midfield twice but punted. Early 4Q OSU got an int & a 41 yd TD pass & a 24 yd fmbl ret for a TD. With 5:13 left Cal missed a 40 yd FG. Cal was int'd at the OSU 20 with 3:37 left & OSU fans stormed the field.

**OREGON +7 19-24 WIN** UO got an int, ran a fake punt for a FD & on 4th & 1 got a 19 yd TD pass, 7-0. UO got an int to set up a 30 yd FG. An int set up a UO 20 yd TD pass. A 37 yd PR to the Cal 28 set up a TD with 2:42 left & the Ducks led 24-0. A Boller Hail Mary bounced off an UO DB and into Davenport's hands for a 48 yd TD, 24-6. Boller was inj'd 3Q & walk-on Dalton hit 5 of 13 & the 2 combined for 5 int's. O'Neal ret'd an int 100 yds for a TD. Dalton hit a 58 yd TD pass mid 4Q, 24-19. Cal got an int at the 41 but punted. They got another int at the 35 (3:43) & got to the 5 with 1:00 left. Dalton's wobbly pass into the EZ was int'd & Cal lost despite a 313-261 yd edge.

**AT STANFORD +10' 13-31 LOSS** Dalton started & hit just 11 of 25 w/ 2 int's. SU drove 57 yds for a TD but O'Neal ret'd the KO 100 yds. O'Neal got an int in the EZ to thwart a SU drive. SU drove 45 yds for a TD after a fmbl but O'Neal ret'd a punt 58 yds for a TD. SU got a 66 yd TD drive, 21-13 at half. Scoreless 3Q. After a Cal punt SU got a 94 yd TD run by Moore. SU added a 17 yd FG w/8:07 left. Cal ret'd the KO 71 yds but was SOD & Cal's final poss ended with an int with 1:46 left. SU had an 18-8 FD & 410-130 yd edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Tom Holmoe begins his 4th year at Cal and has just a 12-21 SU record. In 1998 they came within one game of a bowl but lost The Big Game to Stanford and finished 5-6. They had the top defense in the PAC 10 but the offense was one of the weakest, averaging just 16.6 ppg. Last year they switched offensive coordinators moving to Steve Hagen who brought in more of a pass attack. Unfortunately for Hagen the WR corps was decimated by injuries and frosh took over the key roles at QB, RB and WR. They averaged 16.4 ppg but keep in mind, CB Deltha O'Neal led the team in scoring with 36 points from defense and special teams so the actual offense managed just 13 ppg. With its key offensive players being frosh last year, this year's offense should be much improved, especially if the incoming WR's live up to their potential. The defense finished 3rd in the PAC 10 in 1998 and was even stronger with a 1st place finish in overall defense in 1999. They accomplished this despite the fact that they lost their best LB and DL to injury early in the season. Last season was the first time since 1968 that Cal finished at the top of the PAC 10 on defense. The defense does look weaker especially with the loss of super cover CB Deltha O'Neal and with just 4 starters back on that side they are still good but not up to last year's level. The non-conference slate is challenging and even though the offense should be vastly improved, it will probably not be among the strongest in the conference. The PAC 10 schedule maker was kind as they have 3 winnable home games and that means they have a shot at improving on last year's 4 win total.


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| DL | Micah German 6-5 270 PS#83 |
| WR | Geoff McArthur 6-1 200 PS#81 |
| TE | Tosh Lupoi 6-3 255 PS#36 |
| LB | Wendell Hunter 6-1 220 PS#112 |
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**RB JOE IGBER SO.** 5-8 190 *PS#62. 8 sts as true, 694 yds (4.7). 3 straight 100 yd gms til inj. Saleem Muhammad (6-0 205 Jr) PS#57, 240 yds (3.4) in 2 yrs.*

**HB Marcus Fields Sr.** 6-2 220 *PS#58. 419 yds (4.4) as true. 11 sts, 734 yds (5.4), 19 rec (12.2) in 98. 4.45 spd. 5 sts in 99, 368 yds (3.8), 11 rec (16.0).*

**WR Chad Heydorff Jr.** 6-1 185 *PS#11JC! 86 rec (18.8) at JC in 99. Derek Swafford (5-10 175 So) was PS#99 in 93, Baseball w/Pirates org, JC ly.*

**WR Phillip Pipersburg Sr.** 5-10 185 *4.41 speed. 3 sts in 98, 4 rec (14.0). 4 sts in 99, 13 rec (6.5). #5 in PAC 10 100m. Charon Arnold (5-11 170 Jr) PS#212JC.*

**TE BRIAN SURGENER SR.** 6-4 235 *PS#99 in 96. 8 sts as rFr, 12 rec (14.0). 3 sts in 98. 11 sts in 99, 9 rec (9.7). Corey Smith (6-4 250 Jr) PS#22, 7 rec, 2 yrs.*

**C REED DIEHL SR.** 6-4 295 *PS#144. 6 sts at TE in 97. 1 st at RG in 98. 11 sts at RT in 99, 400 bench. David Hays (6-3 275 rFr) PS#173.*

**RG BRANDON LUDWIG JR.** 6-4 290 *PS#174DL. 5 sts at OG as rFr. 10 sts at RG in 99. 425 bench. Chris Murphy (6-6 285 rFr) PS#194OL in 99.*

**LG SCOTT TERCERO SO.** 6-5 285 *PS#180. Started L/6 as true frosh in 99. Eddie Martinez (6-4 290 Jr) PS#175JC. Eric O'Brien (6-8 260) PS#130.*

**RT LANGSTON WALKER JR.** 6-8 335 *PS#75 in 97. 10 sts at RT in 98. 11 sts at LT LY. Matt Schafer (6-4 250 rFr) PS#195OL. Nick Shaeffer (6-5 260 rFr) PS#219.*

**LT Mark Wilson rFr.** 6-6 290 *PS#178. Added 35 lbs. Chris Chick (6-5 295 Sr) PS#157JC in 99, 2nd string here & lettered. Nofoaali'i Tuitama (6-7 290 Jr).*

**K JEREMY HERSHEY SO.** 6-0 180 *PS#8. Hit 1 of 5 FG's as true, made 25 yd FG. Mark-Christian Jensen (6-2 200 So) did KO's & hit 4 of 8 long of 37.*

**DE Wayne Hunter So.** 6-6 280 *PS#172DL. 14 tkls, 1.5 sks, 3 tfl as true. Derek Deutsch (6-3 285 rFr) PS#155DL, + 10 lbs. Tosh Lupoi (6-3 255 Fr) PS#36TE.*

**DT Daniel Nwangwu So.** 6-4 295 *PS#185. 2 sts as true, 12 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. Tim Pompa (6-4 275 Jr) PS#162JC, 3 tkls here, 4.8 spd. Micah German is PS#63.*

**DT JACOB WAASDORP SR.** 6-2 275 *PS#201LB. 10 sts in 98, 22 tkls, 3 sks, 10 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 1st tm PAC 10, 42 tkls, 7 sks, 8 tfl. Josh Beckham (6-2 275 rFr) PS#134DL.*

**DE ANDRE CARTER SR.** 6-4 255 *PS#9. 6 sts as true, 7 tfl. 8 sts in 98, 12 tfl. 11 sts, 53 tkls, 10 sks, 10 tfl in 99, 1st tm PAC 10. Tully Banta-Cain (6-4 240 So) 5 tkls in 99.*

**OLB J.J. JIMENEZ SR.** 6-0 210 *PS#125JC, 4.6 speed, 20 tkls, 3 tfl ly. Scott Fujita (6-5 235 Jr) 8 tkls in 98, 2 sts in 99, 15 tkls, 1 tfl. Marcus Daniels (6-1 235 So) is JC.*

**ILB Chris Ball Jr.** 6-3 215 *PS#60JC in 99, DNQ, 4.6 speed. JP Segura (6-0 230 Jr), UCLA in 97. 80 tkls at JC in 98. 3 sts here, 25 tkls, 4 tfl, 4.65 speed.*

**ILB Jamaal Cherry Jr.** 6-4 260 *PS#76LB, 4 tkls as true, 4.7 speed. 20 tkls, 5.5 tfl in 99, NFL prospect. Jason Smith (6-0 225 Jr) PS#139, Vandy trans, 505 squat.*

**CB LaShaun Ward So.** 6-1 190 *PS#67DB, option QB in HS. 18 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 2 passes, 2 rec as rFr. Jemeel Powell (6-1 185 So) PS#215DB, 3 tkls, 2 rec til inj ly.*

**CB CHIDI IWUOMA SR.** 5-9 185 *PS#220WR. 2 sts, 32 tkls in 97. 11 sts, 48 tkls, 1 int, in 98. 11 sts, 2 int, 9 pbu HM PAC 10 ly. 4.4 spd.* **Atari Callen** *(5-9 190 So) was PS#21.*

**SS Dewey Hale Jr.** 6-0 200 *PS#87. 4 tkls as rFr. 1 st, 19 tkls, 2 pbu until inj in 99. Paul Ugenti (6-0 210 So) PS#96LB, 5 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr.*

**FS Nnamdi Asomugha So.** 6-2 200 *PS#22DB. 7 gms as true, 4 tkls til inj. Bert Watts (6-1 205 So) PS#237DB. Perron Wiley (6-0 205 Fr) is PS#85LB.*

**P NICK HARRIS SR.** 6-3 220 *77 punts in 97, 42.2 avg. 87 punts in 98, 40.8 avg, 27 inside 20, 85 punts in 99, 44.6 avg. super net 39.7,* **1st tm PAC 10.**

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| Sep. 16 | at Illinois | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cal is 4-10 ATS their L/14 road openers.<br>Golden Bears are 3-6 on artificial turf the L/4 years. |
| Sep. 23 | at Fresno St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cal is 3-12 ATS as road chalk since 1991.<br>Mention this ad and deduct $15 off this weekend's Late Phone Package. Call 1-800-654-3448. |
| Sep. 30 | Washington St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bears have covered just 5 of their L/13 PAC 10 openers.<br>Home team is 10-2 ATS in series, logical considering weather differences. |
| Oct. 7 | at Arizona St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cal is 9-5 ATS as an away dog under Holmoe, 2-3 last season.<br>Golden Bears are 7-3 ATS their L/10 October contests. |
| Oct. 14 | UCLA (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might Apply: Cal is 19-7-2 overall as a HD, 8-3-1 when getting DD.<br>Bears are 10-3 ATS the L/13 vs their cubs (Bruins = Bear Cub) |
| Oct. 21 | at Washington | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cal is 6-12 ATS in the first game of a 2 game road trip.<br>Home team is 1-5 ATS L/6 meetings in this series. |
| Oct. 28 | at USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bears are 3-2 SU, 4-1 ATS L5Y vs USC all as dogs.<br>Cal is 4-1 ATS in their 2nd straight away game the L3Y. |
| Nov. 4 | Oregon St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cal has lost their L/9 November games SU, 5-4 ATS in that span.<br>California is 3-9 ATS the L/12 vs OSU. |
| Nov. 11 | at Oregon | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bears are 0-3 SU & ATS in their L/3 Nov road games, avg loss 20.1 pts.<br>Berkeley Boys are 1-5 SU & ATS L/6 vs the Ducks. |
| Nov. 18 | Stanford | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 7-1 ATS in this left coast rivalry.<br>Cal is 1-5 SU, 2-4 ATS their L/6 home finales. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (74,909)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-4 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 6-5 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 4-7 | 33-45 |
| ATS | 8-4 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 4-6 | 6-5 | 6-4-1 | 5-6 | 40-36-1 |
| Home Fav | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 8-14 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-0-1 | 3-1 | 12-4-1 |
| Away Fav | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 3-7 |
| Away Dog | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 4-1 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 17-11 |
| Favorite | 4-3 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 11-21 |
| Dog | 4-1 | 3-2 | 4-2 | 3-2 | 5-3 | 5-1-1 | 5-4 | 29-15-1 |
| Grass | 2-1 | 1-2 | 5-5 | 3-5 | 5-4 | 5-3-1 | 5-3 | 26-23-1 |
| Artificial | 6-3 | 4-4 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 14-13 |
| vs PAC 10 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 30-26 |
| vs Non-Conf | 4-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-1-1 | 1-2 | 10-10-1 |
| Off SU Win | 6-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 1-2 | 3-1-1 | 0-4 | 16-13-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-3 | 3-4 | 5-2 | 1-4 | 4-3 | 3-2 | 5-1 | 22-19 |

## Coach: Tom Holmoe (Career 12-21)
### *Holmoe's records AT CALIFORNIA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at California | | 2-4 | Home Favorite |
| 12-21 | Straight Up | 6-3-1 | Home Underdog |
| 17-15-1 | Vs The Spread | 0-3 | Away Favorite |
| 12-6 | Off A S/U Loss | 9-5 | Away Underdog |
| 14-10 | Vs PAC 10 | 6-7-1 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 79 | Garden | -1 | Temple | 17-28 | L |
| 90 | Copper | -7 | Wyoming | 17-15 | L |
| 91 | Citrus | E | Clemson | 37-13 | W |
| 93 | Alamo | -11' | Iowa | 37-3 | W |
| 96 | Aloha | +1 | Navy | 38-42 | L |

# CALIFORNIA (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **PAC 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 4**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 46 (19,24,3)**
**Lost: 24 (12,11,1)**

Cal GOLDEN BEARS

## CALIFORNIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 16.4 | 13 | 100 | 2.8 | 151 | 39.4 | 15.3 | -5 | 1999 | 7 | 23.1 | 19 | 118 | 2.9 | 235 | 47.4 | 15.3 |
| 6* | 16.6 | 17 | 79 | 2.3 | 213 | 53.1 | 20.2 | +6 | 1998 | 8 | 22.8 | 18 | 134 | 3.3 | 207 | 46.1 | 14.9 |
| 5 | 26.8 | 22 | 146 | 3.3 | 249 | 56.8 | 14.7 | -3 | 1997 | 7 | 30.8 | 19 | 144 | 4.0 | 237 | 50.8 | 12.4 |
| 9* | 31.8 | 23 | 135 | 3.4 | 321 | 60.2 | 14.3 | -5 | 1996 | 6 | 33.9 | 22 | 195 | 4.5 | 281 | 55.6 | 14.0 |
| 7 | 22.1 | 19 | 112 | 3.3 | 251 | 54.1 | 16.4 | -4 | 1995 | 6 | 26.0 | 22 | 194 | 4.1 | 188 | 56.2 | 14.7 |
| 3* | 19.3 | 19 | 126 | 3.4 | 209 | 60.0 | 17.4 | -1 | 1994 | 7 | 22.5 | 16 | 136 | 3.3 | 165 | 52.3 | 13.3 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Rutgers | 13 | 34-163 | 4.8 | 10-17 | 103 | 5 | | 21 | 47-104 | 2.2 | 15-29 | 183 | 7 | 0 |
| at Nebraska | 9 | 35-40 | 1.1 | 8-26 | 105 | 5 | | 15 | 48-114 | 2.4 | 5-9 | 187 | 4 | -2 |
| Arizona St | 19 | 33-50 | 1.5 | 17-32 | 213 | 4 | | 24 | 50-196 | 3.9 | 17-33 | 279 | 5 | +1 |
| at Washington St | 13 | 35-58 | 1.7 | 13-33 | 116 | 4 | | 21 | 41-95 | 2.3 | 23-38 | 227 | 4 | -2 |
| at BYU | 13 | 33-124 | 3.8 | 11-33 | 173 | 3 | | 27 | 37-76 | 2.1 | 25-41 | 414 | 8 | +1 |
| at UCLA | 16 | 48-248 | 5.2 | 11-22 | 123 | 2 | | 12 | 26-87 | 3.3 | 9-29 | 81 | 4 | 0 |
| Washington | 20 | 51-197 | 3.9 | 9-27 | 143 | 3 | | 15 | 40-133 | 3.3 | 10-22 | 300 | 4 | +2 |
| USC | 9 | 37-82 | 2.2 | 10-26 | 150 | 1 | | 23 | 33-70 | 2.1 | 26-49 | 382 | 9 | +2 |
| at Oregon St | 14 | 35-78 | 2.2 | 12-40 | 151 | 2 | | 14 | 36-120 | 3.3 | 8-33 | 160 | 3 | -3 |
| Oregon | 14 | 28-47 | 1.7 | 15-40 | 266 | 1 | | 15 | 42-108 | 2.6 | 12-30 | 153 | 1 | -2 |
| at Stanford | 8 | 26-11 | 0.4 | 11-26 | 119 | 6 | | 18 | 46-194 | 4.2 | 11-27 | 216 | 3 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 148 | 395-1098 | 2.8 | 127-322 | 1662 | 36 | | 205 | 446-1297 | 2.9 | 161-340 | 2582 | 52 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 13.4 | 36-100 | 2.8 | 12-29 | 151 | 3.3 | | 18.6 | 41-118 | 2.9 | 15-31 | 235 | 4.7 | -0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at San Diego St | -5' | 9-33 | L |
| Fresno St | -5' | 24-25 | L |
| San Jose St | -23 | 40-7 | W |
| at Arizona | +6 | 15-20 | W |
| USC | +14 | 16-26 | W |
| Oregon | +5 | 30-52 | L |
| at Oregon St | E | 13-12 | W |
| at UCLA | +14 | 16-33 | L |
| Washington St | +3 | 27-11 | W |
| Arizona St | -1 | 29-38 | L |
| at Stanford | +9 | 24-29 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at San Jose St | -24 | 45-25 | L |
| San Diego St | -3 | 42-37 | W |
| Nevada | NL | 33-15 | – |
| Oregon St | -15' | 48-42 | L |
| at USC | +16 | 22-15 | W |
| at Washington St | +3' | 18-21 | W |
| UCLA | -2' | 29-38 | L |
| Arizona | +1' | 56-55 | W |
| at Arizona St | +15 | 7-35 | L |
| at Oregon | +2' | 23-40 | L |
| Stanford | -2' | 21-42 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Houston | +2' | 35-3 | W |
| Oklahoma | -4' | 40-36 | L |
| USC | +3' | 17-27 | L |
| at Louisiana Tech | -9 | 34-41 | L |
| Washington | +16 | 3-30 | L |
| at Washington St | +16' | 37-63 | L |
| at UCLA | +23' | 17-35 | W |
| Oregon St | -5 | 33-14 | W |
| Arizona St | +11 | 21-28 | W |
| at Arizona | +11' | 38-41 | W |
| at Stanford | +3' | 20-21 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | -14 | 14-10 | L |
| Nebraska | +21 | 3-24 | T |
| at Oklahoma | +3 | 13-12 | W |
| Washington St | -4' | 24-14 | W |
| at USC | +11 | 32-31 | W |
| at Washington | +9 | 13-21 | W |
| UCLA | +14 | 16-28 | W |
| at Oregon St | -1' | 20-19 | L |
| at Arizona St | +5' | 22-55 | L |
| Arizona | +10' | 23-27 | W |
| Stanford | -7 | 3-10 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rutgers | -18' | 21-7 | L |
| at Nebraska | +32 | 0-45 | L |
| Arizona St | +1' | 24-23 | W |
| at Washington St | -4 | 7-31 | L |
| at BYU | +14 | 28-38 | W |
| at UCLA | +13 | 17-0 | W |
| Washington | +3 | 27-31 | L |
| USC | +5' | 17-7 | W |
| at Oregon St | +9 | 7-17 | L |
| Oregon | +7 | 19-24 | W |
| at Stanford | +10' | 13-31 | L |

# CINCINNATI BEARCATS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Bearcats have had a potent offense the past 2 years and Deontey Kenner has been the key. Kenner was #3 in career TD passing in HS in Kentucky behind a couple of guys named Couch and Redman. He played here as a true frosh in 97 and threw for 2,047 yards (55%) with a 6-13 ratio in 98 splitting time with Chad Plummer. Last year he threw for 2,430 yards (55%) with a 14-15 ratio. The ratio would have been much better had 7 of those int's had not come from passes deflected off of receivers' hands. As a senior and with a veteran offense around him, I look for Kenner to have by far his best statistics and have a solid TD/int ratio. Kenner also deserves credit for the low amount of sacks allowed last year (8) with his mobility and quick release the keys. Luis Gonzalez (6-2 198 rFr) was PS#80 and is the heir apparent. Ryan Cooper (6-2 194 rFr) was PS#110. Minter signed JUCO Adam Hoover (6-1 193 Jr) who threw for 2,345 yards at JC in 99 and spent two years on the BYU roster. Kenner was injured and missed the season finale in which David Bertucci hit just 16 of 38. Bertucci departs but as long as Kenner stays healthy, he should be one of CUSA's best QB's.

**RUNNING BACKS** - If you've followed UC football recently, you know a recurring theme is that a RB emerges late in the season and dominates the last few games. David Small, Orlando Smith and Robert Cooper all did that in 93, 95 and 96 respectively. In 98, DeMarco McCleskey averaged 175 ypg over the final 4 games and finished with 861 yards (5.3). He was dismissed from the team last August. By the end of the year some thought Cooper was the best back in CUSA as he rushed for 1,245 yards with a super 5.0 ypc and added 22 rec's. He had the third best rushing year in UC history. Michigan transfer Ray Jackson was the scout team MVP while sitting out last year. He became UM's starting FB in 98 but then was lost to a broken ankle. Nathan Wize (5-6 204 Jr) was PS#119 and has 232 yards in 2 years. David Harris (6-0 198 rFr) was PS#163. Joe Harrison (5-11 245 So) was PS#143. Charles Spencer (5-10 205 Jr) rushed for 1,530 yards at Missouri Western in 97 & 98 and transfers in. McCleskey was ruled not guilty of sexual assault charges. He may rejoin the team this fall!! UC moved to a one back offense and there's a plethora of talented backs available but it will be an accomplishment to duplicate Cooper's numbers from last year.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Bearcats had to replace their top 2 WR's and their starting TE. Deflected passes off of receivers' hands cost Kenner no less than 7 int's. At the end of the season the WR corps was extremely banged up and barely able to fill the 3 WR slots of the new spread offense. All the WR's and TE's from last season return and this group is far more experienced. Antonio Chatman got off to a slow start last year, and then had his season cut short due to injury. He could be the feature as he is the team's fastest WR. JUCO transfer Robert Drewery may have the best all-around skills and grabbed 74 passes the last 2 years at JC. LaDaris Vann (37 rec) was voted the CUSA frosh of the year. This group has added talent, and will be vastly improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the O-line lost 3 starters to graduation and then starting RG Ken Biggs prior to the season with injury. The starting unit was comprised of 2 Jr's, 2 Soph and a frosh and helped pave the way for a school record in total offense, only allowing 8 sacks, the lowest in the NCAA. This is a much more veteran group this year as all five starters return as well as all five of their backups. Normally Minter's O-lines average over 300 lbs and this year's averages 6-4 299. RT Josh Gardner had all 11 starts as a true frosh. Mich St transfer Shawn Murphy was scheduled to start in 98 at MSU until he left the squad, and he could steal a starting spot. This is one of the best in the conference.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Bearcats defense was horrendous in 98, allowing 240 ypg rushing and 5.8 ypc. Last year they switched to a less aggressive 4-3 that didn't take as many chances. They had to replace all 4 starters and 2 backups last year and brought in a heavy amount of JUCO's, the majority of whom did not enter the program until just prior to the season. This year's defensive line could be its strength as all 13 lettermen return and 9 of them started 2 or more games. Minter is also high on the fact that they've been here now for over a year and will be much more acclimated to the system. This unit should go from a weakness to a strength.

**LINEBACKERS** - Perhaps the reason for the Bearcats' downfall from a top-notch defense in the mid 90's to a poor defense the last few years has been their LB crew. They used to field one of the top LB corps in the country on a yearly basis but the last 2 years have been very inexperienced and had just one returning starter last year. This season they are in great shape as all 3 starters return and their only loss is backup LB Aaron Guzman (9 tkls, 44 plays). I list the 2 deep below and unlike those Bearcat editions from the mid 90's, there are no NFL prospects in the group, but this unit should be solidly improved as it is much more experienced than the 99 version.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Minter has fielded some outstanding secondaries and they ranked #9 and #24 in my pass defense rankings in 96 and 97. In 98 they plummeted to #109 with an inexperienced and injury plagued group. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but did get the return of Tinker Keck and moved up to #84, allowing 53.4% with a 16-15 ratio vs a very light slate of opposing QB's. This year once again they lose 3 starters in FS Keck (10 sts, 2 int, 7 pbu), CB Jeff Burrow (11 sts, 2 int, 11 pbu) and CB Bobby Fuller (7 sts, 37 tkls, 2 int). Fuller was lost to a broken leg and missed the last 4 games. In the 2 deep below, 6 players return with starting experience including CB Blue Adams, who had 4 starts in 98 and Freddy Smith, who had 15 starts in 97 and 98. This is the most experienced Bearcat secondary in 3 years and I look for Adams and DeJuan Gossett to contend for CUSA honors. Despite the losses, the secondary looks to be solidly improved in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - FG kicking was a very weak area for the Bearcats last year. Joe Judge, Jason Mammarelli and Jonathan Ruffin combined to hit just 7 of 20 FG's and they missed 5 of 35 PAT's with the protection for the kicks being partially to blame due to the high amount of blocks. The FG kicking game was "the worst I've been around" said Minter. Minter brings in JUCO Victor DiMauro who hit 18 of 26 FG's to compete. The punting game, however, was a strength for most of the year. After 9 games, UC had allowed just 19 PR yds until EC's Keith Stokes took one 94 yards but Adam Wulfeck still finished the year with one of the best net punting averages in the NCAA. Minter's special teams have always ranked in the upper half of my rankings with a high of #12 in 97 and they also finished #29 in 98. Last year they finished #59 due to the weakness of the return game and a -4 in the TD/blk category. With their super net punting, and some talented players available for returns, it should be a much improved group. I expect them to finish in or near the top 20 as they usually do under Minter.

QB Deontey Kenner notched a combined 20 TD'S in 1999.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Cooper | 228 | 1289 | 44 | 1245 | 7 | 5.0 |
| P.J. Mays | 67 | 308 | 15 | 293 | 2 | 4.4 |
| **Deontey Kenner** | 54 | 257 | 45 | 212 | 6 | 3.9 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| **Deontey Kenner** | 379 | 208 | 54.9 | 2430 | 14 | 15 |
| David Bertucci | 64 | 28 | 43.8 | 344 | 2 | 3 |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| **Tony Smikle** | | 45 | 429 | 9.5 | 3 | 27 |
| **Jason Collins-Baker** | | 43 | 431 | 10.0 | 1 | 55 |
| **LaDaris Vann** | | 37 | 547 | 14.8 | 4 | 75 |
| **Antonio Chatman** | | 22 | 354 | 16.1 | 1 | 56 |
| Robert Cooper | | 22 | 180 | 8.2 | 2 | 56 |
| P.J. Mays | | 21 | 309 | 14.7 | 2 | 59 |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| **Adam Wulfeck** | 54 | 2279 | 42.2 | 15 | 39.4 | 0 | 18 |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| **Jon Ruffin** | 2-3 | 1-4 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 5-12 | 46 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Eddie Johnson** | 111 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **DeJuan Gossett** | 107 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| **Troy Evans** | 98 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| **Ivan Fields** | 62 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Tinker Keck | 57 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| **Lewis Carter** | 44 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeff Burrow | 42 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| **Isaac Thomas** | 42 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| **Gerry Ruff** | 40 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Bobby Fuller | 37 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| **Antonio Davis** | 36 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Derrick Adams** | 28 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Kirk Thompson** | 26 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| Tinker Keck | 28 | 191 | 6.8 | 0 |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Antonio Chatman** | 9 | 251 | 27.9 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**KENT ST -19 41-3 WIN** UC had 31-6 FD and 495-124 yd edges & held Kent St to 14 yds passing. UC led 27-3 at half. KSU failed to cross midfield until there were 12:00 left.

**TROY ST NL 24-31** - TS finished with over 200 yds both rushing & passing & had a 444-366 yd edge. UC led 10-7 but a 43 yd TD pass put TS in the lead for good. They added a 37 yd FG, 17-10 at half. It was 24-10 after 3Q. UC got a TD but TS ret'd an int 39 yds for a TD with just 1:05 left to ice it 31-17. UC got a 3 yd TD pass w/ :17 left.

**WISCONSIN +27 17-12 WIN** UW settled for a 45 yd FG. UC got its 1st FD & then Cooper ripped off a 51 yd TD run, 7-3. UW drove 77 yds in the 2Q but settled for a FG. UW had a PR for a TD called back. UC took its opening 3Q drive 76 yds for a TD, 14-6. UW got a 96 yd TD drive, 14-12 (2 pt ng). Mid-4Q UC muffed a punt but Dayne fmbl'd at the 1. UW fmbl'd UC's punt & UC tacked on a 41 yd FG. UW drove 66 yds & had 3D at the 17 w/:38 left but a TD pass was called back & a 4th down pass fell inc. UW lost despite a 425-261 yd edge.

**AT OHIO ST +33 20-34 WIN** UC stunned OSU early after an exchange of FG's as Vann hauled in a 75 yd TD pass when the DB went for the int. UC added a 68 yd TD drive & stunningly led 17-3. UC missed a 32 yd FG & the Bucks got a 59 yd TD pass & a 3 play, 69 yd drive for a TD with :56 left. OSU drove 46 yds foll an int for a TD in the 3Q & added a 66 yd TD drive, 31-17. OSU added a 41 yd FG foll an int. UC drove 74 yds but settled for a FG & drove 68 yds but was SOD at the OSU 5. UC finished with a 525-496 yd edge & held the ball for 35:44.

**AT HOUSTON +6' 20-23 WIN** Big plays & a 4-2 TO advantage kept UC in this. UH fmbl'd at the UC 24 but UC missed a 33 yd FG. UH drove 80 yds for a TD. UH took the opening 3Q drive 66 yds for a TD, 14-0. UC faced a 3rd & 14 on its own 35 & the game changed dramatically in the next 1:00. UC got a 58 yd TD pass & then a 25 yd int ret for a TD, 14-14. UH drove 70 yds for a TD mid-4Q, 20-14 (xpng). UH had a FD at the UC 36 but was int'd & UC got a 59 yd TD on the next play, 20-20 (xp blk). UH was int'd at the UC 1. UC got 1 FD but was int'd with :57 left. UH drove to a 1st & goal at the 1 & nailed a FG with :05 left.

**ALABAMA-BIRM (OT) -6 21-24 LOSS** UC had a 440-262 yd edge but Kenner tossed 4 int's. His 1st ended a drive at the UAB 6. UC missed a 48 yd FG. UAB got a 63 yd TD drive & then a 31 yd TD drive foll an int. UAB got a 96 yd int ret for a TD, 21-0. UC drove 80 yds for a TD & trailed 21-7 at half. Each team missed FG's. UC got 69 & 78 yd TD drives to tie with 12:10 left. There were 6 more poss but UC mostly had the ball at midfield & UAB was pinned deep. In OT, UAB got a 42 yd FG & Kenner's 4th int ended it.

**AT S MISSISSIPPI +17' 20-28 WIN** SM had the wind at their back in the 1Q & drove 57 yds for a TD. UC fmbl'd & SM got a 1 play, 49 yd TD pass. Early 2Q UC had a 41 yd FG blk'd. SM drove for a TD. Late 2Q UC had a TD called back and then SM blk'd UC's 39 yd FG, 21-0. At the half SM had a 249-167 yd edge. SM got a 41 yd TD pass, 28-0 & UC's offense gained 362 yds after that. They got a TD late 3Q & added two 4Q TD's, the latter with 2:02 left. Kenner hit 35 of 59 for 407 yds with the attempts & completions both being school records. UC's final Hail Mary was incomplete.

**AT MIAMI, OH +4 52-42 WIN** UC dominated & even overcame 5 TO's. In UC's 1st 5 off plays, they had 3 TO's but MU gained just 4 yds & led 6-0 on a pair of FG's. After a flurry of scores UC led 28-23 at half, the last score came w/ :07 left. MU got a 77 yd TD pass but UC drove 61, 57 and 74 yds on its next 3 drives, 49-30. UC had 28-11 FD & 507-283 yd edges before giving up 2 garbage TD drives.

**LOUISVILLE +1 13-23 LOSS** UC came out in red jerseys for the 1st time in 17 years. UL finished w/ a 475-375 yd edge. UL's 1st poss ended in a 42 yd FG. Hilbert inj'd his leg & UL would not attempt another FG. UC went on a 15 play drive & missed a 32 yd FG but got a TD w/ 10:02 left. Twice in the 1H UL got inside the 15 but was SOD (no FG att) & UC led 7-3 at half. UL was SOD at the 1 but then drove 88 yds for a TD. UC was SOD & UL drove 71 yds in 12 plays for a TD. UL was SOD at the UC 6. UL got an int but was SOD at the UC 32. UC drove 68 yds & got a TD w/ 2:15 left & rec'd the onside. They got to the UL 40 but a pass was int'd & ret'd 66 yds for a UL TD in the final seconds.

**AT E CAROLINA +10 34-48 LOSS** UC came in w/ the nation's best PR defense but Stokes ret'd a punt 94 yds for a TD. EC had 3 long TD drives & led 31-9 at half. EC extended the lead to 38-12 then 48-19. QB Kenner was lost with inj but UC got 2 garbage TD's in the final 2:07 & on their L/3 garbage drives got 167 of their yds.

**MEMPHIS +2 13-21 LOSS** UC had a 385-330 yd edge. UM drove 68 yds for a TD. UC missed a 28 yd FG after an int & UM drove 80 yds in 5 plays for a TD, 14-0 after 1Q. UC got an int at the UM 33 but had a 39 yd FG blk'd. UC drove 80 yds for a TD with :46 left in half, 14-7. UC was int'd & ret'd to the 4 but UM was int'd in the EZ. UC had a 44 yd FG blk'd & ret'd 41 yds to set up a 32 yd, 6 play TD drive, 21-7. UM missed a 51 yd FG & UC drove 74 yds in 15 plays for a TD in the final minute.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Cincinnati was a much improved team in 1999 despite only raising their record from 2-9 to 3-8. In 1998 the Bearcats allowed 41.5 ppg for the worst defense in the NCAA. Last year they upset #9 ranked Wisconsin 17-12, but lost 5 games by 8 or less. The offense broke a school record for total yards for the second year in a row, averaging 424 ypg but now must replace their offensive coordinator. In past years Minter has heavily recruited JUCO's, but this year brings in only two because he has a veteran returning squad. This year's group is a stark contrast from '99 which had fewer returning starters than any other team in CUSA and only 9 seniors on their 2 deep. The Bearcats were 0-6 in CUSA but only once lost a CUSA game by more than 10 points and had to play the season finale without QB Kenner. It is interesting to note that in this era, every new defensive coordinator comes in and says he's going to use a more attacking style defense than his predecessor. UC's Ricky Smith last year went away from the aggressive, blitzing defense which allowed 480 ypg and 41.5 ppg in 98. He converted it to more of a zone. Yes, this is the dreaded "read and react" defense and the result was a much improved stop unit. They allowed just 384 ypg and only 26.3 ppg. The Bearcats lose just 4 seniors from their final two deep. They do get 4 CUSA games at home, but have a tough non-conf docket. This is one of the most improved teams in the country and UC has a solid shot at a winning season.

TE Ashely Hunt has NFL size while RB Nathan Wize is a double threat at RB.

LB Lewis Carter (39) combined with FS DeJuan Gossett (22) for 151 tackles and 10 tfl's last year.

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| OL | Adam Shorter | 6-4 280 PS#228 |
| WR | Robert Drewery | 6-2 182 PS#182JC |
| OL | Matt Mercer | 6-3 280 PS#249 |
| RB | Tedric Harwell | 5-10 180 PS#253 |
| WR | Jason Russell | 6-3 200 PS#187 |
| DB | Marvin Allen | 5-11 190 PS#239 |
| TE | JR Deatherage | 6-4 240 PS#296JC |
| DB | J.J. Wilson | 5-11 175 PS#280 |
| LB | Akanni Turner | 6-2 205 PS#282 |
| RB | Rodney Johnson | 5-9 190 PS#360 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DEONTEY KENNER SR.** 6-2 204 *PS#82. 208 yds (67%) as true. 5 sts in 98, 2047 yds (55%), 6-13 ratio. 10 sts in 99, 2430 yds (55%), 14-15 ratio, 257 rush.*
**RB Ray Jackson Jr.** 6-2 221 *PS#127. 146 yds in 2 yrs at Mich. Trans ly & scout tm MVP. Lloyd Garden (5-11 233) 5 sts at FB, 231 yds PS#75. Nathan Wize PS#119.*
**WR ANTONIO CHATMAN SR.** 5-8 181 *22 rec (16.1) ly, miss 2 w/inj. Tony Smikle (6-2 222 Sr) poss rec. 19 rec in 98. 6 sts ly, #1 w/45 rec (9.5). Reuben Dunbar PS#104.*
**WR JASON COLLINS-BAKER SR.** 5-11 191 *11 sts as rFr, 21 rec (12.8). 11 sts in 98, 15 rec (13.8). 7 sts in 99 (inj). 43 rec (10.0). Tim Walker (5-11 194 Jr) had 6 sts, 8 rec (9.8).*
**WR LADARIS VANN SO.** 5-9 195 *PS#104DB in 99. 8 sts as true, 37 rec (14.8), 17 KR (18.8). Tyrone Keith (5-8 182 So) had 12 rec (11.8) in 6 gms.*
**TE ASHLEY HUNT SR.** 6-5 248 *2 sts in 98, 6 rec, 8 sts in 99, 13 rec (11.6). JR Deatherage (6-4 240 Jr) PS#203QB in 97, 31 rec (12.9) at JC ly.*
**C DOUG ROSFELD SR.** 6-4 279 *Lettered as rFr. 11 sts at C in 98, 11 sts at C in 99, **1st tm CUSA**. Jason Lisek (6-4 294 Sr) PS#415, 10 gms in 3 yrs.*
**RG KIRT DOOLIN SO.** 6-5 308 *PS#221. 4 sts at RT as true. 3 sts at LT in 99 til inj (RS). DeWayne Johnston (6-1 280 Jr) 10 sts in 99. Joe Dixon (6-3 343 Jr) 1 st ly.*
**LG ANDY WEINHEIMER JR.** 6-6 318 *PS#174. 1 st as true, 9 gms. 9 sts at LG in 99. **Ted Forrest** (6-3 315 Jr) PS#129, 9 gms, 1 st as rFr. 10 gms, 2 sts in 99.*
**RT JOSH GARDNER SO.** 6-4 276 *11 sts as true in 99, CUSA frosh team. +11 lbs. **Shawn Murphy** (6-4 289 So) was PS#109OL, Mich St trans.*
**LT MIKE LOVE SR.** 6-4 315 *PS#51JC signed at Baylor in 98. Started last 8 here at LT in 99, added 14 lbs. Chris Rehfuss (6-3 278 rFr).*
**K JONATHAN RUFFIN SO.** 5-10 184 *PS#57 in 99. 24 of 29 FG in HS. 5 of 12 FG's in 99, long 46. Jason Mammarelli (6-1 222 Sr) 60+ potential & does KO's.*

**DE DARRYLL RANSOM SO.** 6-1 255 *6 sts as rFr, 364 plays, 8 tkls, 2 tfl. Kirk Gibbs (6-1 266 Sr) PS#194JC ly. Montrell Mitchell (6-4 245 Sr) PS#250JC, 2 tfl ly.*
**DT MARIO MONDS SR.** 6-4 335 *7 sts as JC trans, 25 tkls, 11 tfl. **Top DL award**. Greg Lee (6-4 245 Sr) PS#271JC. 5 sts in 99, 8 tkls. Dan Wortman (6-2 274 Jr) 2 sts ly.*
**DT KIRK THOMPSON JR.** 6-1 261 *PS#106LB in 97. 6 sts in 99, 26 tkls, 2 tfl. **Dante Elliott** (6-3 274 Jr) 7 sts, 6 tfl in 99. DeMarcus Billings (6-0 262 So) PS#227DL.*
**DE DERRICK ADAMS SO.** 6-0 236 *PS#102LB. 6 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 3 tfl. Joe Hamilton (6-2 239 Jr) 2 sts in 99. Ben Piening (6-5 251 Jr) 3 sts, 5 tkls in 99.*
**OLB TROY EVANS SR.** 6-1 240 *9 tkls as rFr. 11 sts in 99, #3 w/98 tkls, 9 tfl, 2 pbu. Antonio Davis (6-1 205 Sr) JUCO, 165 plays here ly, 36 tkls, 1 tfl.*
**MLB EDDIE JOHNSON SR.** 5-11 234 *Started L/3 in 98, 25 tkls, 3 tfl. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/111 tkls, 7 tfl. Willis Edwards (5-11 226 So) 25 tkls. Chas Hall (6-1 219 rFr).*
**OLB LEWIS CARTER JR.** 6-2 216 *PS#240DB. 28 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Started L/4 in 99, 44 tkls, 4 tfl. **Isaac Thomas** (5-11 219 Sr) 6 sts in 99. 42 tkls, 4 tfl.*
**CB Blue Adams So.** 5-10 182 *PS#93. Started L/4 as true, 20 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu. RS in 99. LaVar Glover (5-10 174 Jr). 8 tkls in 98, 12 tkls, 1 pbu in 99.*
**CB Ivan Fields So.** 5-11 181 *4.4 spd. 2 sts in 99 as true, 62 tkls, 3 tfl, 8 pbu. Anthony Thomas (6-1 176 Jr) JC ly, 1 st, 3 tkls here. Marvin Allen is PS#239.*
**SS GERRY RUFF SR.** 5-11 189 *109 tkls at JC in 98. Started L/4 here in 99, 40 tkls, 1 pbu. **Freddy Smith** (6-0 195 Sr) 7 sts in 97, 8 sts in 98, 60 tkls. Inj'd ly.*
**FS DEJUAN GOSSETT SR.** 5-11 198 *11 sts at SS in 97, 58 tkls, 6 sks, 2 int, 7 pbu. 11 sts at OLB in 98, 78 tkls, 5 tfl. 10 sts at FS in 99, 107 tkls, 7 tfl, **2nd tm CUSA**.*
**P ADAM WULFECK JR.** 6-0 235 *40 punts as true frosh, 39.7 avg, 54 punts in 99, 42.2 average & super net of 39.4. **2nd Team CUSA**.*

# CINCINNATI BEARCATS

Cincinnati, Ohio
Weather (513) 241-1010

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UC | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cincinnati is 10-14-1 L/25 games vs current MAC schools, 4-1 L/4 yrs. The home team has covered 5 of 8 in the Miami, Oh series. Bearcats are 15-22-1 ATS L/10Y in Sept but were 3-0 LY. |
| Sep. 2 | Army | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only two series meetings & Army is 2-0 SU vs UC. UC has only faced 1 Service Academy the L/20Y, a 20-37 loss to Army in '98. |
| Sep. 9 | Syracuse | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cincinnati is 6-3 ATS vs the Big East since 1992. 'Cuse leads series 3-0 SU & won 63-21 in 1998. |
| Sep. 16 | at Wisconsin | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bearcats are 2-8 ATS L/10 road openers. UC is 4-6 ATS L/10 vs the Big 10 but beat UW & covered vs OSU LY. |
| Sep. 23 | at Indiana | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite a strong 4-1 mark LY, UC is 11-13 ATS on grass since 1992. UC is 11-4 ATS L/15 as an away dog, pending LW's result. |
| Sep. 30 | at Tulane | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cincy is 1-4 SU, 3-2 ATS when playing in domed stadiums. They have been outscored 184-107 in those games, 37-21 avg. |
| Oct. 7 | Houston | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Bearcats and the underdog are 3-1 ATS in this series. UC was 3-1 ATS LY, but are just 5-7 (42%) ATS in October L/3Y. |
| Oct. 14 | at Louisville | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UC was 30-18-1 ATS in the 90's in the final 5 lined games of the season. Cincinnati is 8-4 ATS L/12 games prior to a bye. |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | Miami (Oh) (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bearcats are 8-3 L/11 after a bye. Cincinnati is 6-2 ATS the L/8 Homecoming games. |
| Nov. 4 | Alabama-Birm | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UC is 2-1 SU, but UAB is 2-0 ATS in this series. Cats are 17-8-1 ATS in November since 1990, but were 0-3 LY. |
| Nov. 11 | at Memphis | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cincy is 3-7 ATS L/10 vs Memphis; home team is 6-4 ATS. The favorite is 4-2 ATS the L/6 years in this matchup. |
| Nov. 18 | S Mississippi | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The road team and the dog are 3-1 ATS in this series. Cincinnati is 5-1-1 ATS L/7 home finales. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: NIPPERT STADIUM (35,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 2-8-1 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 2-9 | 3-8 | 34-42-1 |
| ATS | 8-2 | 3-7 | 8-3 | 6-3-1 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 6-4 | 39-33-1 |
| Home Fav | 3-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 3-2-1 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 10-7-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-3 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-4 | 1-2 | 8-10 |
| Away Fav | 2-0 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 6-7 |
| Away Dog | 2-2 | 2-3 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 4-1 | 15-9 |
| Favorite | 5-0 | 0-1 | 3-3 | 3-2-1 | 3-6 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 16-14-1 |
| Dog | 3-2 | 3-6 | 5-0 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 3-6 | 5-3 | 23-19 |
| Grass | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 4-1 | 11-9 |
| Artificial | 8-1 | 1-6 | 7-1 | 4-3-1 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 2-3 | 28-24-1 |
| vs CUSA | 3-0 | 2-1 | 4-0 | 4-1 | 1-5 | 2-4 | 2-4 | 18-15 |
| vs Non-Conf | 5-2 | 1-6 | 4-3 | 2-2-1 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 4-0 | 21-18-1 |
| Off SU Win | 5-2 | 0-1 | 3-2 | 3-1-1 | 1-6 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 14-13-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-0 | 3-4 | 4-1 | 4-1 | 3-0 | 2-5 | 4-3 | 23-14 |

## Coach: RICK MINTER (Career 27-39-1)
### *Minter's records AT CINCINNATI*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7th Year at Cincinnati | | 7-7-1 | Home Favorite |
| 27-39-1 | Straight Up | 7-10 | Home Underdog |
| 31-31-1 | Vs The Spread | 4-7 | Away Favorite |
| 19-14 | Off A S/U Loss | 13-7 | Away Underdog |
| 15-15 | Vs CUSA | 16-16-1 | Vs Non-CUSA |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | Sun | NL | Virginia Tech | 18-16 | W |
| 50 | Sun | NL | W Texas A&M | 13-14 | L |
| 97 | Humanitarian | -2' | Utah St | 35-19 | W |
| | | | | | |
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# CINCINNATI (3-8)

CONFERENCE: **USA**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 10***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 54 (22,29,3)**
**Lost: 10 (5,4,1)**

## CINCINNATI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3* | 25.0 | 23 | 172 | 4.5 | 252 | 53.0 | 17.0 | +2 | 1999 | 3 | 26.3 | 20 | 177 | 4.4 | 207 | 53.4 | 14.6 |
| 6* | 23.5 | 22 | 174 | 4.1 | 244 | 54.0 | 17.8 | -17 | 1998 | 6 | 41.5 | 21 | 240 | 5.8 | 240 | 58.1 | 11.7 |
| 9* | 26.8 | 18 | 216 | 3.9 | 121 | 47.3 | 12.6 | +7 | 1997 | 6 | 21.0 | 18 | 82 | 2.8 | 251 | 50.5 | 15.9 |
| 5 | 20.7 | 15 | 181 | 3.7 | 142 | 50.0 | 15.6 | +1 | 1996 | 7 | 19.3 | 16 | 121 | 2.8 | 157 | 42.1 | 14.4 |
| 8* | 22.9 | 18 | 125 | 2.9 | 212 | 51.7 | 14.7 | +5 | 1995 | 8 | 17.9 | 19 | 142 | 3.4 | 183 | 46.7 | 18.1 |
| 5 | 14.5 | 17 | 138 | 3.7 | 176 | 60.2 | 21.7 | -13 | 1994 | 4 | 27.4 | 22 | 245 | 4.9 | 149 | 59.8 | 14.4 |

**1999 STATS BY GAME**

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Kent St | 31 | 56-230 | 4.1 | 22-28 | 265 | 1 | | 6 | 25-110 | 4.4 | 4-16 | 14 | 0 | +2 |
| Troy St | 22 | 31-123 | 4.0 | 26-50 | 243 | 0 | | 23 | 45-225 | 5.0 | 13-24 | 219 | 0 | +1 |
| Wisconsin | 13 | 29-171 | 5.9 | 14-27 | 90 | 0 | | 22 | 57-340 | 6.0 | 8-22 | 85 | 1 | +1 |
| at Ohio St | 26 | 37-182 | 4.9 | 29-52 | 343 | 0 | | 19 | 38-233 | 6.1 | 10-25 | 263 | 1 | +1 |
| at Houston | 15 | 27-74 | 2.7 | 17-31 | 260 | 2 | | 22 | 48-238 | 5.0 | 13-24 | 194 | 1 | +2 |
| Alabama-Birm | 19 | 32-204 | 6.4 | 15-43 | 236 | 0 | | 18 | 45-114 | 2.5 | 20-37 | 148 | 4 | -1 |
| at S Mississippi | 28 | 37-122 | 3.3 | 35-59 | 407 | 0 | | 17 | 33-115 | 3.5 | 12-17 | 237 | 1 | 0 |
| at Miami (Oh) | 28 | 62-285 | 4.6 | 18-28 | 243 | 0 | | 17 | 26-56 | 2.2 | 21-41 | 352 | 2 | -3 |
| Louisville | 17 | 37-181 | 4.9 | 15-32 | 194 | 0 | | 29 | 33-108 | 3.3 | 32-49 | 367 | 0 | 0 |
| at E Carolina | 30 | 35-126 | 3.6 | 29-57 | 304 | 3 | | 26 | 45-244 | 5.4 | 19-30 | 237 | 1 | -2 |
| Memphis | 20 | 42-196 | 4.7 | 16-38 | 189 | 2 | | 17 | 45-169 | 3.8 | 14-26 | 161 | 0 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 249 | 425-1894 | 4.5 | 236-445 | 2774 | 8 | | 216 | 440-1952 | 4.4 | 166-311 | 2277 | 11 | +2 |
| AVERAGES | 22.6 | 39-172 | 4.5 | 21-40 | 252 | 0.7 | | 19.6 | 40-177 | 4.4 | 15-28 | 207 | 1.0 | 0.2 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kansas | +15 | 18-23 | W |
| Kansas St | +13 | 21-23 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +14 | 16-0 | W |
| at Miami (Oh) | -7 | 16-23 | L |
| Toledo | -8 | 31-45 | L |
| E Carolina | +4' | 13-10 | W |
| S Mississippi | +4 | 16-13 | W |
| Memphis | -4 | 28-3 | W |
| at N Illinois | -12' | 55-19 | W |
| at Kentucky | -3 | 14-33 | L |
| at Tulsa | -4' | 24-5 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tulane | -13 | 14-34 | L |
| Kentucky | -3' | 24-3 | W |
| at Kansas St | +16' | 0-35 | L |
| Miami (Oh) | -3 | 30-23 | W |
| at Memphis | +2' | 16-18 | W |
| Boston College | -2' | 17-24 | L |
| Houston | -2' | 31-20 | W |
| at Louisville | +7 | 10-7 | W |
| at S Mississippi | +11 | 17-21 | W |
| at Alabama-Birm | NL | 34-14 | – |
| NE Louisiana | -22 | 35-13 | T |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tulsa | -10' | 34-24 | L |
| at Tulane | -8' | 17-31 | L |
| Kansas | -3' | 34-7 | W |
| at Boston College | -2 | 24-6 | W |
| Memphis | -11' | 20-17 | L |
| Alabama-Birm | -17 | 33-29 | L |
| at Houston | -7' | 38-41 | L |
| at Miami (Oh) | +6' | 34-31 | W |
| S Mississippi | +3' | 17-24 | L |
| Louisville | -13 | 28-9 | W |
| at E Carolina | -3 | 7-14 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tulane | +3 | 34-52 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | +13' | 12-38 | L |
| at Army | -2' | 20-37 | L |
| Indiana | +3 | 14-48 | L |
| at Louisville | +14 | 19-62 | L |
| at Syracuse | +42' | 21-63 | W |
| at Memphis | +10' | 23-41 | L |
| Miami (Oh) | +14 | 0-41 | L |
| E Carolina | +14' | 21-24 | W |
| Houston | +10 | 44-43 | W |
| at Arkansas St | -4 | 51-7 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kent St | -19 | 41-3 | W |
| Troy St | NL | 24-31 | – |
| Wisconsin | +27 | 17-12 | W |
| at Ohio St | +33 | 20-34 | W |
| at Houston | +6' | 20-23 | W |
| Alabama-Birm | -6 | 21-24 | L |
| at S Mississippi | +17' | 20-28 | W |
| at Miami (Oh) | +4 | 52-42 | W |
| Louisville | +1 | 13-23 | L |
| at E Carolina | +10 | 34-48 | L |
| Memphis | +2 | 13-21 | L |

# CLEMSON TIGERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Tommy Bowden inherited an experienced QB corps that had played in a wide open passing attack the second half of the 98 season. Brandon Streeter was the best passing QB on the team and threw for 1,466 yards (63.1%) but surprisingly had only a 4-9 ratio. He was injured versus NC and Woodrow Dantzler (PS#16) took his place. Dantzler is more of a running QB and used the QB draw effectively versus Maryland and also proved adept at passing. He threw for 1,506 yards (55.7%) with a 9-6 ratio while rushing for 723 yards. He should show solid improvement in his second year of this system, especially with a much more stable O-line in front of him. Willie Simmons (6-0 190 rFr) was PS#14. He had 32 TD passes and 8 TD's rushing as a senior in HS and almost saw action last year but Bowden was able to redshirt him. The two form a potent combo. Matt Schell (6-2 200 So) got in 6 snaps last year as a backup and had a big spring game this year. Even with the loss of Streeter, this unit should put up better overall stats.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year everyone returned at this position and the team went from averaging 3.2 ypc in 98 up to 3.6 in the new offense. Some of that had to do with the mobility of QB Dantzler and his 588 net rushing yards (4.0). This year's group loses HB Javis Austin (PS#36, 120 yds) but the top two rushers return. Travis Zachery was suspended last spring and the first game last year. He had just 1 carry in the bowl game. He should be a threat to top 1,000 yards if he does not incur off field difficulties. Bernard Rambert (PS#32) was headed for a redshirt but his speed was needed in the backfield and he rushed for 206 yards (4.8) and was the leading rusher in the bowl game with 70 yards. He will challenge Zachery for the feature role. Chad Jasmin (5-10 220 rFr) was PS#147. Terry Witherspoon (5-11 255 Sr, PS #35) returns at FB. Witherspoon has 14 career starts and 427 rush yards. Clemson lists a FB on their two deep but usually go with a WR in that starting lineup. I like the overall talent and this unit should be improved.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the top 5 receivers all returned but it was their first year in Bowden's system. This year two starters depart in Brian Wofford (10 sts, 60 rec, 13.2) and Mal Lawyer (9 sts, 39 rec, 10.2). The leading receiver was Rod Gardner, and he's back along with some HT's that Bowden will utilize. He brought in two HT true frosh this year (see Top Newcomers) and I list the rest of the two deep below. Many times they go with a 4 WR set but last year's top 2 TE's could both be back. Pat Cyrgalis was suspended in the spring and his return for the fall is questionable. With more experience in the new offense, this unit should be at least equal to last year, if not improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year I wondered if Tommy Bowden could pull the same magic with the offensive line that he did at Tulane. In 97 at Tulane he inherited an O-line with zero returning starters but the unit allowed just 12 sacks in 387 pass attempts over the final 10 games and the offense averaged 34.1 ppg and 419 ypg. How did that unit fare with experience? The Greenies went undefeated and averaged 45 ppg and 509 ypg in 98. Last year Bowden once again inherited zero returning starters to the offensive line. The group was not only inexperienced it was probably the smallest in the NCAA. They then lost a starter after two games to injury. This year, everyone returns and while last year the largest player was 278 lbs, this year's projected starting five averages 277 lbs, some larger newcomers also will contend for time (see two deep below) including a super JC transfer in Derrick Brantley (PS#18). A bigger, stronger and vastly more experienced group will make the Clemson offense potent in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Tigers had a veteran DL last year with 8 of 10 lettermen returning although they had to replace a pair of NFL DC's. The group is even more experienced this year as the lone loss is DE Damonte McKenzie (11 sts, 3 tfl). It wouldn't surprise me if Jovon Bush took away one of the starter's jobs. This unit, which was tough last year, is even tougher in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year Clemson had to replace 4 top notch LB's including three that were drafted by the NFL. They then lost their only returning starter, Harold Means, to injury. Keith Adams stepped up and filled the void in a big way. He led the nation with 186 tackles and established an all-time ACC single season record with an amazing 35 tfl. Adams was voted ACC Defensive Player of the Year. Basically everyone returns to this unit including 4 players with starting experience and a couple of HT sophomores who got their feet wet as true frosh and will contend for starting time. This unit is much more experienced and should be one of the ACC's best.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Tigers always finish in the upper half of my pass efficiency defense rankings and after a #40 finish in 98, they returned 3 of 4 starters last year and 8 of 10 lettermen and climbed to #12 allowing just 51.3% with only 11 TD passes and 19 int's. They suffer a couple of losses in CB D'extra Polite (12 sts, 4 int, 17 pbu, 2nd tm ACC) and SS DoMarco Fox (11 sts, 59 tkl, 1 pbu). CB Alex Ardley was second in the ACC in int's with 5 and Brian Mance is a VHT who logged some time as a true frosh last year giving them an effective CB combo. I like the talent at safety also. Even though this group is a little less experienced, it looks like one of the ACC's better secondaries.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Three times in the last six years this unit has finished in the bottom 30 of my special teams rankings. The last two years they have finished #67 and #70. Clemson struggled at times with FG's but Tony Lazzara is back after hitting 7 of 12 with a long of 43. Bowden was not pleased with the return game and they must replace their top PR, but top KR Reames returns after averaging 22.1 last year. P Ryan Romano also was a surprise departure and had a net of 35.5. This is not an overwhelming group but will probably move up a little in the rankings this year.

The Tigers' defense looks to claw at their opponents in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Travis Zachery** | 185 | 902 | 82 | 820 | 16 | 4.4 |
| **Woodrow Dantzler** | 146 | 723 | 135 | 588 | 4 | 4.0 |
| **Bernard Rambert** | 43 | 214 | 8 | 206 | 2 | 4.8 |
| Javis Austin | 36 | 124 | 4 | 120 | 2 | 3.3 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Woodrow Dantzler** | 201 | 112 | 55.7 | 1506 | 9 | 6 |
| Brandon Streeler | 214 | 135 | 63.1 | 1466 | 4 | 9 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Rod Gardner** | | 80 | 1084 | 13.6 | 4 | 49 |
| Brian Wofford | | 60 | 793 | 13.2 | 3 | 47 |
| Mal Lawyer | | 39 | 396 | 10.2 | 3 | 49 |
| **Travis Zachery** | | 17 | 186 | 10.9 | 0 | 31 |
| **Justin Watts** | | 16 | 175 | 10.9 | 0 | 35 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
| **Ryan Romano** | 65 | 2594 | 39.9 | 10 | 35.5 | 0 | 15 | 5 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | | |
| **Tony Lazzara** | 4-7 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 7-12 | 43 | | |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Keith Adams** | 186 | 16 | 19 | 3 | 0 |
| **Chad Carson** | 144 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| **Robert Carswell** | 129 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| **Braxton K. Williams** | 67 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Alex Ardley** | 62 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 |
| DoMarco Fox | 59 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Terry Jolly** | 58 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| Dextra Polite | 50 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 4 |
| **Jason Holloman** | 40 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| **Altroy Bodrick** | 36 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| **Charles Hafley** | 33 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| **Terry Bryant** | 32 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Damonte McKenzie** | 31 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Mal Lawyer | 14 | 118 | 8.4 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Joe Don Reames** | 15 | 332 | 22.1 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**MARSHALL +2' 10-13 LOSS** MU dominated early with 43 & 78 yd drives but settled for 24 & 22 yd FG's. MU had a 205-103 yd edge at half. CU nailed a 42 yd FG & both tms missed FG's, 6-3 at half. CU missed a 29 yd FG in the 3Q but drove for a TD foll an int, 10-6. MU got a 76 yd TD drive late for a 13-10 lead. CU drove 65 yds but missed a 31 yd FG.

**VIRGINIA +5 33-14 WIN** CU had a 447-345 yd edge. CU got 2 TD's & a FG on their 1st 3 poss, 17-0. CU led 20-0 & had a 273-170 yd edge at the half. CU drove 77 yds for a TD. UVA fmbl'd the KO & CU drove 20 yds for a TD, 33-0. UVA got 2 garbage time TD's.

**AT VIRGINIA TECH +12 11-31 LOSS** VT was the Thursday Night play on the PPH. VT controlled the 1H with a 264-127 yd edge. They had 80 & 55 yd drives for TD's. VT was int'd at the 3, fmbl'd at the CU 30, missed a 48 yd FG, allowed a CU 27 yd FG & only led 14-3 at the half. VT was int'd at the CU 15 in the 3Q & the Tigers drove 86 yds & got a TD on a fake FG & the 2 pt conv made it 14-11 with 11:31 left. VT drove for a 47 yd FG & then got a 34 yd int ret for a TD & 32 yd fmbl ret for a TD within a 2:00 span to blow it open.

**N CAROLINA -5' 31-20 WIN** CU had a 444-275 yd edge & NC QB Curry tossed 4 int's. CU was int'd at the NC 8 but drove 67 yds for a TD foll an int & Streeter was inj'd. Dantzler hit 7 of 15 & rushed for 82. NC drove 65 yds for a TD & got a 39 yd FG foll a CU fmbl. CU got a 21 yd FG on the half's final play, 10-10. NC drove 44 yds for a TD. Dantzler hit a 49 yd TD pass, 17-17. A solid Curry pass was bobbled by the WR. CU picked it off & drove 29 yds for a TD. CU missed a 23 yd FG & NC nailed a 21 yd'r, 24-20. Curry's 3rd int resulted in a Dantzler 56 yd TD run, 31-20. After an NC punt, CU took all but 1:44 off the clock & NC was int'd & the Tigers got the win & cover.

**AT NC STATE +1' 31-35 LOSS** The 1Q saw a flurry of scoring & when the smoke cleared CU led 21-14 as RB Zachery had 10 & 3 yd TD runs & Dantzler hit Lawyer for a 30 yd TD pass. They led 14-0 before NCS came back with an 18 yd TD pass & 39 yd TD run. CU got a 2Q FG but NCS QB Barnette hit his 2nd TD pass, this one a 22 yd'r, & CU led 24-21 at half. NCS took their 1st 2H poss for a TD, conv on 4th & goal from the 1 on Barnette's 3rd TD toss, 28-24. CU answered when Dantzler hit Wofford for a TD, 31-28. NCS got Barnette's 4th TD pass early 4Q & the Wolfpack held on from there.

**AT MARYLAND +1 42-30 WIN** CU finished w/a 542-392 yd edge. Both teams opened with long TD drives. After another exchange of TD's CU got the lead with an 68 yd TD drive. MD settled for a 36 yd FG & trailed 21-17 at half. MD opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive. CU punted on their 1st poss of the 3Q but after MD punted CU got a 78 yd TD drive. MD's drive stalled when QB McCall was inj'd on 3rd & 4. CU drove 83 & 55 yds for TD's, 42-24. MD drove 94 yds for a TD but its final drive ended with a sack on 4th down.

**FLORIDA ST +16 14-17 WIN** This was a media circus. FSU WR Warrick was returned to play & had 11 catches but 4 drops. Bobby Bowden was going for his 300th victory & against his son. FSU controlled the 1Q but settled for a 33 yd FG & missed a 45 yd FG. CU's offense was stagnant until a fake punt gave them a FD at the FSU 24. A TD completed the 15 play drive. CU went 80 yds for a TD, 14-3 at half. FSU got a 33 yd FG in the 3Q & missed a 47 yd FG. They drove 68 yds for a TD, 14-14. The next 5 poss were punts but FSU drove for a 39 yd FG with 5:26 left & CU's 41 yd att with 1:41 left was blk'd.

**AT WAKE FOREST -4' 12-3 WIN** WF blew numerous chances in the 1H as they had 4 of their 6 poss get into CU terr but they couldn't score. A snap went over WF's P's head & CU got a safety & led 2-0 at half. WF drove 79 yds to the CU 1 but a false start had them settle for a 23 yd FG & a 3-2 lead. Streeter came in at QB & led CU to a 19 yd FG with 7:08 left, 5-3. WF was int'd & CU drove 39 yds for a TD with 1:18 left. WF was int'd & CU ran out the clock. CU finished with a 22-13 FD edge & 394-239 yd edge.

**DUKE -12 58-7 WIN** CU scored their most pts since 1990 & simply dominated. They led 21-0 after 1Q & 31-7 at half. They had 295 yds in the 1H & scored on their 1st 5 poss. LB Adams had 4 sk's & 6 tfl's for CU. It was 51-7 after 3Q's & CU had a 558-202 yd edge as well as a 29-14 FD edge with Duke doing most of their damage late.

**AT GEORGIA TECH +4 42-45 WIN** Streeter was injured early. GT led 21-0. CU stormed back to tie 28-28 with 4:45 left in the half. GT got 10 3Q points, 38-28. GT went 63 yards and CU went 56 yds for early 4Q TD's. GT was int'd & CU drove 31 yds for a TD with 6:58 left, 45-42. CU was SOD at the GT 43 & GT got 3 FD's to run out the clock.

**AT S CAROLINA -14 31-21 LOSS** Dantzler started. CU missed a 23 yd FG but SC settled for 20 & 24 yd FG's at the end of 2 long drives, 6-0 early 2Q. CU drove 79 & 60 yds for TD's. SC drove 71 yds for a TD with 1:21 left, 14-12. CU nailed a 24 yd FG on the half's final play, 17-12. CU drove 63 yds for a TD & SC foll a PR drove 31 yds for a TD, 24-18. SC rec'd a fmbl & had a 1st & goal at the 1 but settled for a 29 yd FG, 24-21 with 8:44 left. CU drove 66 yds for a TD to finish the scoring.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Tommy Bowden did a tremendous job in his first year as head coach and rightfully took home the ACC Coach of the Year Award. He had a young team with an undersized offensive line, faced the only three undefeated regular season teams in the nation in FSU, VT and Marshall, and had only five home games but still got the Tigers to a bowl. The future looks bright as they lose just 6 seniors from last year's squad and should have 16 starters back. Tommy is now 24-10 in three seasons as a head coach. The offense does lose QB Streeter and their 2 top WR's, but now have a year's experience in the system and a vastly more experienced offensive line. Woodrow Dantzler is back at QB and he set the Clemson record for total offense per game in a season with an average of 231.2 ypg in the regular season. Defensively, Clemson set a team record with 47 sacks last year led by ACC Defensive Player of the Year Keith Adams. Bowden brought back the enthusiasm to the Clemson fans as they had their best home attendance since 1990. Out of Clemson's top 48 players in the two deep last year, 31 were underclassmen. This is the second year of the new coaching staff and they look stronger on both sides of the ball. The non-conference slate is manageable but the big question mark is 3 tough road games vs their strongest ACC opponents. Bowden did a tremendous job last year guiding the team to a bowl and they will improve on that mark this year. Clemson looks like a Top 25 team and should land in a top notch bowl this year.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| TE | Todd McClinton 6-6 250 PS#9 |
| RB | Keith Kelly 6-0 215 PS#24 |
| WR | Derrick Hamilton 6-4 190 PS#29 |
| DL | Donnell Washington 6-6 270 PS#39 |
| DB | Ryan Hemby 5-10 175 PS#41 |
| LB | Brandon Jamison 6-1 190 PS#52 |
| OL | Derrick Brantley 6-5 300 PS#18JC |
| WR | Ronnie Thomas 5-11 190 PS#54 |
| DB | Ron Delusme 6-2 185 PS#107 |
| QB | Brian Carr 6-1 185 PS#92 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

**QB WOODROW DANTZLER JR.** 5-11 200 *PS#16. 166 yds in 98. 7 sts in 99. 1506 yds (55.7%), 9-6 ratio, 723 rush. Willie Simmons (6-0 190 rFr) PS#14.*
**TB TRAVIS ZACHERY JR.** 6-0 190 *PS#25, 635 yds (4.0) in 98. 8 sts in 99, 820 yds (4.4), 17 rec (10.9). Bernard Rambert (6-0 200 So) PS#32, 206 yds (4.8).*
**WR ROD GARDNER SR.** 6-4 215 *PS#91QB. 2 sts in 97, 8 rec. 3 sts in 98, 20 rec (13.2). 10 sts in 99, #1 w/80 rec (13.6), 2nd team ACC, strongest WR.*
**WR Jackie Robinson So.** 6-1 190 *PS#30. 151 plays as rFr in 99, 2 rec (14.0). Michael Seth (6-0 180 Sr) was PS#99, 5 rec, 220 plays, 3 yrs.*
**WR JUSTIN WATTS SR.** 6-0 202 *PS#27QB. 2 sts in 97 & 98, 10 rec. 9 sts in 99, 16 rec (10.9). Joe Don Reames (5-10 185 So) PS#42, 354 total yds ly.*
**TE PAT CYRGALIS SO.** 6-1 242 *PS#34LB. 4 sts as rFr, 249 snaps in 99, 12 rec (12.7). Jason LeMay (6-4 235 So) PS#87, 2 sts in 99, 227 plays.*
**C KYLE YOUNG JR.** 6-3 270 *PS#29, 4 sts, 479 snaps as rFr. 12 sts, 826 plays, Top OL at 83%. Jermyn Chester (6-2 263 rFr) PS#175.*
**RG THEO MOUGROS SR.** 6-2 275 *PS#186DL. 1 tkl in 98. 11 sts at OG in 99. 71 snaps per game. Will Merritt (6-3 260 Jr) 2 sts, 174 snaps til inj in 99.*
**LG TJ WATKINS JR.** 6-3 275 *PS#51TE, 4 sts, 3 rec as rFr, 10 sts at OG, 745 plays ly. **Neely Page** (6-3 285 Jr) PS#21. 1 st ly. Gregory Walker PS#241OL.*
**RT JOHN McDERMOTT SR.** 6-6 285 *12 sts, 923 snaps in 99. **Derrick Brantley** (6-5 300 Jr) PS#18JC! Gary Byrd (6-4 290 So) PS#61, 32 snaps ly.*
**LT AKIL SMITH JR.** 6-4 280 *240 snaps as true. 11 sts, 887 plays in 99. Brady Washburn (6-5 285 So) PS#71, 1 st. William Henry (6-4 270 rFr) PS#42.*
**K TONY LAZZARA SO.** 5-9 185 *Hit 7 of 12 FG's in 99 as rFr, long of 43, 34 of 36 xp's. Aaron Hunt hit 52 yd FG in HS, only 15 of 75 KO's returned.*

## DEFENSE

**DE Nick Eason So.** 6-4 255 *PS#241LB. 1 st, 18 tkls, 3 tfl in 99. JJ Howard (6-3 220 rFr) PS#93LB. Khaleed Vaughn (6-4 260 rFr) PS#347.*
**DT TERRY JOLLY SR.** 6-2 290 *PS#101. 4 sts in 97 & 98, 46 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 58 tkls, 10 tfl. 2nd tm ACC. **Jovon Bush** (6-5 300 Jr) PS#14, 4 sks ly.*
**DT JASON HOLLOMAN SR.** 6-3 285 *PS#112, 31 tkls, 6 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 40 tkls, 4 sks ly. Gary Childress (6-3 270 Sr) PS#94. 10 sts, 8 tfl, 41 tkls, 2 yrs.*
**DE TERRY BRYANT SR.** 6-4 275 *PS#38, 8 sts, 26 tkls, 1 sk in 98. 12 sts, 32 tkls, 4 tfl in 99. Bryant McNeal (6-5 235 So) PS#197, 15 tkls, 6 tfl ly.*
**SLB BRAXTON WILLIAMS JR.** 6-2 215 *2 tfl, 8 tkls as true. 7 sts in 99, 67 tkls, 6 tfl. **Rodney Feaster** (6-0 210 So) PS#34, 11 tkls, 2 sks, 1 st as true.*
**MLB CHAD CARSON JR.** 6-3 235 *PS#106. 11 tkls as true. 12 sts in 99, 144 tkls, 6 tfl. Rodney Thomas (6-0 225 So) PS#50, 3 tkls as true.*
**WLB KEITH ADAMS JR.** 5-11 220 *PS#151, 45 tkls as true. 12 sts in 99, #1 w/186 tkls, **35 tfl**, 2nd tm AA. Altroy Bodrick (6-0 215 Jr) 4 sts, 4 tfl ly.*
**CB ALEX ARDLEY JR.** 5-10 170 *PS#90. 11 sts as rFr, 70 tkls, 1 int, 10 pbu. 12 sts in 99, 5 int, 9 pbu, 62 tkls. Kevin Johnson (6-0 185 rFr) PS#88.*
**CB Brian Mance So.** 5-11 185 *PS#12 in 99. 15 tkls in 49 plays as true. Darrel Crutchfield (6-0 180 Sr) PS#221, 2 career sts, 39 tkls, 3 yrs.*
**SS Charles Hafley Jr.** 6-1 195 *PS#91WR. 19 tkls as rFr. 1 st, 33 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu in 99. Eric Meekins (6-2 190 So) PS#47WR, 19 tkls as true.*
**FS ROBERT CARSWELL SR.** 6-0 215 *PS#25. 6 sts, 9 tfl as true. 11 sts at SS in 98, 102 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts at FS in 99, 129 tkls, **6 int**, 3 pbu, 1st tm ACC.*
**P Jamie Somaini Sr.** 6-1 230 *Backup P in 99 & handled some KO's. 11 of 28 KO's went to goal line or were TB's. Tony Lazzara will serve as the backup.*

# CLEMSON TIGERS

Clemson, South Carolina
Weather (864) 225-2000

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score CLEM | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Clemson is 9-4 ATS as a home dog the last 8 seasons.<br>Tigers do not play Furman TY, but the rivalry dates back to 1896.<br>This will be the 6th straight year all 11 CU games are on grass.<br>CU is 2-7 ATS L/9 vs Virginia Tech.<br>Clemson is 6-3-1 hosting North Carolina. |
| Sep. 2 | Citadel | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Clemson has won 17 consecutive "NL" games.<br>The combined scores of those 17 games is CU 566-87 (33-5 avg). |
| Sep. 9 | Missouri | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mizzou won the last battle of the these Tigers, 38-24 in 1996.<br>CU has only played 3 current Big 12 tms S/81: 0-1 ATS reg season, 2-0 bowls. |
| Sep. 16 | Wake Forest | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers have roared to a 20-3 SU mark vs Wake Forest...<br>...but is a mere 2-8 ATS L/10 vs the Demon Deacons. |
| Sep. 23 | at Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Clemson is 3-7 ATS their last 10 road openers.<br>The visiting team has covered 7 of the L/9 in this series. |
| Sep. 30 | at Duke | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | CU is 3-8 ATS L/11 vs the Blue Devils.<br>Should apply here: CU is 9-17-1 ATS as away chalk the L/10Y. |
| Oct. 7 | N Carolina St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Since 1980, CU is 56-19-1 SU in conference HG's.<br>They are 45-28-3 ATS in that span, 4-0 last year!! |
| Oct. 14 | Maryland (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Clemson has won 7 in a row SU & ATS at home vs the Terps.<br>Tigers are 10-2-1 ATS in the L/13 vs Maryland. |
| Oct. 21 | at N Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending LW's result, CU is 17-7-1 ATS in the final 5 gms of the year L5Y.<br>The favorite is 5-0 ATS L/5 in this series. |
| Oct. 28 | Georgia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | CU is 5-1 ATS their L/6 sandwiched home games.<br>Chalk has bitten the dust in this series, going 1-10 ATS L/11. |
| Nov. 4 | at Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 5-2-1 ATS their L/8 meetings vs the Seminoles.<br>Clemson is 11-1-1 ATS as an ACC dog of 7 or more. |
| Nov. 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: CU is 15-5 SU & ATS L/20 November games.<br>ANOTHER BONUS: Clem has stayed focused prior to SC w/ a 7-2 ATS mark. |
| Nov. 18 | S Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Visiting team is 15-4 and 9-2 ATS in this rivalry.<br>The lowest combined total score in this series s/95 is 47 points. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: CLEMSON MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,473)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 5-6 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 3-8 | 6-5 | 44-33 |
| ATS | 4-5 | 6-4 | 7-3 | 4-5-1 | 4-5-1 | 4-6 | 7-4 | 36-32-2 |
| Home Fav | 1-2 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 11-13 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 8-4 |
| Away Fav | 1-1 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 0-2 | 2-1-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 7-7-1 |
| Away Dog | 0-2 | 4-1 | 1-0 | 1-1-1 | 1-0 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 10-8-1 |
| Favorite | 2-3 | 2-3 | 5-2 | 2-4 | 2-4-1 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 18-20-1 |
| Dog | 2-2 | 4-1 | 2-1 | 2-1-1 | 2-1 | 2-4 | 4-2 | 18-12-1 |
| Grass | 4-5 | 5-4 | 7-3 | 4-5-1 | 4-5-1 | 4-6 | 7-4 | 35-32-2 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| vs ACC | 3-5 | 6-2 | 6-2 | 4-3-1 | 3-4-1 | 3-5 | 7-1 | 32-22-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 4-10 |
| Off SU Win | 3-4 | 2-3 | 5-2 | 4-2-1 | 3-3 | 0-2 | 3-2 | 20-18-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-1 | 4-1 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 1-2-1 | 4-4 | 4-1 | 16-13-1 |

## Coach: TOMMY BOWDEN (Career 24-10)
### *Bowden's records AT CLEMSON*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Clemson | | 2-0 | Home Favorite |
| 6-6 | Straight Up | 2-1 | Home Underdog |
| 7-4 | Vs The Spread | 1-2 | Away Favorite |
| 4-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-1 | Away Underdog |
| 7-1 | Vs ACC | 0-3 | Vs Non-ACC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | Peach | -2' | Kentucky | 14-13 | L |
| 95 | Gator | -2' | Syracuse | 0-41 | L |
| 96 | Peach | +6' | LSU | 7-10 | W |
| 97 | Peach | +4' | Auburn | 17-21 | W |
| 99 | Peach | -3 | Mississippi St | 7-17 | L |

# CLEMSON (6-6)

CONFERENCE: **ACC**

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 9*** **Returning: 53 (25,25,3)**
**DEFENSE: 8** **Lost: 12 (5,5,2)**

## CLEMSON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 26.8 | 22 | 151 | 3.6 | 252 | 59.6 | 15.0 | +4 | 1999 | 5 | 21.1 | 19 | 132 | 3.3 | 200 | 51.3 | 15.7 |
| 5 | 19.8 | 15 | 120 | 3.2 | 185 | 52.8 | 15.4 | -11 | 1998 | 5 | 24.7 | 17 | 105 | 2.8 | 216 | 48.9 | 12.9 |
| 7* | 24.3 | 18 | 153 | 3.6 | 192 | 60.5 | 14.1 | -3 | 1997 | 6 | 18.3 | 17 | 90 | 2.7 | 225 | 50.2 | 17.2 |
| 8* | 20.4 | 17 | 199 | 4.4 | 136 | 51.6 | 16.4 | +4 | 1996 | 5 | 20.1 | 18 | 139 | 3.4 | 200 | 54.1 | 16.9 |
| 9* | 25.3 | 20 | 245 | 4.6 | 134 | 56.7 | 15.0 | +7 | 1995 | 7 | 18.2 | 18 | 125 | 3.6 | 214 | 50.9 | 18.6 |
| 5* | 14.9 | 16 | 174 | 3.5 | 98 | 47.1 | 18.3 | +17 | 1994 | 11 | 17.1 | 18 | 113 | 3.3 | 217 | 59.0 | 19.4 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Marshall | 18 | 34-104 | 3.1 | 27-42 | 244 | 2 | | 16 | 26-61 | 2.3 | 29-45 | 333 | 4 | +1 |
| Virginia | 23 | 43-104 | 2.4 | 24-32 | 343 | 1 | | 24 | 39-112 | 2.9 | 19-33 | 233 | 5 | +1 |
| at Virginia Tech | 19 | 26-17 | 0.7 | 28-44 | 204 | 5 | | 21 | 51-286 | 5.6 | 7-17 | 88 | 3 | +2 |
| N Carolina | 21 | 51-236 | 4.6 | 15-26 | 208 | 3 | | 15 | 41-113 | 2.8 | 12-29 | 162 | 7 | +2 |
| at N Carolina St | 21 | 33-83 | 2.5 | 24-42 | 285 | 5 | | 21 | 46-135 | 2.9 | 15-30 | 215 | 2 | -3 |
| at Maryland | 28 | 56-290 | 5.2 | 16-23 | 252 | 0 | | 20 | 46-244 | 5.3 | 9-19 | 148 | 2 | 0 |
| Florida St | 16 | 37-126 | 3.4 | 11-26 | 139 | 3 | | 25 | 41-98 | 2.4 | 24-50 | 258 | 3 | 0 |
| at Wake Forest | 22 | 44-121 | 2.8 | 26-40 | 273 | 3 | | 13 | 37-111 | 3.0 | 13-24 | 128 | 3 | +1 |
| Duke | 29 | 52-239 | 4.6 | 25-34 | 319 | 4 | | 14 | 34-31 | 0.9 | 12-31 | 171 | 8 | +4 |
| at Georgia Tech | 21 | 49-231 | 4.7 | 17-31 | 197 | 2 | | 29 | 48-215 | 4.5 | 22-30 | 322 | 3 | +3 |
| at S Carolina | 20 | 38-176 | 4.6 | 14-27 | 249 | 2 | | 18 | 40-85 | 2.1 | 15-32 | 167 | 6 | -2 |
| Miss St (Bowl) | 24 | 34-85 | 2.5 | 25-56 | 306 | 4 | | 16 | 33-89 | 2.7 | 17-38 | 176 | 1 | -5 |
| TOTALS | 262 | 497-1812 | 3.6 | 252-423 | 3019 | 34 | | 232 | 482-1580 | 3.3 | 194-378 | 2401 | 47 | +4 |
| AVERAGES | 21.8 | 41-151 | 3.6 | 21-35 | 252 | 2.8 | | 19.3 | 40-132 | 3.3 | 16-32 | 200 | 3.9 | 0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| W Carolina | NL | 55-9 | – |
| Florida St | +21 | 26-45 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -20 | 29-14 | L |
| Virginia | +4 | 3-22 | L |
| at N Carolina St | -3 | 43-22 | W |
| Georgia | -6' | 17-19 | L |
| at Maryland | -2' | 17-0 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | +2 | 24-3 | W |
| N Carolina | -2 | 17-10 | W |
| Duke | -15 | 34-17 | W |
| at S Carolina | -4 | 38-17 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Carolina | +3' | 0-45 | L |
| Furman | NL | 19-3 | – |
| at Missouri | -7 | 24-38 | L |
| Wake Forest | -15 | 21-10 | L |
| at Florida St | +31 | 3-34 | T |
| at Duke | -9' | 13-6 | L |
| Georgia Tech | +7 | 28-25 | W |
| Maryland | -6 | 35-3 | W |
| at Virginia | +16 | 24-16 | W |
| N Carolina St | -10 | 40-17 | W |
| S Carolina | -4' | 31-34 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appalachian St | NL | 23-12 | – |
| at N Carolina St | +2 | 19-17 | W |
| Florida St | +20 | 28-35 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | -1 | 20-23 | L |
| UTEP | -32' | 39-7 | L |
| Virginia | -5' | 7-21 | L |
| at Maryland | -11 | 20-9 | T |
| at Wake Forest | -3 | 33-16 | W |
| Duke | -14' | 29-20 | L |
| N Carolina | +6 | 10-17 | L |
| at S Carolina | -1 | 47-21 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Furman | NL | 33-0 | – |
| Virginia Tech | -2' | 0-37 | L |
| at Virginia | +15 | 18-20 | W |
| Wake Forest | -6 | 19-29 | L |
| at N Carolina | +6' | 14-21 | L |
| Maryland | -7 | 23-0 | W |
| at Florida St | +26' | 0-48 | L |
| at Duke | +2' | 23-28 | L |
| N Carolina St | +4 | 39-46 | L |
| Georgia Tech | +8 | 21-24 | W |
| S Carolina | -5' | 28-19 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Marshall | +2' | 10-13 | L |
| Virginia | +5 | 33-14 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +12 | 11-31 | L |
| N Carolina | -5' | 31-20 | W |
| at N Carolina St | +1' | 31-35 | L |
| at Maryland | +1 | 42-30 | W |
| Florida St | +16 | 14-17 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -4' | 12-3 | W |
| Duke | -12 | 58-7 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | +4 | 42-45 | W |
| at S Carolina | -14 | 31-21 | L |

# COLORADO BUFFALOES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Buffs lose 2 year starter Mike Moschetti who was a Doug Flutie type QB with solid speed. Moschetti threw for 2,860 yards (61.5%- school record) with a 19-13 ratio and rushed for 334 yards in 99. He missed the Iowa St game due to injury and Zac Colvin (PS#35) got the start. Colvin played in 7 games and threw for 222 yards (53.3%) with a 1-2 ratio. Colvin has a powerful arm and can throw a football 80 yards. He will face significant competition this year. JC transfer Bobby Pesavento threw for 2,444 yards and 22 TD's at JC last season. He is 6-5 230 and is PS#68JC this year. Pesavento looked stronger most of the spring, but Colvin tied him on the depth chart with an impressive spring game. Craig Ochs is PS#5 and could compete as a true frosh. While there is no extensive starting experience in this group, the talent level has risen and whoever wins the job will have prototype NFL size and arm strength.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Coming into last season one of Barnett's concerns was that he was not able to recruit a VHT RB. While he entered the season with some solid backs there were no NFL caliber stars on the roster. Barnett likes a big back that can run the ball between the tackles but the feature back ended up being Cortlen Johnson (5-9 195 Jr). Johnson did well rushing for over 1,000 yards including 201 in the bowl game and averaging a nifty 5.5 ypc. He bulked up in the offseason and will contend to keep his starting job. The big signee this year is Marcus Houston who simply is the #1 rated RB out of high school. I project him as the starter. I list the 2 deep below and they look solid at the FB position. Marcques Spivey (6-2 225 Jr, PS#134), had 7 starts at FB in 98 and was suspended last year due to academics. He returns to give the Buffs quality depth. Barnett also signed 2 more HT RB's in addition to Houston (see Top Newcomers). This group has much more experience than it had last year, is bigger, better, deeper and more talented.

**RECEIVERS** - As the Buffs showed in their bowl game vs Boston College, speed kills as their speedy WR's and skill position players wreaked havoc on the Eagles. The fastest player on the team last year was Marcus Stiggers who has 4.18 speed and he was #2 on the team with 40 rec's (16.7). Stiggers said Javon Green was the best WR on the team last year and Green led the team with 43 rec's (15.9). Roman Hollowell has 4.39 speed and was #3 with 27 rec's. Everyone except Stiggers returns, so there is still plenty of speed including Cedrick Cormier (5-10 185 Jr), who was timed at 4.3. TE is in solid shape as Daniel Graham has size and speed and gets better each year. I list the 3 deep below and it is impressive. Even with the loss of Stiggers, this group is more experienced and looks even stronger.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Buffs had one of the best offensive lines in the country last year but do suffer some losses in RG Brad Bedell (12 sts, 2nd tm AA, #6 DC of CLE), LG Ryan Johanningmeier (12 sts, 1st tm Big 12) and RT Shane Cook (12 sts) as well as three 2nd stringers, so six of the top 10 are gone. I list the two deep below and 3 players return with extensive starting experience on the offensive line in addition to OT Tom Ashworth who had 12 starts at TE in 98 but missed spring following shoulder surgery. This still looks like a good group but has less experience and talent than it did last year.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Barnett changed the terminology last year turning one DE into a rush OLB and while the RLB is technically a DE, I'll list him with the LB's. Last year the Buffs had 4 players with starting experience returning to the front 3. This year 3 are back. They must replace DT Jesse Warren (9 sts, 29 tkl). They have good size in the middle with the top 4 tacklers averaging 290 lbs (see 2 deep). The Buffs' top DL is NT Justin Bannan who earned 2nd Team Big 12 honors in 1999. RB Vince Mitchell (6-0 250 rFr) was PS#180 and moves to the DL. This is a very experienced group and should be improved in the second year of the system. They also dominated the Buffs' young offensive line during the spring.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Buffs lose a good one in RLB Fred Jones (12 sts, 4 sks) but have 6 players returning with starting experience and get a solid addition in Anwawn Jones who is a big, fast LB who started for Barnett at Northwestern and took two years to finally get transferred in. Ty Gregorak (PS#21) was limited in the spring and there is a chance he will redshirt this year if not 100% in the fall. Jashon Sykes is being touted as a Butkus candidate, but suffered a shoulder injury in the spring. Last year they had to replace three starters and this unit is talented, deeper and more experienced than in 1999.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Buffs finished #22 in my pass defense rankings in 1998 and last year returned 3 starters including a pair of NFL caliber CB's and this April three of last year's 4 starters were drafted. The Buffs' ranked #26 allowing just 48.1% with a 17-17 ratio. This year they must replace CB Damen Wheeler (12 sts, 2nd tm Big 12, 4 int's, 8 pbu, #6 DC of SD), CB Ben Kelly (12 sts, 5 int, 10 pbu, #3 DC of MIA) and FS Rashidi Barnes (12 sts, 118 tkl, 7 tfl, 3rd tm Big 12, #7 DC of CLE). Those are some big shoes to fill. I like the talent available in the two deep listed below, and five players return with starting experience. CB Damion Barton was suspended in the spring but hopefully will be reinstated for the fall. This still looks like a better than average secondary, but clearly is weaker than last year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - CU looked to have one of the top special teams units in the country last year. Gary Barnett had 2 top 10 finishes while at Northwestern in special teams rankings. The Buffs were off #9 and #8 finishes the previous 2 years, and returned all of their key players. Surprisingly CU finished the 99 season at just #52 in my special teams rankings as teams kicked away from Ben Kelly on punts and he had just an 8.9 average. P Nick Pietsch had a net of 38.4 in 98 but slipped last year (36.1). Super returnman Ben Kelly is gone and while CU has tons of speed at the skill positions, it will be tough to replace his explosiveness. K Jeremy Aldrich also departs after collecting 3rd team Big 12 honors. This team has great speed and Barnett added a solid JUCO transfer at K, so they could improve even with the losses.

CU is touting WR Javon Green as a Biletnikoff candidate.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cortlen Johnson** | **187** | **1051** | **15** | **1036** | **10** | **5.5** |
| Dwayne Cherrington | 76 | 320 | 27 | 293 | 2 | 3.9 |
| **Damion Barton** | **48** | **205** | **12** | **193** | **2** | **4.0** |
| Mike Moschetti | 93 | 334 | 186 | 148 | 6 | 1.6 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Mike Moschetti | 356 | 219 | 61.5 | 2860 | 19 | 13 |
| **Zac Colvin** | **45** | **24** | **53.3** | **222** | **1** | **2** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Javon Green** | | **43** | **684** | **15.9** | **7** | **88** |
| Marcus Stiggers | | 40 | 666 | 16.7 | 4 | 65 |
| **Roman Hollowell** | | **27** | **282** | **10.4** | **2** | **43** |
| **Cedric Cormier** | | **22** | **160** | **7.3** | **0** | **22** |
| **Daniel Graham** | | **22** | **315** | **14.3** | **4** | **54** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Nick Pietsch | 47 | 1882 | 40.0 | 8 | 36.1 | 2 | 14 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Jeremy Aldrich | 5-5 | 4-6 | 9-14 | 0-2 | 18-27 | 49 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jashon Sykes** | **144** | **3** | **12** | **4** | **1** |
| Rashidi Barnes | 118 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| **Michael Lewis** | **79** | **2** | **2** | **2** | **1** |
| **Ty Gregorak** | **64** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **0** |
| Damen Wheeler | 53 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| **Justin Bannan** | **48** | **1** | **7** | **1** | **0** |
| **Drew Wahlroos** | **47** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **1** |
| Fred Jones | 47 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Ben Kelly | 45 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 5 |
| **Robbie Robinson** | **42** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **1** |
| **Brady McDonnell** | **30** | **0** | **4** | **6** | **1** |
| Jesse Warren | 29 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Andy Peeke** | **28** | **0** | **5** | **0** | **1** |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Ben Kelly | 33 | 293 | 8.9 | 1 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Ben Kelly | 19 | 547 | 28.8 | 2 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**† COLORADO ST -13 14-41 LOSS** TO's & big plays hurt. In the 1H CU had 5 drives into CSU terr & a 13-4 FD edge but trailed 28-0. The Rams got a 54 yd int ret for a TD and an int set up a 1 yd TD drive with 59 & 67 yd TD plays in between. CSU drove 80 yds in 14 plays to open the 3Q & added 29 & 44 yd FG's after TO's, 41-0. CU got 80 & 33 yd TD drives in the final 9:00.

**SAN JOSE ST -24 63-35 WIN** It was the 1st game on natural grass at Folsom Field since 1970. Moschetti passed for a school record 465 yds. CU had TD's on their 1st 4 poss. CU had 767 yds offense for another school record. It was 42-15 at the half. CU led 63-22 & SJS got 2 garbage TD's & most of their 507 yds vs the CU backups.

**KANSAS -16 51-17 WIN** CU simply dominated. They took their opening drive 77 yds in 14 plays for a TD & led 30-3 at the half with a 239-125 yd edge. It was 33-3 when KU got a 15 yd TD drive foll a fmbl rec & a blk'd punt for another TD. CU extended it to 44-17. KU ret'd the KO 97 yds to the 3 but 2 plays later Kelly ret'd a fmbl'd 96 yds for a TD to close the scoring. CU finished with a 25-9 FD edge and 270 more yards.

**AT WASHINGTON -3' 24-31 LOSS** CU wanted revenge on Neuheisel but UW had a 415-289 yd edge. UW drove 44 yds in 7:00 for a TD. Kelly ret'd the KO 98 yds, 7-7 at half. UW dove 80 yds for a TD. CU missed a 39 yd FG. After an int CU drove 34 yds for a TD & Kelly ret'd a fmbl 38 yds for a TD, 21-14. UW got a 40 yd FG & then a 79 yd TD drive, 24-21. CU got a 29 yd FG but UW drove 70 yds for a TD with 3:17 left, 31-24. CU was int'd deep in UW terr.

**MISSOURI (OT) -12 46-39 LOSS** Kelly ret'd the opening KO for TD. CU had a 90 yd TD drive, 13-0. MO got a safety & 2 TD's (2ptng) 14-13. Both teams got FG's before half. 3Q, CU got a safety (MO int grounding in the EZ). MO blk'd a punt setting up a TD, 25-18. CU drove 80 yds for a TD (kept alive by rough OB on 3rd & 15 & a fake FG). CU had an int set up a TD & then ret'd one for a TD, 39-25. MO drove 88 yds for a TD, rec'd the onside & drove 46 yds for a TD w/ 1:43 left. CU missed a 53 yd FG on the final play of regulation. In OT the Buffs got a 24 yd TD grab from Stiggers & Kelly's int at the goal line sealed it.

**AT TEXAS TECH -5 10-31 LOSS** CU had 6 TO's. CU missed a 41 yd FG & punted after a 16 play drive. TT got a 61 yd run to set up a TD & CU fmbl'd the KO & TT got a TD, 14-0. CU was int'd in the EZ & TT drove for a 36 yd FG, 17-0. TT had 206-115 yd edge at half. TT fmbl'd on their 1st 3Q play & CU got a 47 yd TD drive. Williams' 66 yd run set up a TD, 24-7. CU punted from the TT 40 & then fmbl'd at midfield. After TT had a 46 yd FG blk'd CU got a 45 yd FG with 12:02 left, 24-10. Williams keyed a 66 yd TD drive, 31-10. CU was SOD at their own 41 & TT's 38 & int'd at their 30.

**AT IOWA ST +3 16-12 WIN** CU was w/o QB Moschetti. Colvin hit 14 of 23 for 116 yds & Johnson rushed for 185. ISU had a 25 mph wind at its back in the 1Q & settled for 42 & 35 yd FG's, 6-0. CU got 10 points with the wind. ISU drove 60 yds for a TD, 14-10. CU got a TD pass w/:11 left 1H, 16-12. ISU had four long 2H poss & had a 208-110 yd edge in the 2H. ISU was SOD at the CU 26, int'd in the EZ, int'd again & their final drive went 59 yds but on 4th & 3 they went for a 41 yd FG w/4:18 left (wind at back) & missed. CU ran out the final 4:18.

**OKLAHOMA +4' 38-24 WIN** Moschetti ret'd & hit 22 of 31 for 382 yds with 4 TD's. CU had a 537-317 yd edge. OU got a 54 yd PR to set up a FG but CU led 14-10 at half w/ a 278-113 yd edge. On the 2nd play of the 3Q CU got an int ret to the 1 to set up a TD. CU got a 33 yd FG. OU drove 84 yds for a TD early 4Q, 24-17. CU drove 80 yds for a TD. OU got a 49 yd TD pass on 4th & 9 with 8:37 left but 2 plays later CU got an 88 yd TD pass. CU missed a 47 yd FG foll an int & later was SOD after a 1st & goal at the 1.

**AT KANSAS ST +16 14-20 WIN** KSU had just a 10-7 FD edge & CU had a 214-197 yd edge. KSU got a 68 yd TD pass on 2nd & 21 & blk'd a punt to set up a 12 yd drive for a TD w/ :37 left, 14-0. KSU got 20 & 42 yd FG's on drives that started at the CU 30 & 33, 20-0. With 6:21 left CU got a 64 yd TD pass. On the next poss, they got a 70 yd TD pass. KSU got 1 FD & punted but CU's 4th & 3 pass fell incomplete.

**AT BAYLOR -21' 37-0 WIN** CU had a 28-6 FD edge, 271 rush yds & 233 yds pass while BU had 114 total. Five times CU went for it on 4D having complete confidence in their defense. BU missed a 44 yd FG. CU faked a punt & that set up a TD, 27-0 at half.

**NEBRASKA (OT) +14' 30-33 WIN** NU dominated most of the way. After a CU onside kick to open, NU hit an option pitch for a 50 yd TD. The Huskers drove 60 yds for a TD, fmbl'd at the CU 47 and settled for a 34 yd FG, 17-0. CU faked a punt & continued on a 64 yd, 17 play drive for a FG. NU's Alexander got an 80 yd TD run two plays later & the Huskers led 24-3 at the half. NU settled for a 37 yd FG late 3Q, **27-3**. CU converted on 3rd & 32 for a FG & nailed a 49 yd FG early 4Q. NU fmbl'd & CU drove 47 yds for a TD. CU then drove 80 yds for a TD with 3:51 left. CU rec'd the onside kick & drove 58 yds for another TD. CU fmbl'd at their own 15 but NU fmbl'd on the next play, their 5th fmbl. CU drove but missed a 33 yd FG on the final play. CU got a 33 yd FG in OT but NU got a TD run to escape.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Colorado won their sixth consecutive bowl in 99, the longest active streak in the country. They have defeated a ranked team in each of the last 12 years. It took Gary Barnett's group awhile to get adjusted to his new schemes and coaching staff, but when they did, the Buffs were one of the better teams in the country. The defense allowed just 277 ypg in the last six outings (402.8 ypg first six). The Buffs opened 3-3 but went 4-2 down the stretch with a 6 point loss to Kan St and a 3 point loss to Nebraska. The offense totalled over 500 yards in each of the last 3 games including their blowout bowl win. CU has managed to redshirt 44 out of the 52 frosh over the last 3 years. Over the course of the entire '99 season the offense had 12 different lineups in 12 games and the defense had 8 due to injuries and personnel realignment. The 1999 group had 22 seniors and this year's just has 12. Even though they will have a new QB, both Colvin and Pesavento appeared very capable in the spring. They get a super newcomer at RB who could finally give Barnett the workhorse type of back he covets. They have lots of speed at WR but how quickly the revamped O-line comes around will determine whether they can continue to make strides. Barnett is excited about the defensive front 7 and while the secondary is young, it is talented. They simply face the nation's toughest schedule this year. Talent wise, this is my #21 rated team, but with this type of schedule Barnett will have to do an admirable job just to match last year's win total.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| RB | Marcus Houston | 6-2 205 PS#1 |
| QB | Craig Ochs | 6-2 210 PS#5 |
| TE | Quinn Sypniewski | 6-7 255 PS#1 |
| LB | Sean Tufts | 6-5 215 PS#27 |
| DL | Matt McChesney | 6-5 275 PS#41 |
| RB | Bobby Purify | 6-1 195 PS#54 |
| RB | Clyde Surrell | 5-11 175 PS#70 |
| DB | Allen Mackey | 6-1 170 PS#62 |
| DB | Corey Alexander | 5-10 175 PS#75 |
| RB | Devvin Richardson | 5-11 195 PS#106 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Zac Colvin So.** 6-4 215 *PS#35 in 98, 222 yds (53%), 1 st as rFr.* ***Bobby Pesavento*** *had 2444 yds, 22 TD's at JC in 99.* ***Craig Ochs*** *is PS#5.*
**RB MARCUS HOUSTON FR.** 6-2 205 *PS#1!* ***Cortlen Johnson*** *is PS#71, 1036 yds (5.5), 18 rec in 99. Vince Reed (6-0 195 So) PS#48DB, 116 yds as rFr.*
**FB DAVE ANDREWS JR.** 6-4 240 *PS#97. 2 sts in 99, 29 yds (2.9). Brandon Drumm (6-2 220 So) PS#36, 2 sts as rFr. Marcques Spivey had 7 sts in 98.*
**WR JAVON GREEN SR.** 6-2 200 *PS#65. 9 sts in 98, 41 rec (13.2). 4 sts in 99, #1 w/43 rec (15.9). Cedrick Cormier PS#10, 22 rec (7.3). 10.29 in 100m.*
**WR Roman Hollowell Jr.** 5-6 160 *PS#30, 27 rec (10.4).* ***John Minardi*** *(6-2 200 Jr) PS#38, 5 sts, 21 rec (15.1). Eric McCready (6-4 210 Sr) PS#26, 17 rec.*
**TE DANIEL GRAHAM JR.** 6-3 235 *PS#44. 2 sts as rFr. 8 sts in 99, 22 rec (14.3). Miles Koon (6-5 260 Jr) was PS#27, Adam Bledsoe was PS#26QB.*
**C ANDRE GURODE JR.** 6-4 320 *PS#22OL in 97. 5 starts as rFr (missed 7 injury). 12 starts in 99, 789 plays. Neal Hannifin is PS#73JUCO.*
**RG JUSTIN BATES SO.** 6-4 295 *PS#31OL in 98. 6 sts in 99 at OT, 315 plays. Ryan Gray (6-3 305 So) PS#42OOL, 73 plays, 5 gms as rFr.*
**LG Karl Allis rFr.** 6-5 315 *PS#150 in 99. Rawle King (6-6 315 Jr) PS#142JC, 58 pancakes ly at JC, Aaron Carber (6-2 325 Sr) Pitt trans.*
**RT Tom Ashworth Sr.** 6-6 280 *PS#90. 16 plays in 97.* ***12 starts*** *at TE in 98, 10 rec. Lettered in 99. Jordan Gehring (6-6 325 rFr) PS#260.*
**LT Victor Rogers Jr.** 6-7 330 *PS#2 in 97. 5 sts, 338 plays in 98. Started 1st 4 ly (inj'd) then L/2. 0 sks allowed. Dan Major (6-6 275 Fr) PS#67 in 99.*
**K Jeremy Flores Jr.** 5-10 170 *PS#135JC. 23 of 28 FG's in HS, long 63! 9 of 10 at JC in 99, long 45. Mark Mariscal (6-2 190 So) 7 of 10 in HS long 58.*

**RLB Anwawn Jones Sr.** 6-5 245 *2 sts, 42 tkls, 6 tfl at NW in 97. Robert Haas (6-5 250 Jr) PS#55DL. 5 tkls til inj in 98. 1 st, 16 tkls, 2 tfl in 99, 351 plays.*
**DT Sean Jarne Sr.** 6-6 295 *PS#44DL. 4 sts in 98, 27 tkls, 2.5 tfl. 3 sts til inj in 99, 19 tkls, 301 plays. Pete Friedrich (6-3 280 rFr) was PS#80.*
**NT JUSTIN BANNAN JR.** 6-3 295 *PS#57DL in 97. 6 sts in 98, 37 tkls, 7 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 48 tkls, 8 tfl, 2nd tm Big 12. Sam Taulealea (6-0 320 So) PS#178.*
**DE BRADY MCDONNELL SR.** 6-4 265 *PS#111. 37 tkls, 8 tfl as rFr. 11 sts in 98, 46 tkls, 7.5 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 30 tkls, 4 tfl. Tyler Brayton (6-6 260 So) PS#76, 15 tkls ly.*
**DLB DREW WAHLROOS SO.** 6-3 230 *PS#182LB in 98. 10 sts in 99, 47 tkls, 5 tfl, 477 plays. Kori Mossoni (6-3 220 So) PS#209LB, 7 tkls, 49 plays as true.*
**ILB TY GREGORAK SR.** 6-3 260 *PS#21. 5 sts in 97 & 98, 95 tkls. 8 sts in 99 (inj) 64 tkls. Andy Peeke (6-0 200 Jr) PS#179. FB as true, 28 tkls, 5 tfl in 99.*
**ILB JASHON SYKES JR.** 6-3 230 *PS#23. 4 sts as true, 52 tkls, 7.5 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 144 tkls, 15 tfl, MVP. Aaron Killion (6-3 235 So) PS#129, 10 tkls as true.*
**CB Donald Strickland So.** 5-10 180 *PS#95 in 98. 1 st, 8 gms, 125 plays, 15 tkls, 3 pbu in 99. Damion Barton (5-10 195 Sr) PS#15, 412 yds rush at RB in 98 & 99.*
**CB Nate Wright Jr.** 6-0 190 *PS#18 in 97. 1 st in 98, 15 tkls, 3 pbu. 1 st in 99, 10 tkls. Phil Jackson (6-1 175 rFr) PS#212. Allen Mackey PS#62.*
**SS MICHAEL LEWIS JR.** 6-2 205 *PS#54DB, 3 sts, 39 tkls as true. 9 sts in 99, 79 tkls, 4 tfl, 4.45 speed. Albus Brooks (6-0 190 Jr) PS#14,* ***7 starts*** *in 98 at LB.*
**FS Robbie Robinson Jr.** 5-10 195 *PS#103JC, 100 tkls at JC. 4 sts, 42 tkls here in 99, 3 pbu, 415 plays. Roderick Sneed (6-0 180 Jr) was PS#101RB.*
**P Mark Mariscal So.** 6-2 190 *PS#6K in 98. 45 punts in HS & 44.6 avg. Jeremy Flores had 54 punts with a 42.9 avg at JUCO in 99.*

# COLORADO BUFFALOES

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score COLO | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | † Colorado St (Denver) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | at USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | Washington | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | Kansas St (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | at Texas A&M | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | Texas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | at Kansas | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | Oklahoma St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | at Missouri | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | Iowa St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 24 | at Nebraska | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

CU is 7-0-1 SU vs Oklahoma (6-2 ATS) & is the only team that has won 5 in a row SU in Norman.
Buffaloes are 3-6 ATS L/9 vs the WAC.
Colorado is 5-2 ATS in the first game of a 2(+) road trip.
CU is 5-11 as a DD Big 12 favorite the last five years.
Buffaloes are 18-1 SU but 7-16 ATS as DD home favorites.

Colorado is 53-16-2 SU in this series.
The favorite is 2-8 ATS in this Rocky Mountain rivalry.

Buffaloes are 2-10 ATS L/12 vs non conf teams.
CU is 3-3 ATS overall L/6 vs the Pac 10, but 0-3 in reg season.

Buffs lost battle w/ex-coach Neuheisel but are at home TY.
Colorado is 1-8 ATS prior to their first bye of the season.

BONUS ANGLE: CU is 3-7 ATS after their first bye of the season.
BONUS ANGLE: CU has lost 10 of 14 conference openers ATS.

Buffaloes are 12-3 SU L/15 but have lost 3 in a row vs KSU.
Colorado is 10-1 ATS in Boulder vs K-State.

Buffs are 9-22 ATS in October since 1992.
Could apply here: CU is 12-4 ATS L/16 tries as an away dog.

The Buffs are 18-8 ATS L/26 as a home dogs, and...
If getting pts here, remember Barnett teams are 12-1 ATS as a HD!!!

Colorado is 9-18 ATS L/27 games on artificial turf.
Buffaloes have lost only twice SU to KU since 1985.

Coming into 2000 CU was 5-14 L/19 as home chalk, but 2-1 in '99.
Buffs are 3-1 SU but 0-4 ATS vs the Cowboys.

Colorado is 8-4 ATS L/4Y in the final three games of the season.
CU is 2-8 ATS their last 10 meetings with the Tigers.

Buffaloes are 3-7 ATS their last 10 games vs Iowa St.
Might apply here: CU is 10-22 ATS L/6Y as a DD favorite.

BONUS INFO: Colorado is 9-3 ATS their last 12 Folsom finales.

Colorado is 11-3 ATS in their final away game.
Buffaloes have covered 4 in a row vs the Huskers.

## STADIUM: FOLSOM STADIUM (51,655)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 7-3-1 | 10-1 | 9-2 | 9-2 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 53-23-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 4-6 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 7-4 | 34-42 |
| Home Fav | 3-1 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 1-5 | 1-4 | 1-4 | 2-1 | 13-20 |
| Home Dog | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 4-3 |
| Away Fav | 1-3 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 8-16 |
| Away Dog | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 9-3 |
| Favorite | 4-4 | 3-6 | 4-4 | 4-6 | 2-6 | 1-6 | 3-4 | 21-36 |
| Dog | 1-2 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 4-0 | 13-6 |
| Grass | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 6-2 | 12-8 |
| Artificial | 5-5 | 3-6 | 5-5 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 1-2 | 22-34 |
| vs Conf | 3-4 | 2-5 | 2-5 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 6-2 | 24-29 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-2 | 2-1 | 4-0 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 10-13 |
| Off SU Win | 3-3 | 4-5 | 5-3 | 4-5 | 1-4 | 2-5 | 4-2 | 23-27 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 8-11 |

## Coach: GARY BARNETT (Career 50-61-2)
### *Barnett's record AT COLORADO*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Colorado | | 2-1 | Home Favorite |
| 7-5 | Straight Up | 2-0 | Home Underdog |
| 7-4 | Vs The Spread | 1-3 | Away Favorite |
| 3-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-0 | Away Underdog |
| 6-2 | Vs BIG 12 | 1-2 | Vs Non-BIG 12 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | Fiesta | -7 | Notre Dame | 41-24 | W |
| 95 | Cotton | -7 | Oregon | 38-6 | W |
| 96 | Holiday | -6 | Washington | 33-21 | W |
| 98 | Aloha | +5' | Oregon | 51-43 | W |
| 99 | Insight.com | -7' | Boston College | 62-28 | W |

# COLORADO (7-5)

CONFERENCE: BIG 12 NORTH

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (18,23,1)
Lost: 24 (13,8,3)

## COLORADO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 33.8 | 23 | 168 | 4.0 | 266 | 59.9 | 12.8 | +5 | 1999 | 6 | 25.9 | 17 | 165 | 4.3 | 175 | 48.1 | 13.1 |
| 4 | 25.2 | 18 | 128 | 3.1 | 204 | 56.0 | 18.2 | +6 | 1998 | 6 | 21.1 | 18 | 142 | 3.5 | 174 | 48.6 | 17.3 |
| 6 | 27.3 | 20 | 136 | 4.1 | 232 | 53.4 | 13.5 | -1 | 1997 | 7 | 26.8 | 19 | 203 | 4.1 | 148 | 53.3 | 13.1 |
| 9* | 29.3 | 22 | 140 | 3.8 | 309 | 57.9 | 15.3 | +2 | 1996 | 7 | 18.3 | 18 | 131 | 3.4 | 186 | 51.3 | 18.8 |
| 5 | 37.0 | 23 | 188 | 4.7 | 284 | 59.5 | 12.8 | +2 | 1995 | 7 | 20.0 | 18 | 140 | 3.5 | 184 | 50.4 | 16.2 |
| 9* | 36.6 | 23 | 288 | 6.2 | 206 | 61.0 | 13.5 | +7 | 1994 | 7 | 19.6 | 19 | 117 | 3.0 | 232 | 58.3 | 17.8 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| † Colorado St | 23 | 36-82 | 2.3 | 30-49 | 291 | 9 | 12 | 38-227 | 6.0 | 10-18 | 109 | 0 | -4 |
| San Jose St | 35 | 46-293 | 6.4 | 27-37 | 474 | 0 | 29 | 35-224 | 6.4 | 25-40 | 283 | 0 | +1 |
| Kansas | 25 | 49-136 | 2.8 | 24-34 | 306 | 3 | 9 | 25-26 | 1.0 | 17-32 | 146 | 1 | +2 |
| at Washington | 25 | 25-122 | 4.9 | 19-36 | 167 | 1 | 21 | 52-205 | 3.9 | 12-23 | 210 | 2 | 0 |
| Missouri | 20 | 37-101 | 2.7 | 22-43 | 306 | 1 | 30 | 52-216 | 4.2 | 20-44 | 311 | 2 | +2 |
| at Texas Tech | 20 | 40-147 | 3.7 | 20-34 | 194 | 3 | 17 | 42-279 | 6.6 | 15-23 | 181 | 1 | -3 |
| at Iowa St | 17 | 40-180 | 4.5 | 14-23 | 116 | 2 | 22 | 43-195 | 4.5 | 16-27 | 184 | 2 | 0 |
| Oklahoma | 24 | 43-155 | 3.6 | 22-31 | 382 | 0 | 17 | 17-(-11) | -0.6 | 26-58 | 328 | 3 | +3 |
| at Kansas St | 7 | 25-10 | 0.4 | 13-28 | 204 | 5 | 10 | 44-96 | 2.2 | 6-18 | 101 | 2 | -2 |
| at Baylor | 28 | 66-271 | 4.1 | 20-32 | 233 | 2 | 6 | 24-74 | 3.1 | 4-21 | 40 | 2 | 0 |
| Nebraska | 22 | 47-166 | 3.5 | 22-42 | 338 | 6 | 14 | 51-356 | 7.0 | 4-12 | 44 | 1 | +3 |
| Boston Coll (Bowl) | 29 | 50-347 | 7.2 | 16-27 | 176 | 1 | 12 | 35-96 | 2.7 | 14-35 | 159 | 1 | +3 |
| TOTALS | 275 | 504-2010 | 4.0 | 249-416 | 3187 | 33 | 199 | 458-1983 | 4.3 | 169-351 | 2096 | 17 | +5 |
| AVERAGES | 22.9 | 42-168 | 4.0 | 21-35 | 266 | 2.8 | 16.6 | 38-165 | 4.3 | 14-29 | 175 | 1.4 | 0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Wisconsin | E | 43-7 | W |
| Colorado St | -18 | 42-14 | W |
| NE Louisiana | -38 | 66-14 | W |
| Texas A&M | -4' | 29-21 | W |
| at Oklahoma | -4 | 38-17 | W |
| Kansas | -22 | 24-40 | L |
| at Iowa St | -25' | 50-28 | L |
| Nebraska | +9 | 21-44 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | -23 | 45-32 | L |
| Missouri | -28 | 21-0 | L |
| at Kansas St | +3' | 27-17 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Washington St | -21 | 37-19 | L |
| at Colorado St | -16' | 48-34 | L |
| Michigan | -8 | 13-20 | L |
| at Texas A&M | -3' | 24-10 | W |
| Oklahoma St | -32' | 35-13 | L |
| at Kansas | -8' | 20-7 | W |
| Texas | -10' | 28-24 | L |
| at Missouri | -22' | 41-13 | W |
| Iowa St | -27' | 49-42 | L |
| Kansas St | -5' | 12-0 | W |
| at Nebraska | +18 | 12-17 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado St | -15' | 31-21 | L |
| at Michigan | +1 | 3-27 | L |
| Wyoming | -14' | 20-19 | L |
| Texas A&M | -3 | 10-16 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | -3 | 29-33 | L |
| Kansas | -16' | 42-6 | W |
| at Texas | -5 | 47-30 | W |
| Missouri | -14 | 31-41 | L |
| at Iowa St | -19' | 43-38 | L |
| at Kansas St | +9' | 20-37 | L |
| Nebraska | +21 | 24-27 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Colorado St | +3' | 42-14 | W |
| Fresno St | -21 | 29-21 | L |
| Utah St | -24 | 25-6 | L |
| Baylor | -15' | 18-16 | L |
| at Oklahoma | -4 | 27-25 | L |
| Kansas St | +14' | 9-16 | W |
| Texas Tech | -5 | 19-17 | L |
| at Kansas | -7 | 17-33 | L |
| at Missouri | +5' | 14-38 | L |
| Iowa St | -16' | 37-8 | W |
| at Nebraska | +20 | 14-16 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Colorado St | -13 | 14-41 | L |
| San Jose St | -24 | 63-35 | W |
| Kansas | -16 | 51-17 | W |
| at Washington | -3' | 24-31 | L |
| Missouri | -12 | 46-39 | L |
| at Texas Tech | -5 | 10-31 | L |
| at Iowa St | +3 | 16-12 | W |
| Oklahoma | +4' | 38-24 | W |
| at Kansas St | +16 | 14-20 | W |
| at Baylor | -21' | 37-0 | W |
| Nebraska | +14' | 30-33 | W |

# COLORADO ST RAMS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - For the past 2 years the Rams had to replace their starting QB. I expected Steve Cutlip (PS#19) to win the starting job last year but he got into some off-field problems last summer and also suffered from tendinitis. Matt Newton (PS#178) won the starting job but really struggled early and fans began to chant "Boot Newt." In the 1st 5 games, Newton had 9 int's and just 10 TD's but over the last 7 had a 9-5 ratio and finished with 2,596 yds (57.6%). Newton earned 2nd Team Mt West and his play should improve in his 2nd year. Cutlip started sharing snaps at midseason but got in just 4 passes. I still rate him as a solid contender and he had an impressive spring. CSU then signed HT QB DJ Busch (PS#114) so they have 3 quality QB's, but Busch will probably redshirt. Also in the mix is JW Morgan (6-3 200 rFr) and Cory Hess (6-3 190 rFr, PS #182). Lubick has had only 2 senior incumbent QB's in his 7 years, and they led the team to a combined 21-4 record, Newton now makes three.

**RUNNING BACKS** - No player in the NCAA showed more heart than RB Kevin McDougal did last year. Despite a myriad of injuries that forced him to miss playing time, McDougal had 1,223 yds (5.3) and the team was clearly stronger when he was in the lineup. He became the Mt West Offensive Player of the Year. Both his talent and his leadership will be missed. Rahsaan Sanders was PS#160 and got in 2 starts as a true frosh. After a rough 1st outing vs BYU, he improved weekly & finished with 468 yds (4.6). He has a good combination of size & speed. Duan Ruff (5-9 175 Jr) was PS#118. He rushed for 281 yds (5.9) in 98 but had just 58 yards last year. Jason Stout (6-0 215 Jr) was PS#146 and had 74 yds rushing in 98. The talent is pretty decent at this position and Lubick always gets the best out of his RB corps, but this unit definitely looks weaker and will likely be a TB by committee.

**RECEIVERS** - This is a much more experienced group than usual for the Rams. In the previous two seasons they had to replace 3 of their 4 starters. This year three of four are back including their star, WR Dallas Davis. I called for Davis to emerge as an All Conference candidate last year and he did just that, being voted 2nd Team Mt West at both WR and special teams. Overall the top 7 receivers return. The lone loss is HB Leon Smith (12 sts, 2 rec) who was used mostly as a blocker. Some solid rFr's will also contend and are not listed below. Include: Eric Hill (6-0 185 rFr) who was PS#117, Chris Pittman (6-1 180 rFr) who was PS#195 and Jeff McGarity (6-0 200 rFr) who was PS#253. Also at TE is James Sondrup (6-6 235) who was PS#107TE. This should be one of the Mt West's better receiving corps.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year CSU had to replace a pair of 3 year starters but averaged 308 lbs per man. The offensive line was extremely stingy giving up only 9 sacks during the regular season. This year the bulk of the unit returns, but they must replace their star in Blane Saipala (1st Tm Mt West). They only had 5 healthy linemen available for the spring game but should have 11 or 12 ready for the fall. The four starters who do return (listed below) started all 12 games together. This year's starting 5 is just as big and even more experienced than last year's, and Lubick has challenged them to take their game to the next level and become even more productive.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Sonny Lubick always produces top notch DE's as they have had five that now play in the NFL. Last year they had to replace a #3DC but had 3 starters returning on the D-line that had 77 returning starts between them. For the first time in Lubick's tenure, two DT's started all 12 games in Mackenzie and Bennett. They both return and that makes them very strong up the middle. Unfortunately this year departures include DE Greg Pollard (12 sts, 36 tkls, 12 tfl) and DE Clark Haggans (12 sts, 72 tkls, 8 sks, 15 tfl, 1st tm Mt West, #5DC of PIT). They also lose backup DT Rob Cieslinski (14 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and while this is a solid group, it clearly looks weaker than last season and really needs some DE's to emerge.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year CSU had to replace 2 starters due to graduation. They did return the LB that Lubick touted as "the best linebacker I have ever coached" in Rick Crowell. The group was injury plagued throughout the season which should be a blessing for the year 2000. Crowell went down to a season ending injury early and they were forced to take the redshirt off HT Adam Wade. Wade started 9 games as a true frosh and had 12 tfl and has a bright future ahead of him. Four other frosh saw significant playing time. David Vickers was 5th on the team in tackles. Eric Pauly (6-4 214 rFr) was PS#59LB and Kansas High School Defensive Player of the Year. Rocky Martin (6-2 210 Jr) was PS#167. Kendall Kuykendall (6-1 230 rFr) was PS#243LB. They do lose MLB Ula Tuitele who was 1st Tm MWC and led the defense with 102 tackles. The big news of the offseason was Crowell being granted a 5th year and JUCO transfer Russell Kay looking impressive in the spring. This group should be much improved in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Rams ranked #11 in my pass defense rankings in 97 but even with 3 starters back in 98 fell to #74. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and climbed a little to #59 allowing 58.1% completions with a 14-13 ratio. They lose their top DB in SS Erik Olson (#7DC of JAX) who was 1st team Mt West and had 6 int's, 7 pbu's despite missing 2 games due to injury. Basically everyone else returns and no less than 7 players are back with starting experience.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - From 1994-96 the Rams highest finish in my special teams rankings was #35. In 97 they finished #1 overall. Despite having a couple of big losses in 98 they still ranked #13. Last year, thanks to the exploits of PR Dallas Davis and P Deone Horinek, they finished #3. Can the Rams garner another top 10 finish this year? Davis, who single-handedly won the Utah game with 2 TD's, is back and all the top KR's return. K CW Hurst returns and the only question is if P Horinek can be replaced. He had an amazing net average of 38.7 and only 3 TB's all year. Hurst has been the KO man over the last 3 years and had another strong year as 32 of his 65 KO's were not returned or went through the endzone. This group has top 10 potential once again, but that will only be realized with an effective punting replacement.

WR Dallas Davis is a big play threat every time he touches the ball!!!

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kevin McDougal | 232 | 1250 | 27 | 1223 | 8 | 5.3 |
| **Rahsaan Sanders** | 102 | 495 | 27 | 468 | 4 | 4.6 |
| **Duan Ruff** | 21 | 75 | 17 | 58 | 0 | 2.8 |
| **Cecil Sapp** | 6 | 42 | 2 | 40 | 1 | 6.7 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Matt Newton** | 370 | 213 | 57.6 | 2596 | 19 | 14 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dallas Davis** | 57 | 747 | 13.1 | 3 | 49 |
| **Pete Rebstock** | 37 | 437 | 11.8 | 4 | 31 |
| **Frank Rice** | 28 | 459 | 16.4 | 6 | 67 |
| **Joey Cuppari** | 22 | 323 | 14.7 | 1 | 45 |
| **Cory Woolstenhulme** | 20 | 202 | 10.1 | 2 | 25 |
| **Brad Svoboda** | 11 | 142 | 12.9 | 0 | 25 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deone Horinek | 60 | 2510 | 41.8 | - | 38.7 | 1 | 21 | 3 |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **C.W. Hurst** | 3-6 | 2-3 | 4-5 | 1-2 | 10-16 | 54 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ula Tuitele | 102 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| **John Howell** | 95 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 1 |
| Erik Olsen | 77 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| Clark Haggans | 72 | 8 | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| **David Vickers** | 53 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| **Justin Gallimore** | 50 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **Adam Wade** | 47 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 0 |
| **Ameer Lowe** | 39 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Greg Pollard | 36 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| **Rick Crowell** | 33 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| **Jamie Bennett** | 31 | 0.5 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **Terrence Gibson** | 30 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **Aaron Sprague** | 26 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dallas Davis** | 35 | 553 | 15.8 | 2 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rahsaan Sanders** | 8 | 180 | 22.5 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**† COLORADO +13 41-14 WIN** TO's & big plays were key. In the 1H CU had 5 drives in CSU terr & a 13-4 FD edge but trailed 28-0. The Rams got a 54 yd int ret for a TD, an int set up a 1 yd TD drive & had 59 & 67 yd TD plays. They drove 80 yds in 14 plays to open the 3Q & added 29 & 44 yd FG's after TO's, 41-0. CU got 80 & 33 yd TD drives late.

**NEVADA -17' 38-33 LOSS** I used UN as a 3★ Small College Play as CSU was off a very satisfying rout of its rival w/BYU in just 4 days on deck. UN got a 1Q FG & finished with a 597-529 yd edge. UN led 14-13 at half, then the offenses were unleashed. CSU settled for a 23 yd FG to open the 3Q but added a TD, 24-13. The teams then traded points & CSU led 38-26. UN drove 81 yds for a TD with 2:33 left. After forcing a punt they started at their own 3 but fmbl'd with :19 left.

**AT BYU +7 13-34 LOSS** I used BYU as the Thurs Night ESPN Play on the Hotline. CSU was w/o RB McDougal & rushed for just 28 yds on 17 carries. BYU got 79, 78 & 71 yd TD drives & had a FG blk'd after having a 1st & goal, 21-0 at the half and a 247-82 yd edge. They got a 38 yd FG in the 3Q & extended it to 31-0 on a 32 yd drive foll a fmbl. CSU got the majority of their yds in the 4Q with 2 garbage time 80 yd TD drives.

**NEW MEXICO ST -15 46-7 WIN** This was all CSU. NMS QB Enzminger hit just 8 of 23 for 69 yds & was int'd 3 times in a homecoming of sorts for the Denver native. NMS was w/o their top 2 IB's due to inj. NMS came in avg'g 420 ypg & 41.5 ppg but would not score an offensive TD & had just 60 yds offense in the 1H. CSU led 23-0 but a 22 yd int ret for a TD by NMS averted the shutout. CSU had a 378-193 yd edge.

**AT FRESNO ST -3' 13-44 LOSS** Misleading final. CSU was w/o LB Crowell & SS Olsen. The Rams dominated the 1H with a 263-170 yd edge but actually trailed 10-7! CSU had a FG blk'd and a fake FG stopped. FSU got a 37 yd FG. CSU got a 20 yd TD pass with just 2:09 left. CSU forced a punt but 1 of Newton's 4 int's set up a FSU 29 yd TD pass just :48 before half, 10-7. FSU opened the 3Q with a 10 yd TD drive foll an int that went thru WR Rice's hands & added an 18 yd FG. FSU then got an int ret to the CSU 17 setting up a FG. CSU got a 15 yd TD pass with 9:32 left, 23-13. FSU's Ward got a 75 yd TD run. FSU then drove 20 yds foll a fmbl for a TD with 6:39 left & Burley's 27 yd int ret in the final minute skewed the final. CSU had a 21-11 FD edge.

**SAN DIEGO ST -6 10-17 LOSS** 6-8 inches of snow were cleared off the field & it snowed during the 1H. CSU got a FG early, 3-0. CSU drove to the SDS 14 but a FG try ended in a bad snap. The Aztecs drove 67 yds for a TD with :59 left. CSU fmbl'd & SDS got a 42 yd FG on the final play of the half. CSU drove 60 yds for a TD, 10-10. CSU drove to the SDS 29 but punted & the Aztecs drove 84 yds & hit a 40 yd TD pass, 17-10 with 11:05 to go. SDS got an int but a 22 yd FG ended in a bad snap. CSU's final drive got to the SDS 17 but a 4th & 10 pass fell inc with :47 left. CSU finished w/ a 275-202 yd edge.

**AT WYOMING +2' 24-13 WIN** Misleading final as WY had a 25-17 FD edge & 378-337 yd edge. WY missed a 38 yd FG on its 1st poss. CSU made a 31 yd FG & WY was int'd at the CSU 36. WY missed a 41 yd FG, 3-0 at half. WY drove 87 yds for a TD & got a 44 yd FG, 10-3. CSU got a pair of 80 yd drives capped with 49 & 30 yd TD passes. Between that WY hit a 56 yd FG, 17-13. CSU got a 41 yd int rel for a TD in the final seconds.

**UTAH -1' 31-24 WIN** Thurs Night ESPN & a winner for my Private Play Hotline with Over 43'. Davis returned punts for 214 yds & 2 TD's & Utah QB Arceneaux (sick) only played 2 series. CSU led 24-3 at half. Utah drove 90 yds for a TD & then blk'd a 51 yd FG, ret'ing it for a TD. After a CSU punt, Utah got a 1 play 59 yd pass to Smith to tie with 11:24 left. The next 4 poss ended in punts & Davis' 58 yd PR for a TD ret gave CSU the win.

**AT NEW MEXICO -7 36-22 WIN** CSU's 1st offensive play was a 58 yd TD pass but NM got 80 & 63 yd TD drives, the 2nd kept alive by two 4D conv, 14-6. Defense controlled the rest of the 1H. CSU got a safety & added 60 & 29 yd TD drives, 22-14. CSU got a 66 yd TD bomb to Rice, 29-14. NM got an 80 yd TD drive but CSU drove 80 yds for a TD w/ 5:38 left. NM was SOD at its own 29 but CSU was int'd w/ :45 left. NM was SOD the CSU 19.

**AIR FORCE -2 41-21 WIN** My Thurs Night ESPN Play was CSU & they delivered the easy winner. AF had a strong wind at their back in the 1Q & nailed a 52 yd FG. CSU drove 80 yds for a TD. AF settled for a 24 yd FG. McDougal (200 yds) broke off a 66 yd run to set up a TD. CSU then drove 73 yds & McDougal hit a 3 yd TD pass w/ :15 left, 20-6. CSU had two 80 yd 3Q TD drives, 34-6. CSU drove 21 yds for a TD after a fmbl, 41-6. AF went 80 yds for a TD & a blk'd punt for a TD to close the scoring.

**AT UNLV -22' 35-17 LOSS** UNLV got an 80 yd TD drive after a CSU fmbl. CSU got a 79 yd Davis PR to set up a TD. Both teams had long TD drives. UNLV got a 34 yd FG, 17-14 at half. CSU dominated the 2H with a 3Q 51 yd TD drive & in the 4Q they got 55 & 59 yd TD drives, 35-17. UNLV was SOD at the CSU 11 & CSU hung on.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Coach Sonny Lubick has done a great job at CSU and last year rattled off his 5th straight winning season despite the fact they had just 4 returning starters on offense and 6 on defense and suffered numerous injuries to the LB corps. I pegged CSU for 2nd in the Mountain West last year and surprisingly they were rated 6th by the media heading into the season. With their tie for the top spot last year CSU has now won or shared four conference titles in the past six seasons and Lubick was rewarded with a 5 year contract extension which takes him through 2005. The offense should be solid with QB Newton now having experience, and whenever Lubick has had an experienced QB his teams have compiled a 21-4 SU record. RB is the only question mark now, as the WR's and O-line appear top notch. Defensively CSU has a solid back 7 and the only question mark on that side is at DE. Overall they look stronger on both sides of the ball. CSU has won at least 5 conference games in each of Lubick's years and is a super 29-13 SU on the road in his tenure. They get 4 Mt West games at home and will need to be their usual productive selves on the road as they face 3 upper division teams away from home. This will be another successful season for Lubick and they are a contender in the Mountain West.


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| DB | Keith Lander 6-2 180 PS#85 | |
| DL | Patrick Goodpaster 6-3 260 PS#125 | |
| OL | Jason Speciner 6-6 280 PS#166 | |
| QB | D.J. Busch 6-4 190 PS#114 | |
| LB | Russell Kay 6-2 240 PS#274JC | |
| DL | Jonathan Simon 6-6 230 PS#282 | |
| DL | Justin Delfino 6-4 225 PS#322 | |
| TE | Pat McGraw 6-4 235 PS#128 | |
| DL | Chris Kiffin 6-1 270 PS#342 | |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB MATT NEWTON SR.** 6-3 215 *PS#178. 246 yds in 98 (62%). 12 sts in 99, 2596 yds (58%), 19-14 ratio. Steve Cutlip (6-2 200 So) PS#19. DJ Busch PS#114.*
**RB Rahsaan Sanders So.** 6-0 210 *PS#160, 2 sts as true, 468 yds (4.6), 10 rec. Duan Ruff (5-9 175 Jr) PS#118. 281 yds (5.9) in 98, 58 yds in 99.*
**WR FRANK RICE SR.** 6-0 175 *6 sts in 97 & 98, 14 rec (18.4), 9 sts in 99, 28 rec (16.4), 158 ret yds. Joey Cuppari (6-1 175 So) 22 rec (14.7).*
**WR DALLAS DAVIS SR.** 5-10 175 *PS#43. 15 rec (15.6) in '97. 39 rec (13.4) in 98. 12 sts. 57 rec (13.1) in 98, 615 ret yds. Pete Rebstock (5-9 190 Jr) had 37 rec (11.8).*
**HB Cory Woolstenhulme Sr.** 6-3 245 *PS#145JC. 1 st in 99, 20 rec (10.1). Brad Svoboda (6-1 165 Jr) 11 rec (12.9). Lamar Anderson (5-11 170 rFr) PS#96.*
**TE JOSE OCHOA JR.** 6-3 255 *PS#88. 5 rec in 98, 12 sts in 99, 9 rec (7.0). Matt Baldischwiler (6-3 230 rFr) PS#64. Lucas Mallory (6-1 245 Sr) PS#116DL.*
**C JUSTIN BORVANSKY SR.** 6-2 290 *PS#189DL in 96. 8 gms in 97. 7 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99. 3 letters. Mark Dreyer (6-4 270 rFr) PS#58OL in 99.*
**RG Morgan Pears So.** 6-8 310 *PS#101OL in 98. 2 sts as rFr in 99. Broc Finlayson (6-5 305 Jr) 2 gms in 98 (foot inj), 9 gms (backup) in 99, 0 letters.*
**LG BRODERICK LANCASTER JR.** 6-4 315 *7 sts as rFr (5@LG, 2 at LT). 12 sts, 2 tkls in 99, 2 ltrs, good size. Kelly Wall (6-4 275 rFr) PS#111OL Iy.*
**RT DAVID SHOHET JR.** 6-6 315 *Navy prep academy in 96. 10 gms as rFr in 98, 2 ltrs. 12 sts in 99. Aaron Green (6-5 270 So) 5 gms in 99.*
**LT TIM STUBER SR.** 6-5 310 *PS#333 in 98. 10 gms in 97. 12 sts in 98. Added 30 lbs & 12 sts in 99. Aaron Brown (6-5 290 So) 11 gms in 99.*
**K CW HURST SR.** 5-10 180 *Hit 4 of 9 FG's & did KO's in 97-98. Hit 10 of 16 FG's in 99 with long of 54. 41 of 42 xp's. 32 of 65 KO's were TB's.*

**DE Peter Hogan So.** 6-3 240 *PS#151DL in 98. 12 gms in 99. 10 tkls, 1 tfl. Geoff Graue (6-4 235 Jr) PS#273 in 97, 1 tkl, 1 gm in 1998.*
**DT MIKE MACKENZIE SR.** 6-2 265 *5 sts as rFr, 18 tkls, 4 tfl. 1 st, 14 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 22 tkls, 9 tfl in 99. Casey Wolf (6-4 260 Sr), 8 sts, 54 tkls, 18 tfl, 3 yrs.*
**DT JAMIE BENNETT SR.** 6-2 275 *8 sts in 97, 33 tkls, 6 tfl. 2 sts in 98, 35 tkls. 12 sts in 99, 31 tkls, 5 tfl. Lucas Smith (6-4 275 Jr) 31 tkls, 4 tfl in 2 yrs.*
**DE Chad McGuckin Jr.** 6-4 241 *PS#113LB in 97. 17 tkls, 4 tfl in 2 yrs. Wallace Thomas (6-3 220 So) PS#114TE. Brian Save (6-2 255 rFr) PS#165DL.*
**OLB RICK CROWELL SR.** 6-3 245 *PS#82LB. 13 sts in 97, 82 tkls, 10 tfl. 12 sts in 98, 15 tfl. 1st tm WAC. 4 sts in 99 til inj. Eric Pauly (6-4 214 rFr) PS#59.*
**MLB Josh Steward So.** 6-2 235 *PS#141LB in 98. 9 tkls in 99. Russell Kay (6-2 240 Jr) PS#274JC. Tony Colacion (6-2 240 Jr) 3 sts in 99, 8 tkls, 4 tfl.*
**OLB ADAM WADE SO.** 6-1 195 *PS#162LB, 9 sts as true, 47 tkls, 12 tfl. David Vickers (6-0 205 So) PS#113LB in 98. 53 tkls, 5 tfl in 99, 6 sts.*
**CB TERRANCE GIBSON SR.** 5-11 174 *8 sts in 98, 52 tkls, 5 pbu. 5 sts in 99, 30 tkls, 3 pbu. Ameer Lowe (6-1 180 Sr) 12 sts in 99, 8 pbu, 39 tkls, 2 tfl.*
**CB JUSTIN GALLIMORE JR.** 5-10 190 *PS#219. 7 sts in 99, 15 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. Rhett Nelson (6-0 185 So) 1 st (bowl) 19 tkls, 1 int. Russell Sprague PS#111QB.*
**SS Aaron Sprague Jr.** 6-2 205 *3 sts in 98, 40 tkls, 2 tfl. 1 st in 99, 26 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Jason Gallimore (5-10 190 Jr) PS#220, 1 st, 50 tkls, 4 tfl.*
**FS JOHN HOWELL SR.** 6-0 195 *26 tkls, 96-98. 12 sts in 99, 95 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl, 1 int, 7 pbu. Lenzie Williams (6-1 195 rFr) PS#150DB.*
**P Joey Huber So.** 6-4 205 *Backup P in 99. Was the only punter on roster in spring & must replace 1st tm WAC Deone Horinek.*

# COLORADO ST RAMS

Fort Collins, Colorado
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score CSU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Lubick has a career winning percentage, including title & bowl games, of .629 & has guided the Rams to six straight winning seasons SU. Colorado St is 5-10 ATS on artificial turf since 1992. Rams are 20-2-1 SU their last 23 November games. Lubick is 18-2 SU in November! 9-2 SU at home, 9-0 on the road. |
| Sep. 2 | † Colorado (Denver) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rams are 7-3 ATS vs their intrastate rival. Colorado St is 4-7 ATS their last 11 vs the Big 12. |
| Sep. 9 | E Tenn St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ETSU plays in the Southern Conf. The Bucs were 6-5 SU LY. Bonus Angle: Rams are 40-22-1 ATS off a SU win L10Y. |
| Sep. 16 | at Arizona St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | CSU is 10-4 ATS (w/1 SU loss in a NL game) before a bye. Arizona St is 19-1 SU vs CSU...Last met in 1990. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | at Nevada | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | CSU is 4-0 SU but 2-2 ATS vs the Wolf Pack. Rams are 13-2 ATS the week after a bye since 1986. |
| Oct. 7 | New Mexico | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Colorado St is 39-19-1 ATS L/59 October encounters. CSU is 47-31-1 ATS in conference play since '90. |
| Oct. 14 | UNLV (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rams are 5-1-1 ATS in their 2nd straight in Fort Collins. CSU has outscored Rebels 153-70 L/4Y but is just 1-3 ATS in that span. |
| Oct. 21 | at Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Rams are 11-4-1 ATS L/6Y as an away dog. LY I used Over 43 as a Thurs Night winner on my Private Play Hotline. |
| Oct. 28 | at San Diego St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | CSU is 4-1 SU & 3-2 ATS against the Aztecs. Might apply here: Rams are 16-10 ATS as an away fav since '89. |
| Nov. 2 | BYU (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Colorado St is 12-2 ATS in November since 1995. If getting pts, remember CSU is 7-1 ATS as a home dog under Lubick. |
| Nov. 11 | at Air Force | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rams are 9-3-1 ATS in this series. Colorado St is 10-2 ATS in road finales the L/12Y. |
| Nov. 16 | Wyoming (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team has covered just 1 of 7 Border Wars. Rams are 8-3 ATS their L/11 home finales. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: HUGHES STADIUM (30,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 10-1 | 8-3 | 7-5 | 10-2 | 8-4 | 8-3 | 56-24 |
| ATS | 6-5 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 10-2 | 5-6-1 | 6-5 | 47-31-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 4-1 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 15-12 |
| Home Dog | 4-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 7-1 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 4-1 | 2-4 | 1-2 | 13-10 |
| Away Dog | 1-4 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-0-1 | 2-1 | 12-9-1 |
| Favorite | 1-0 | 5-4 | 4-3 | 2-3 | 8-2 | 4-6 | 4-4 | 28-22 |
| Dog | 5-5 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 4-2 | 2-0 | 1-0-1 | 2-1 | 19-9-1 |
| Grass | 5-2 | 7-4 | 7-3 | 6-1 | 7-2 | 4-4-1 | 6-5 | 42-21-1 |
| Artificial | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-4 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 5-10 |
| vs Conf | 6-2 | 4-4 | 6-2 | 5-3 | 8-1 | 3-4-1 | 4-3 | 36-19-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-3 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 11-12 |
| Off SU Win | 3-1 | 6-3 | 4-3 | 5-2 | 8-1 | 3-3-1 | 3-4 | 32-17-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-3 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 11-12 |

## Coach: SONNY LUBICK (Career 78-46)
### *Lubick's records AT COLORADO STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8th Year at Colorado State | | 15-12 | Home Favorite |
| 57-27 | Straight Up | 7-1 | Home Underdog |
| 47-31-1 | Vs The Spread | 13-10 | Away Favorite |
| 11-12 | Off A S/U Loss | 12-9-1 | Away Underdog |
| 36-19-1 | Vs CONF | 11-12 | Vs Non-CONF |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 90 | Freedom | +9 | Oregon | 32-31 | W |
| 94 | Holiday | +9 | Michigan | 14-24 | L |
| 95 | Holiday | +9' | Kansas St | 21-54 | L |
| 97 | Holiday | -3' | Missouri | 35-24 | W |
| 99 | Liberty | +5' | S Mississippi | 17-23 | L |

# COLORADO ST (8-4)

CONFERENCE: **MT. WEST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 8*** **Returning: 42 (17,24,1)**
**DEFENSE: 7** **Lost: 10 (5,4,1)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 28.8 | 19 | 144 | 4.1 | 219 | 57.3 | 12.6 | -3 | 1999 | 6 | 22.4 | 19 | 142 | 3.6 | 216 | 58.1 | 16.0 |
| 5 | 28.8 | 21 | 165 | 4.3 | 221 | 61.5 | 13.4 | +7 | 1998 | 9 | 21.9 | 19 | 160 | 3.8 | 177 | 56.8 | 15.4 |
| 7* | 36.7 | 20 | 219 | 5.4 | 204 | 63.1 | 11.5 | +27 | 1997 | 9 | 15.6 | 18 | 138 | 3.5 | 194 | 51.1 | 21.2 |
| 8* | 31.7 | 23 | 214 | 5.2 | 245 | 56.7 | 14.5 | +2 | 1996 | 5 | 28.0 | 25 | 213 | 4.9 | 246 | 60.6 | 16.4 |
| 6 | 28.2 | 19 | 161 | 4.0 | 208 | 48.0 | 12.8 | +2 | 1995 | 6 | 21.2 | 19 | 146 | 3.5 | 198 | 57.0 | 16.2 |
| 8* | 33.3 | 21 | 178 | 4.2 | 246 | 52.6 | 13.0 | -1 | 1994 | 9 | 22.4 | 19 | 134 | 3.4 | 205 | 54.5 | 15.5 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| † Colorado | 12 | 38-227 | 6.0 | 10-18 | 109 | 0 | 23 | 36-67 | 1.9 | 30-49 | 291 | 9 | +3 |
| Nevada | 27 | 37-217 | 5.9 | 23-34 | 312 | 0 | 33 | 39-168 | 4.3 | 35-52 | 429 | 2 | 0 |
| at BYU | 17 | 17-28 | 1.6 | 26-44 | 289 | 0 | 22 | 41-106 | 2.6 | 28-37 | 310 | 4 | -3 |
| New Mexico St | 21 | 39-211 | 5.4 | 14-31 | 167 | 3 | 13 | 43-117 | 2.7 | 9-25 | 76 | 5 | +3 |
| at Fresno St | 21 | 33-140 | 4.2 | 24-38 | 281 | 3 | 11 | 36-203 | 5.6 | 15-21 | 179 | 1 | -4 |
| San Diego St | 17 | 43-102 | 2.4 | 15-27 | 173 | 0 | 13 | 38-135 | 3.6 | 8-15 | 67 | 0 | -3 |
| at Wyoming | 17 | 27-90 | 3.3 | 21-32 | 247 | 0 | 25 | 45-121 | 2.7 | 22-33 | 257 | 4 | +2 |
| Utah | 13 | 37-133 | 3.6 | 13-23 | 119 | 1 | 12 | 32-117 | 3.7 | 18-30 | 241 | 3 | 0 |
| at New Mexico | 12 | 33-101 | 4.0 | 11-22 | 245 | 2 | 25 | 48-254 | 5.3 | 19-41 | 218 | 1 | 0 |
| Air Force | 26 | 46-254 | 5.5 | 17-29 | 231 | 0 | 24 | 43-230 | 5.3 | 9-20 | 178 | 0 | +2 |
| at UNLV | 24 | 37-180 | 4.9 | 22-33 | 227 | 2 | 19 | 40-126 | 3.2 | 16-29 | 216 | 0 | -2 |
| S Miss (Bowl) | 15 | 32-40 | 1.3 | 20-46 | 228 | 1 | 11 | 34-62 | 1.8 | 13-30 | 125 | 2 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 222 | 419-1723 | 4.1 | 216-377 | 2628 | 12 | 231 | 475-1706 | 3.6 | 222-382 | 2587 | 31 | -3 |
| AVERAGES | 18.5 | 35-144 | 4.1 | 18-31 | 219 | 1.0 | 19.3 | 40-142 | 3.6 | 19-32 | 216 | 2.6 | -0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Montana St | -28 | 31-10 | L |
| at Colorado | +18 | 14-42 | L |
| at Air Force | +6' | 27-20 | W |
| BYU | -3' | 21-28 | L |
| at Utah St | -18 | 59-17 | W |
| at Utah | E | 19-14 | W |
| N Mexico | -12 | 14-22 | L |
| at Wyoming | -1 | 31-24 | W |
| UTEP | -25 | 56-10 | W |
| Hawaii | -17 | 22-0 | W |
| at San Diego St | +2' | 24-13 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tenn-Chatt | NL | 61-19 | – |
| Colorado | +16' | 34-48 | W |
| at Oregon | +4' | 28-35 | L |
| UNLV | -36 | 35-16 | L |
| at Nebraska | +37 | 9-65 | L |
| at Hawaii | -13 | 28-16 | L |
| at Tulsa | -1 | 14-20 | L |
| San Jose St | -20 | 36-13 | W |
| San Diego St | +3' | 27-18 | W |
| at Air Force | +11 | 42-41 | W |
| at Fresno St | -3' | 42-20 | W |
| Wyoming | +2 | 24-25 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nevada | -8' | 45-13 | W |
| at Colorado | +15' | 21-31 | W |
| at Utah St | -13 | 35-24 | L |
| Air Force | -11 | 0-24 | L |
| Hawaii | -30 | 63-0 | W |
| at San Jose St | -21' | 55-20 | W |
| at Wyoming | +2 | 14-7 | W |
| Tulsa | -23 | 44-8 | W |
| at UNLV | -20' | 45-19 | W |
| Fresno St | -16' | 41-3 | W |
| at San Diego St | -14' | 38-17 | W |
| † New Mexico | -9' | 41-13 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Michigan St | +5 | 23-16 | W |
| † Colorado | -3' | 14-42 | L |
| at Nevada | -16' | 26-14 | L |
| at Air Force | +3 | 27-30 | T |
| UNLV | -36 | 38-16 | L |
| at UTEP | -13' | 20-17 | L |
| Tulsa | -9' | 34-7 | W |
| at N Mexico St | -15 | 47-28 | W |
| TCU | -13 | 42-21 | W |
| at Rice | -10 | 23-35 | L |
| Wyoming | -6' | 19-27 | L |
| at SMU | -3' | 32-10 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Colorado | +13 | 41-14 | W |
| Nevada | -17' | 38-33 | L |
| at BYU | +7 | 13-34 | L |
| New Mexico St | -15 | 46-7 | W |
| at Fresno St | -3' | 13-44 | L |
| San Diego St | -6 | 10-17 | L |
| at Wyoming | +2' | 24-13 | W |
| Utah | -1' | 31-24 | W |
| at New Mexico | -7 | 36-22 | W |
| Air Force | -2 | 41-21 | W |
| at UNLV | -22' | 35-17 | L |

# DUKE BLUE DEVILS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Duke QB position has been in a state of flux for the last three years due mostly to injuries and poor performances. In 97 four different QB's shared playing time due to injuries. In 98 Spencer Romine threw for 862 yds (48.3%) with a 3-6 ratio. Bobby Campbell appeared to finally step to the forefront 2 years ago with a 5-1 ratio which included 98 straight passes without an int, but self-destructed with 7 int's in one game although he still led the team with 1,199 yds. Romine won the starting job in the Airborne offense last year and had Duke's first 400 yd passing game since 1989 (vs Maryland). He was rarely 100% healthy and once again struggled with 1,638 yds (50.6%) with a poor 6-13 ratio. Bobby Campbell has yet to live up to his PS#62 billing and he threw for 526 yds (38.5%) with a 1-6 ratio last season. D. Bryant (6-3 190 So) who was PS#32 in 98, left the team last fall, but reenrolled this winter. He had a strong spring and hit 15 of 24 for 215 yards in the spring game. Franks signed 2 QB's who rank in my Top Newcomers and both are 6-5 and I assume that he will lean with his own recruits. Last year's stats were extremely poor and no matter who wins the job this year I expect them to be improved as a 46.6 completion percentage just won't cut it in Carl Franks' Airborne offense.

**RUNNING BACKS** - In 97 a true frosh DB, BJ Hill, did not really want to play RB but was forced to due to injuries and ended up setting a Duke frosh record with 798 yds (4.2). Last year all of the top RB's returned and Franks recruited 4 HT RB's. He managed to redshirt all of his recruits, but Duke's running game disappeared. Hill had an injury plagued year and was lost for the season in game 8 vs Maryland. He finished with just 237 yds (3.6). Duke went from 147 ypg rushing (3.4) to 74 ypg and a measly 2.2 ypc. Duane Epperson (5-9 190 Sr) was PS#94 and had 324 yds (3.0). Epperson now has 1,023 total yds offense and 7 starts in 3 years. Look for one of Franks' recruits to move to the forefront here. Alex Wade (6-0 235 rFr) was PS#87 and is strong, Brian Clemmons (5-9 185 rFr) was PS#88 and has 4.4 speed, and Chris Douglas (5-10 170 rFr) was PS#110 and has 4.35 speed. They lose their top rusher from last year but Letavious Wilks had just 334 yds (3.5). When Duke uses a FB it is Devin Pierce (5-10 225 Sr) who had 110 total yards and 3 starts last year. This unit can only be improved especially since the infusion of talent allowed Hill to move to SS in the spring.

**RECEIVERS** - Duke had an explosive receiving combo in 98 in Scottie Montgomery and Richmond Flowers as they combined for 108 rec & 7 TD's. All the top receivers returned last year plus Franks brought in a couple of VHT true frosh TE's. Montgomery and Flowers had a higher ypc in 99 with an almost identical number of catches. However, Montgomery graduates as one of Duke's all time top receivers and Flowers transferred to UT Chattanooga for his senior year. Ben Erdeljac (6-0 195 Jr) beat out Flowers for the starting job toward season's end but then was injured with 3 games to go and lost for the year. Franks' prize recruit this year is WR Jeremy Battier, a VHT who should step right into a starter's job. He also signed yet another VHT WR (see Top Newcomers). Despite the loss of its top 2 receivers as well as starting TE Terrence Dupree (8 sts, 18 rec), I think that this unit can come close to last year's standards, especially in the second year of the new passing system.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Blue Devils returned 4 starters last year but surprisingly in the first year of the Airborne offense they dropped to 2.2 ypc rushing and averaged less ypg and less ppg. Former HC Goldsmith did a good job of recruiting here and there are plenty of HT's in the mix. Three of last year's 4 returning starters are back although some lost their jobs during the season and overall 7 players return with starting experience. Franks signed an excellent class of true frosh who will all likely redshirt. They lose RT Austin Smithwick (11 sts) and 2 backup OL's but this is a much more experienced unit now in the second year of the Airborne offense's blocking schemes and should be vastly improved.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Blue Devils had a veteran defense overall last year. The D-line had 3 first team seniors, 2 of whom were returning starters. Naturally all 3 starters depart this year. Gone are DT Chris Combs (#6DC of PIT, 11 sts, 1st tm ACC, 15 tfl), NG Mike Steinbaugh (10 sts, 48 tkls, 4 tfl) and DT Gannon Shepherd (7 sts, 16 tkls, 4 tfl). Nate Krill, who has the size to be a DL and had 3 starts on the D-line last year, is listed back at his OLB position. While there are a good number of HT's in this group and Franks did recruit true frosh that could contribute immediately, the bare facts are that Charles Porter has 19 career tackles and 7 tfl and all the rest of the players have a grand total of 6 tackles between them. This is a lightly experienced line and clearly a lot weaker than last year's senior dominated group.

**LINEBACKERS** - Duke had basically all 4 starters returning last year and is still the most veteran unit on the defense. They do have some losses in ILB Ryan Stallmeyer (11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 9 tfl), OLB Kevin Lewis (11 sts, 76 tkls, 10 tfl) and OLB Brian McCormack (3 sts, 37 tkls, 8 tfl). This group is less experienced than last year but is clearly the strength of the Duke defense this year.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 98 the unit finished 39th in my pass efficiency defense rankings and had basically all 4 starters back including 6 of the top 8 and most were HT's. After allowing just 49.5% completions in 98, they surprisingly slipped by allowing 56.7% with a 21-16 ratio and dropped in my pass defense rankings to #80. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are SS Darrius Clark (10 sts, 88 tkls, 5 int), FS Eric Jones (10 sts, 3 int, 56 tkls), CB Lamar Grant (8 sts, 4 int, 8 pbu) and backup DB Luke Roush (16 tkls). They do get a big addition with BJ Hill's move from RB where he has been a top notch performer. He was listed #1 SS out of spring. Naturally this group is less experienced and with a weaker front 7 it does not look as strong in the year 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Blue Devils lose a good one as K Sims Lenhardt departs after a very solid and consistent career. He was a 4 year kicker who hit 55 of 75 FG's in his career (73.3%) with a long of 54. He will be missed. My special teams rankings do not include FG accuracy so Duke ranked 95th and 72nd and they moved up to 43rd in Goldsmith's last year. Franks inherited a veteran special teams group and they managed to rise to #35 last year. P Brian Morton is back as is his lofty 38.3 net punting avg. They do suffer a significant loss in Scottie Montgomery who avg'd 18.0 on PR's and 28.0 on KR's. It will be interesting to see who steps into the return role, and while this unit could still rank in the upper half, I look for them to drop a few notches in the rankings this season.

The Blue Devils need to find more defenders like LB Todd Delamielleure.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Letavious Wilks | 95 | 373 | 39 | 334 | 3 | 3.5 |
| **Duane Epperson** | **107** | **358** | **34** | **324** | **2** | **3.0** |
| **B.J Hill** | **66** | **245** | **8** | **237** | **2** | **3.6** |
| **Spencer Romine** | **46** | **95** | **192** | **-97** | **3** | **-2.1** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Spencer Romine** | **243** | **123** | **50.6** | **1638** | **6** | **13** |
| **Bobby Campbell** | **96** | **37** | **38.5** | **526** | **1** | **6** |
| Kevin Thompson | 80 | 35 | 43.8 | 411 | 3 | 2 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scottie Montgomery | 51 | 819 | 16.1 | 5 | 50 |
| Richmond Flowers | 42 | 649 | 15.5 | 5 | 69 |
| **Ben Erdeljac** | **19** | **268** | **14.1** | **0** | **36** |
| Terrence Dupree | 18 | 236 | 13.1 | 0 | 35 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brian Morton** | **73** | **3125** | **42.8** | **-** | **38.3** | **2** | **-** |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sims Lenhardt | 2-3 | 5-7 | 6-7 | 1-1 | 14-18 | 50 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Stallmeyer | 110 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| **Todd DeLamielleure** | **103** | **1** | **9** | **4** | **1** |
| Darius Clark | 88 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| Kevin Lewis | 76 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Chris Combs | 57 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| Eric Jones | 56 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Mike Steinbaugh | 48 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Ronnie Hamilton** | **40** | **0** | **0** | **11** | **1** |
| Lamar Grant | 40 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| Brian McCormack | 37 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Josh Kreider** | **33** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Kendral Knight** | **31** | **4** | **4** | **1** | **0** |
| **Nate Krill** | **27** | **1** | **6** | **0** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scottie Montgomery | 8 | 144 | 18.0 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scottie Montgomery | 21 | 587 | 28.0 | 1 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT E CAROLINA +4 9-27 LOSS** Duke opened with a 31 yd FG to lead 3-0 after 1Q. EC got a 4 yd TD pass early 2Q and Duke settled for 2 more FG's, 9-7. EC got a FG just :36 before half & led 10-9 at the break. EC controlled the 2H & got 2 TD's sandwiched around a FG, 27-9. EC finished with a 21-14 FD edge & 461-309 yd edge. Duke had only 32 rush yds & a 1.4 ypc. Romine was int'd 3 times in Duke's new offense.

**NORTHWESTERN (OT) -8 12-15 LOSS** Duke was w/o Romine. Campbell hit just 2 of 14 for 46. NU got 43, 37 and 26 yd FG's with 2 drives beginning in Duke terr, 9-0. Duke got a 49 yd FG with 6:02 left 1H. NU had a 112-30 yd edge until Duke's final drive of the half. NU missed 2 FG's. Duke got a 23 yd FG with 7:41 left. They fmbl'd at the NU 20 but drove for a 37 yd FG with 1:14 left. In OT Duke got a FG & NU got a 27 yd TD pass.

**VANDERBILT -3' 14-31 LOSS** Vandy blk'd a Duke punt to set up a 38 yd TD drive, 7-0 after 1Q. Vandy had a 51 yd FG bounce off the upright. Duke made a 67 yd drive for their 1st TD of the year but Vandy, thanks to a 31 yd run on a fake punt and a 15 yd pen, got a TD, 14-7. Duke got a 45 yd TD pass to tie. Vandy drove 63 yds in 14 plays for a TD & then got a 43 yd int ret to set up a 5 yd TD drive, 28-14 with 3:43 left 3Q. Vandy added a 48 yd FG & later was SOD at the Duke 8. Vandy had a 431-325 yd edge.

**† FLORIDA ST +40 23-51 WIN** FSU played a nearly perfect game, scoring on all 6 drives in the 1H & led 44-0 with 345 yards. In the 2H Bowden went to the reserves & Duke battled back. They closed to 44-13 after 3Q's. Bowden brought back in the starting offense & Weinke hit an 84 yd TD pass & then the starters were pulled again. Duke got a 48 yd FG after an int & a 13 yd TD pass with Duke doing all its scoring vs FSU's backups.

**AT VIRGINIA (OT) +17 24-17 WIN** Both teams had two 1H scoring chances but did not dent the dish in a scoreless 1H. VA got a 48 yd 3Q TD run, 7-0. Duke drove 89 yds for a TD. VA got a 26 yd FG after a pen negated a miss. VA blk'd a punt but fmbl'd at the 12. Duke drove for a 31 yd FG with 6:50 left. VA got an 80 yd TD drive with 1:24 left. Duke drove to the 7 & a fluke fmbl'd handoff which Montgomery scooped up & heaved towards the EZ was caught for a TD & the game went OT. Each team missed a FG in the 1st OT. Duke got a TD & VA had a TD ruled OOB & then was int'd.

**GEORGIA TECH +16' 31-38 WIN** GT dominated the 1Q with a 239-43 yd edge & had TD drives of 82, 50 and 80 yds, 21-0 after their 1st 3 poss & 28-14 at half. Duke opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive & also went 69 yds for a 32 yd FG, 28-24. Foll a GT fmbl Duke went 44 yds for a TD & the lead, 31-28. GT got a 22 yd FG to tie & after Duke punted from midfield GT needed 4 plays to go 80 yds for a TD with 2:56 left. Duke was SOD.

**NC STATE (OT) -2' 24-31 LOSS** It was 7-7 & both teams missed scoring chances before Duke drove 84 yds for a TD & NCS got a 74 yd screen pass for a TD. Duke drove 68 yds for a TD, 21-14 at half. Duke missed a 35 yd FG at the end of a 14 play drive & then was int'd at the NCS 6. NCS drove 94 yds for a TD & got a 27 yd FG with 1:37 left but Duke conv on 4th down twice & nailed a 50 yd FG on the last play. In OT NCS got a TD & Duke's 4th & 21 pass was int'd.

**AT MARYLAND +9' 25-22 WIN** Romine passed for a career high 404 yds. MD was int'd in the EZ & settled for a short 32 yd FG foll a long drive. Duke got a 69 yd TD pass. MD had two 80 yd TD drives, 17-7. Duke drove 80 yds & got a TD with :16 left, 17-14. Int grounding in the EZ cost Duke a safety, 19-14 but MD fmbl'd the free kick & Duke got a 32 yd FG. The Terps drove 69 yds but settled for a 28 yd FG with 8:46 left, 22-17. Duke drove 55 yds. They faced a 4th & 15 with 1:42 left & got a TD pass. MD was int'd.

**AT CLEMSON +12 7-58 LOSS** CU simply dominated & Duke did not cross midfield in the 1Q. Clemson led 21-0 after 1Q & 31-7 at half. They had 295 yds in the 1H. Bobby Campbell replaced QB Romine at 31-0 & led a drive for a TD late 1H. It was 51-7 after 3Q's & CU finished with a 558-202 yd edge.

**WAKE FOREST +3' 48-35 WIN** Duke set a school record with 34 1Q pts. Duke was w/o Romine and Lenhardt. WF had 4 TO's in the 1H. Montgomery ret'd the opening KO 99 yds for a TD. Duke got a 61 yd TD drive & 13 yd & 17 yd TD drives foll fmbl's & drove 71 yds for a TD. With 4:01 left in the 1Q it was 34-0. It was 41-21 at half. Duke led 48-28 when WF ret'd a KO 99 yds for a TD but later was int'd & then SOD twice. WF did finish with a slight yardage edge.

**AT N CAROLINA -3 0-38 LOSS** NC rallied for rumored to be departing coach Torbush & got their first shutout since 1996. Duke turned the ball over 6 times. Duke was w/o K Lenhardt & Morton missed 2 FG's & was int'd on a fake punt. NC's 274 yds at the half was more than the team totalled in 5 of the previous 10 games. Duke TO's set up all of NC's 2H scoring & NC got 4 FG's after TO's & an int ret'd for a TD. Duke had a TD pass called back in the final seconds by pen to keep NC's shutout intact.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Head Coach Carl Franks was here for some of Duke's glory days on the gridiron. In 1988 and 1989 they had a 15-7-1 SU record before Spurrier and Franks departed for Florida. The Blue Devils struggled in the 90's but in '94 Fred Goldsmith came in taking over a 3-8 team and guided them to an 8-4 record and a January 1 bowl bid. Goldsmith made the mistake of raising expectations and in the next four years won a total of 9 games and then Franks was summoned from Florida. Last year I wrote that Franks indeed could repeat Goldsmith's "mistake" as he inherited a very veteran and talented team and had a schedule manageable enough to make them a contender for a bowl. He brought in the Airborne attack but stunningly Duke did not score a TD in its first 2 games. In the first 4 games of the year, partially due to the fact that QB Romine missed three of them, Duke managed just 222.8 ypg passing. Over the next 4 games Duke avg'd 304.5 ypg passing, winning on the road at both Virginia and Maryland and narrowly losing to Georgia Tech and NC State. The Blue Devils, who were a combined 3-24 over their final 3 games in the last 9 years, went 1-2 in November upsetting bowl bound Wake Forest but were thrashed by Clemson and N Carolina on the road by a combined 96-7. Romine hit just 17 of 45 passes in that span and missed the win vs Wake Forest. A big culprit for Duke's shortcomings last year was its defense, which was expected to be a strength. Despite having 10 returning starters, the Devils allowed 33 ppg and 422 ypg. That unit has just 3 returning starters this year and looks like a weak spot again. Duke games should be entertaining with a lot of points on the scoreboard, but improving on last year's 3 win total will be a tough accomplishment.


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| OL | Christian Mitchell 6-6 300 | PS#74 |
| QB | Chris Wispelwey 6-5 200 | PS#71 |
| OL | Patrick Worsham 6-5 287 | PS#141 |
| QB | Adam Smith 6-5 180 | PS#89 |
| LB | Seth Carter 6-0 223 | PS#142 |
| DL | Cory Broadnax 6-3 250 | PS#141 |
| DB | Senterrio Landrum 5-9 170 | PS#137 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB SPENCER ROMINE SR.** 6-3 205 *4 sts in 97, 432 yds (52%), 3-3 ratio, 7 sts in 98, 862 yds (48%), 7 sts in 99, 1638 yds (50.6%), 6-13 ratio. Bobby Campbell has 2650 career yds.*

**RB Duane Epperson Sr.** 5-9 190 *402 yds rush (4.2) in 97 & 98. 4 sts, 324 yds (3.0) ly. Alex Wade (6-0 235 rFr) PS#87. Brian Clemmons (5-9 185 rFr) PS#88.*

**WR BEN ERDELJAC JR.** 6-0 195 *118 yds as true. Meds reds in 98. 4 sts in 99. 19 rec (14.1) but inj'd in WK 8. Nick Hartofilis (6-2 220 Sr) had 7 rec (10.1) LY.*

**WR Kyle Moore Jr.** 5-11 185 *PS#81WR, 1 st as true, 4 rec (9.8). 6 sts in 99, 13 rec (8.5), 70 return yds.* ***Reggie Love*** *(6-4 225 Fr) is PS#40WR.*

**WR Jeremy Battier Fr.** 6-4 187 *PS#36WR out of HS! 4.6 speed & avg 16.0 ypc in HS LY. Bryan Ament (6-5 215) has 3 rec, 7.3 ypc in 2 yrs.*

**TE Benjamin Watson So.** 6-3 250 *PS#18 in 99. 2 sts as true, 8 rec (11.6). Mike Hart (6-6 240 Jr) had 4 sts, 21 rec (13.8) in 98. Nick Brzezinski (6-4 250 rFr) PS#21.*

**C TROY ANDREW SR.** 6-5 290 *PS#171. Lettered at LT in 97. 11 sts in 98. 11 sts at C in 99. Shawn Lynch (6-4 270 Jr) 10 sts in 98. 8 sts in 99 (4 at RG, 4 at LG).*

**RG JOHN MILLER JR.** 6-6 310 *PS#84, 11 gms at RT in 98. Started L/7 at RG in 99. Rusty Wilson (6-3 290 rFr) PS#159. Michael Connelly (6-8 310 So) PS#129.*

**LG Daryl Lewis rFr.** 6-3 310 *PS#198. Greg Dulala (6-3 275 So) PS#261. 2 sts at LG (L/2) ly, 6 gms. Robert Fleming (6-3 270 Sr) PS#61TE, 3 sts in 2 yrs.*

**RT WES WHITE SR.** 6-7 285 *PS#87. 3 sts in 97. 11 sts at LT in 98. 11 sts at LT in 99. Moved to RT in spg. Luke Bayer (6-5 275 rFr) PS#280.*

**LT MIKE ALBERTO SR.** 6-3 270 *PS#248DL. 10 tkls at NG in 97. 11 gms at OT in 98. 3 sts at LG in 99. Drew Strojny (6-7 280 rFr) PS#69.*

**K Brent Garber rFr.** 6-1 180 *PS#55K in 99, reds. Had 36 of 40 KO's into EZ in HS. 44 yd avg per punt, 50 yd FG as Sr, 48 yd FG as So.*

**OLB Nate Krill Sr.** 6-8 260 *PS#15TE, 4 sts in 97 & 4 sts in 99. 60 career tkls, 12 tfl.* ***Akil Ross*** *(6-1 215 So) PS#40LB, 4 tkls as rFr.*

**DT Troy Austin Sr.** 6-2 275 *PS#96LB. 1 st, 5 tkls, 2 tfl in 3 yrs. Tyran Grissom (6-4 275 Jr) PS#118, 1 tkl, 2 yrs. Drew Ciepcielinski is PS#129TE.*

**NG Nick Wilkerson Jr.** 6-3 300 *PS#64, #3NG as So. Russell Fenton (6-4 275 rFr) PS#153OL. +15 lbs in spring. Joe Boniewicz is PS#214DL.*

**DT Charles Porter Jr.** 6-4 240 *PS#193LB, 3 tkl, 2 tfl in 98. 1 st in 99, 16 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Shawn Johnson (6-5 235 rFr) PS#124, Eric Stams (6-8 230 So) PS#217.*

**OLB KENDRAL KNIGHT SR.** 6-4 230 *PS#179. 5 sts, 11 tkls in 97. 5 sts, 30 tkls, 6 tfl in 98. 9 sts in 99, 31 tkls, 8 tfl. Jamyon Small (6-1 210 So) PS#80. Matt Zielinski PS#106RB.*

**ILB TODD DELAMIELLEURE JR.** 6-0 225 *9 sts in 98 as rFr (inj 2) 75 tkls, 8 tfl, 11 sts in 99, 103 tkls, 10 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Randy Ament (6-1 225 Jr) PS#243LB, 11 tkls ly.*

**ILB Kurt Miller rFr.** 6-0 230 *PS#129LB in 99, +10 lbs. Levar Johnson (5-11 230 Jr) 4 tkls in 98, 5 tkls in 99. Jason Davis (6-3 220 So) 1 tkl ly.*

**CB Quentin Holley Jr.** 5-11 185 *PS#282RB, 3 tkls as rFr. Started 1st 3 in 99, 17 tkls, 5 pbu, 1 tfl, 9 gms overall. Senterrio Landrum (5-9 170 Fr) is PS#137.*

**CB RONNIE HAMILTON JR.** 5-8 175 *PS#79DB. 5 sts as true, 28 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, 11 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 1 int, 11 pbu. D'Juan O'Donald (5-11 180 rFr) PS#156DB.*

**SS B.J. Hill Jr.** 5-11 200 *798 yds (4.2) as true. 2 sts ly (inj) 237 yds (3.6). Fred Harris (5-11 200 Jr) PS#66RB in 97. 4 yds rush in 98. 11 gms ly, 18 tkls, 1 sk.*

**FS Josh Kreider So.** 6-1 200 *PS#70DB in 98. 9 gms in 99, 33 tkls, 13 sp tm tkls. Johnnie Mullins (6-0 195 Fr) PS#135WR. Anthony Roberts (6-3 185 rFr).*

**P BRIAN MORTON SR.** 6-6 220 *PS#39K in 97. 59 punts (41.4), net 36.1 as true. 73 punts, 40.4 avg in 98. 73 punts, 42.8 avg & super net of 38.3 LY. 2nd tm ACC.*

# DUKE BLUE DEVILS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score DUKE | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Duke is 0-3 ATS on artificial turf the last 5 years.<br>Blue Devils are 0-4 ATS as an away favorite since 1995.<br>Duke is 3-7 ATS in their final road game. |
| Sep. 2 | E Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Duke has opened with a SU win only twice in the L/11 years.<br>Devil's are 2-4 ATS L/6 vs current C-USA teams. |
| Sep. 9 | at Northwestern | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Blue Devils are 7-2 ATS their last 9 road openers.<br>Duke is 7-3 SU in this battle of academic bastions and lost in OT LY. |
| Sep. 16 | Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Virginia is 12-5 ATS in this series but Duke is 5-1 L/6.<br>Duke is 14-7 ATS as a home underdog since 1994. |
| Sep. 23 | at Vanderbilt | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY's 17 pt Vandy win was the largest road victory margin in 4 years.<br>The underdog has covered 4 straight in this series. |
| Sep. 30 | Clemson | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Duke is 4-2 ATS L/6 prior to a bye week.<br>Despite LY's 58-7 drubbing, Duke is 8-3 ATS in this series. |
| Oct. 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | at Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Noles avg margin of victory the L/8Y is 35.8 ppg.<br>Mention this ad & take $14 off this weekend's Late Phone Package!! |
| Oct. 21 | at Georgia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor had done well, but has dropped 4 in a row ATS in this series.<br>The Blue Devils are 6-2 ATS after facing Florida St. |
| Oct. 28 | Maryland | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Blue Devils are 8-3 ATS in sandwiched home games.<br>Duke is 5-21 SU vs the Terps, home team is 5-2 ATS L/7 games. |
| Nov. 4 | at Wake Forest | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 3-1 SU & ATS in this series L/4Y.<br>Blue Devils are 2-5 ATS in the first of 2 or more road games. |
| Nov. 11 | at N Carolina St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Duke is 0-6 SU the L/6 vs the Wolfpack, avg loss by 15.8 L/4Y.<br>Duke is 2-6 ATS in the 2nd of back to back away games. |
| Nov. 18 | N Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Blue Devil's are 8-1 ATS in home finales.<br>The underdog is 14-4 ATS in this ACC clash. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: 12-4 ATS off of 2 or more road games. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 3-8 | 8-3 | 3-8 | 0-11 | 2-9 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 23-54 |
| ATS | 6-5 | 8-3 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 4-6 | 5-6 | 39-37 |
| Home Fav | 1-0 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 6-7 |
| Home Dog | 2-2 | 3-0 | 0-2 | 4-1 | 4-2 | 0-2 | 3-0 | 16-9 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-5 |
| Away Dog | 3-2 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 1-4 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 16-16 |
| Favorite | 1-1 | 4-2 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-4 | 8-12 |
| Dog | 5-4 | 5-1 | 2-5 | 5-5 | 7-4 | 3-4 | 5-2 | 32-25 |
| Grass | 5-3 | 7-3 | 4-6 | 5-5 | 7-4 | 4-5 | 5-6 | 37-32 |
| Artificial | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-5 |
| vs ACC | 4-4 | 6-2 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 30-26 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 9-11 |
| Off SU Win | 1-2 | 5-3 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 10-13 |
| Off SU Loss | 5-2 | 2-0 | 4-3 | 4-6 | 6-2 | 2-4 | 4-3 | 27-20 |

## Coach: CARL FRANKS (Career 3-8)
### *Franks' records AT DUKE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Duke | | 0-3 | Home Favorite |
| 3-8 | Straight Up | 3-0 | Home Underdog |
| 5-6 | Vs The Spread | 0-1 | Away Favorite |
| 4-3 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-2 | Away Underdog |
| 5-3 | Vs ACC | 0-3 | Vs Non-ACC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | Orange | NL | Nebraska | 34-7 | W |
| 57 | Orange | NL | Oklahoma | 21-48 | L |
| 60 | Cotton | NL | Arkansas | 7-6 | W |
| 89 | All American | -3 | Texas Tech | 21-49 | L |
| 94 | Hall of Fame | +8 | Wisconsin | 20-34 | L |

# DUKE (3-8)

CONFERENCE:
**ACC**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 3**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 32 (17,14,1)**
**Lost: 21 (9,10,2)**

## DUKE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 19.7 | 17 | 74 | 2.2 | 235 | 46.6 | 15.6 | -6 | 1999 | 10 | 33.0 | 21 | 181 | 4.3 | 241 | 56.7 | 12.8 |
| 6* | 20.8 | 18 | 147 | 3.4 | 193 | 48.5 | 16.3 | -10 | 1998 | 9 | 29.0 | 17 | 156 | 4.2 | 192 | 49.5 | 12.0 |
| 9* | 20.3 | 16 | 126 | 3.4 | 181 | 49.4 | 15.2 | -7 | 1997 | 8 | 31.0 | 19 | 190 | 4.2 | 219 | 59.6 | 13.2 |
| 8 | 14.7 | 18 | 104 | 2.9 | 187 | 53.3 | 19.8 | -17 | 1996 | 3 | 36.9 | 19 | 207 | 4.5 | 199 | 56.5 | 11.0 |
| 6* | 25.6 | 19 | 107 | 3.5 | 247 | 58.3 | 13.8 | +2 | 1995 | 8 | 35.1 | 24 | 269 | 5.4 | 218 | 61.3 | 13.9 |
| 6* | 31.7 | 21 | 143 | 3.7 | 232 | 59.0 | 11.9 | +15 | 1994 | 3 | 23.4 | 20 | 141 | 3.7 | 247 | 53.0 | 16.6 |

### OFFENSE — 1999 STATS BY GAME — DEFENSE

| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at E Carolina | 14 | 23-32 | 1.4 | 23-49 | 277 | 2 | 21 | 41-193 | 4.7 | 22-36 | 268 | 2 | -2 |
| Northwestern | 14 | 39-45 | 1.2 | 14-46 | 165 | 4 | 12 | 38-91 | 2.4 | 15-38 | 121 | 0 | -1 |
| Vanderbilt | 16 | 22-74 | 3.4 | 15-35 | 251 | 0 | 22 | 50-162 | 3.2 | 17-29 | 269 | 3 | 0 |
| Florida St | 14 | 33-53 | 1.6 | 17-42 | 198 | 2 | 28 | 35-168 | 4.8 | 22-38 | 341 | 1 | +1 |
| at Virginia | 17 | 42-105 | 2.5 | 17-36 | 255 | 4 | 20 | 39-215 | 5.5 | 21-41 | 164 | 0 | +1 |
| Georgia Tech | 23 | 30-101 | 3.4 | 25-43 | 294 | 0 | 29 | 44-200 | 4.5 | 23-34 | 324 | 2 | +1 |
| N Carolina St | 24 | 39-119 | 3.1 | 19-38 | 265 | 2 | 21 | 43-163 | 3.8 | 19-28 | 280 | 2 | -2 |
| at Maryland | 18 | 25-(-5) | -0.2 | 27-42 | 404 | 3 | 19 | 51-318 | 6.2 | 7-19 | 72 | 2 | +3 |
| at Clemson | 14 | 34-31 | 0.9 | 12-31 | 171 | 4 | 29 | 52-239 | 4.6 | 25-34 | 319 | 7 | -4 |
| Wake Forest | 17 | 46-179 | 3.9 | 15-25 | 158 | 2 | 19 | 27-70 | 2.6 | 31-56 | 306 | 5 | +3 |
| at N Carolina | 13 | 33-76 | 2.3 | 12-34 | 146 | 4 | 15 | 47-177 | 3.8 | 10-21 | 189 | 0 | -6 |
| TOTALS | 184 | 366-810 | 2.2 | 196-421 | 2584 | 19 | 235 | 467-1992 | 4.3 | 212-374 | 2653 | 33 | -6 |
| AVERAGES | 16.7 | 33-74 | 2.2 | 18-38 | 235 | 1.7 | 21.4 | 42-181 | 4.3 | 19-34 | 241 | 3.0 | -0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Florida St | +27 | 26-70 | L |
| Rutgers | -4 | 24-14 | W |
| at Army | -10 | 23-21 | L |
| at Maryland | +5' | 28-41 | L |
| Navy | -14 | 9-30 | L |
| Georgia Tech | +5 | 21-37 | L |
| at Virginia | +23 | 30-44 | W |
| N Carolina St | +2 | 38-41 | L |
| Wake Forest | -9 | 42-26 | W |
| at Clemson | +15 | 17-34 | L |
| at N Carolina | +15 | 24-28 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Florida St | +38 | 7-44 | W |
| Northwestern | +9 | 13-38 | L |
| at Army | +3' | 17-35 | L |
| at Georgia Tech | +18 | 22-48 | L |
| at Navy | +9 | 27-64 | L |
| Clemson | +9' | 6-13 | W |
| Maryland | +7 | 19-22 | W |
| Virginia | +26 | 3-27 | W |
| at N Carolina St | +10 | 22-44 | L |
| at Wake Forest | -1' | 16-17 | L |
| N Carolina | +32 | 10-27 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Carolina St | +7' | 14-45 | L |
| at Northwestern | +17 | 20-24 | W |
| Army | +6 | 20-17 | W |
| Navy | +11 | 26-17 | W |
| at Maryland | +3' | 10-16 | L |
| Florida St | +35' | 27-51 | W |
| at Virginia | +16 | 10-13 | W |
| Wake Forest | +3' | 24-38 | L |
| at Clemson | +14' | 20-29 | W |
| Georgia Tech | +7' | 38-41 | W |
| at N Carolina | +22 | 14-50 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| W Carolina | NL | 24-10 | – |
| at Northwestern | +12' | 44-10 | W |
| at Florida St | +27' | 13-62 | L |
| Virginia | +10 | 0-24 | L |
| at Georgia Tech | +10' | 13-41 | L |
| at Wake Forest | +5 | 19-16 | W |
| at N Carolina St | +10' | 24-27 | W |
| Clemson | -2' | 28-23 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -4 | 33-36 | L |
| Maryland | -9 | 25-42 | L |
| N Carolina | +6' | 6-28 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at E Carolina | +4 | 9-27 | L |
| Northwestern | -8 | 12-15 | L |
| Vanderbilt | -3' | 14-31 | L |
| Florida St | +40 | 23-51 | W |
| at Virginia | +17 | 24-17 | W |
| Georgia Tech | +16' | 31-38 | W |
| N Carolina St | -2' | 24-31 | L |
| at Maryland | +9' | 25-22 | W |
| at Clemson | +12' | 7-58 | L |
| Wake Forest | +4 | 48-35 | W |
| at N Carolina | -3 | 0-38 | L |

# EAST CAROLINA

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - David Garrard is a big (6-3 235), mobile QB with excellent arm strength who took over and started the final 5 games in 98. He put up outstanding stats throwing for 2,091 yards (61.6%) with a 14-7 ratio. Last year Garrard started all 12 games and threw for 2,550 yards (58%) with a 15-13 ratio while also rushing for 755 yards. He was voted 2nd team CUSA. He is currently 3rd on the all-time passing lists here behind Marcus Crandall & Jeff Blake. He is not only a very accurate passer but also a big time threat on the option as he is a strong athlete. Richard Alston (6-2 215 So) has 4.48 speed and played in 11 games as a rFr throwing for 284 yards (57%) while rushing for 94. He showed poise beyond his years in 99 and provided a spark many times. Both return and should be improved with an additional year of experience. Logan will continue to use both during games and they split the snaps in the spring. Garrard had a higher completion percentage and better ratio as a frosh and I look for him to get back to those levels in his junior season.

**RUNNING BACKS** - In 98 Jamie Wilson and Leonard Henry (6-1 200 Jr) had almost equal snaps and yards gaining 647 and 634 respectively. Both returned last year and they had HT Christshawn Gilliam (6-0 210 So, PS#41) pressing them for time. Wilson became the feature back last year getting twice as many carries as Henry and rushing for 881 yards (5.3). Henry chipped in 334 yards (4.1). Gilliam tore his ACL in September and had just 5 carries in 3 games. All three are back again and Henry appeared to regain his 98 form in spring practices. They also add a couple of top notch true frosh this year. This group has a lot of experience, good depth and if Gilliam is healthy, added talent and should be even stronger in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - The Pirates had to replace two starters last year but did return their top 2 receivers. This year only 1 starter departs but it was their top man in Lamont Chappell (12 sts, 41 rec, 16.4). Everyone else returns and Logan really addressed this category in the offseason. If you check out my list of Top Newcomers, 4 of the top 10 are WR's and he also added Dexter Davis (5-10 165 Jr) who is a JC transfer. I list 7 WR's below in the 2 deep plus the 5 newcomers I've mentioned. That gives Logan 12 quality candidates to choose from. TE is stronger after having to replace the starter last year and once again has good depth. Not listed in the 2 deep are Rod Emery (6-1 260 Sr) who was PS#84OL and Seth Yates (6-4 235 rFr) who was PS#101TE. This group is more experienced, has added talent and will be improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 1998 the Pirates had to replace 3 starters from the front wall but did have 5 players back with starting experience including 3 with 7 or more starts. They played well for the majority of the year but did get physically whipped by the defensive fronts of TCU and UAB. This year the only loss is RT Derrick Gamble (12 sts) and the entire second string is back. Logan's focus in the offseason was making the unit tougher to avoid those rare debacles. Four starters are back including 1st team CUSA C Sherwin Lacewell. They also have a fine crop of rFr added to the mix. This should be one of the best OL's in CUSA this season.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Pirates switched to the 3-4 defense last year under Rose and while they had to replace two starters from the D-line, they did return 4 players with some starting experience. Injuries forced 7 different players to start in this unit in 99. This year they must replace DT Norris McCleary (11 sts, 37 tkls, 4 tfl), NG Kwabena Green (2 sts, 54 tkls, 8 pbu) and DT Tomha McMillan (2 sts, 4 sks, 5 tfl). The majority of the two deep that I list below are HT's and OLB Marc Yellock moved in after he missed the final 7 games of 99 due to injury. They usually rotate 8 players during a game and the 2nd string I list below looks solid. EC cut the rushing ypc allowed from 4.1 to 3.3 last year and should continue to make improvement with a veteran front.

**LINEBACKERS** - EC has had perhaps the best duo of LB's in CUSA the last 2 years in Jeff Kerr and Pernell Griffin (PS #19). Kerr departs after a great career in which he was awarded all CUSA each of the last 3 years. Kerr had 103 tackles and 8.5 sacks. Last year they had a similar loss at OLB losing a 4 year starter (Roderick Coleman) who was drafted by the Raiders and was the career sack leader at ECU. Last year their other starting OLB Marc Yellock got injured in week 4 and did not return. Five young players filled the OLB slots and 4 are back with 3 having starting experience (see two deep). Their backups are Calvin Phillips (6-2 215 rFr, PS #89) and JUCO transfer Greg LeFever (6-1 245 Jr). I list 3 quality players below who will fight to fill Kerr's shoes. Also in the mix at ILB are true frosh Vonta Leach (PS #31!), Carlos Ochoa (6-0 215 Sr) who had 17 tackles in 99 and Ben Thomas (6-2 230 So) who was PS#116. This group would make any defensive coordinator look smart.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Pirates were just #87 in my pass defense rankings in 98 but with both starting CB's back last year they improved to #40 allowing just 52.2% completions and an 11-18 ratio. They did use 8 DB's a lot last year and the 99 version not only had to replace two starters but also lost S Travis Mazyck to injury after 6 weeks. The losses are heavier this year. Gone are CB Forrest Foster (11 sts, 2nd team CUSA, 4 yr starter), CB Kevin Monroe (12 sts, 2nd team CUSA, 2 yr st'r), FS Chris Satterfield (10 sts, 72 tkls), CB Erik Hines (1 start, 4 pbu) and S Bobby Weaver (10 tkls). Logan says the new CB's will be as good as last year's tandem but it will take time and they may go thru growing pains early. There is only ONE HT in the 3 deep and while they have an excellent front 7 to put pressure on opposing QB's, this unit clearly looks weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Pirates have never finished any higher than #77 in my special teams rankings until 98 when the punting of Andrew Bayes pushed them up to #47. Last year Bayes led the NCAA in punting averaging a super 46.8 per boot and EC rose to #34 in my rankings. While EC blocked a lot of kicks, they also gave up some during the course of the year. One of the areas of strength was PR's as Keith Stokes was among the nation's leaders averaging 15.9 per return. Stokes is back so the return game is in solid hands. Kevin Miller was a Lou Groza semifinalist after hitting 11 of 16 FG's with a long of 52, but was injured and missed the last 4 regular season games. Bayes took over the FG duties in those. One negative side to Bayes was that he sometimes outkicked his coverage and EC had a net punting average of just 36.2. Miller averaged 40.6 per punt in high school and is scheduled to take over that spot. Look for Bryce Harrington to take over kickoff duties, especially if Miller handles both other jobs. With the loss of an All American like Bayes, I'll call for this unit to drop a few notches in the rankings.

QB David Garrard has an accurate arm but his legs did much damage w/755 yards.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jamie Wilson | 165 | 953 | 72 | 881 | 8 | 5.3 |
| David Garrard | 148 | 755 | 295 | 460 | 8 | 3.1 |
| Leonard Henry | 81 | 379 | 45 | 334 | 1 | 4.1 |
| Richard Alston | 24 | 94 | 44 | 50 | 0 | 2.1 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| David Garrard | 347 | 200 | 57.8 | 2550 | 15 | 13 |
| Richard Alston | 30 | 17 | 56.7 | 284 | 1 | 0 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lamont Chappell | 41 | 674 | 16.4 | 3 | 62 |
| Jamie Wilson | 36 | 289 | 8.0 | 1 | 29 |
| Keith Stokes | 26 | 373 | 14.3 | 2 | 58 |
| Rashon Burns | 26 | 240 | 9.2 | 2 | 36 |
| Arnie Powell | 24 | 408 | 17.0 | 4 | 62 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andrew Bayes | 54 | 2526 | 46.8 | - | 36.9 | 3 | 11 | 6 |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kevin Miller | 1-3 | 6-6 | 3-5 | 1-2 | 11-16 | 52 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pernell Griffin | 128 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Jeff Kerr | 103 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Chris Satterfield | 72 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Anthony Adams | 66 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 3 |
| Bernard Williams | 60 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Kevin Monroe | 60 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 3 |
| Kwabena Green | 54 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Antwane Yelverton | 41 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| John Williamson | 41 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Mbayo Ahmadu | 38 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Devone Claybrooks | 38 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Norris McCleary | 37 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Forrest Foster | 36 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 3 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keith Stokes | 27 | 429 | 15.9 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keith Stokes | 31 | 686 | 22.1 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**W VIRGINIA +6 30-23 WIN** EC had a 496 (327 rushing) -317 yd edge. EC had 4 trips inside the WV redzone but only 12 pts while WV had only 1 threat but 7 pts & EC led 12-7 at half. WV got a 22 yd FG foll a blk'd punt & the teams exchanged TD's. EC drove for a 43 yd FG early 4Q, 22-17. WV got a 26 yd TD drive foll an int but EC drove 57 yds 2 poss later & got a TD with :56 left to pull the upset. Wilson had 183 rush yds.

**DUKE -4 27-9 WIN** Duke opened with a 31 yd FG to lead 3-0 after 1Q. ECU got a 4 yd TD pass early 2Q and Duke settled for 2 more FG's, 9-7 lead. ECU got a FG just :36 before half & led 10-9 at the break. ECU controlled the 2H & got 2 TD's sandwiched around a FG, 27-9. ECU finished with 21-15 FD & 461-309 yd edges.

**AT S CAROLINA +1 21-3 WIN** SC hit an early 34 yd FG. 2Q, Garrard on 4th & 13 broke free but fmbl'd into the EZ. EC rec'd a muffed punt in the EZ for a TD, 7-3 at half. EC got 3Q & 4Q TD's. SC had 20-15 FD & 302-274 yd edges but a 4-1 TO deficit.

**† MIAMI, FLA +11 27-23 WIN** EC spent the week at the S Car campus unable to return home due to flooding. This was played at NC St's stadium. After leading 7-0, UM blk'd a punt & got a FG, had a 23 yd drive for a TD foll a fmbl & a 38 yd FG foll an int. EC got a late 1H FG, 20-3. UM got a 47 yd FG to open the 3Q but EC got an 83 yd TD drive. EC drove 85 yds early 4Q for a TD, 23-17. They added a 39 yd FG & after a UM 3 & out drove 79 yds for a TD with 4:51 left. UM drove to a FD at the EC 18 but was SOD.

**AT ARMY -11' 33-14 WIN** EC was off their big upset over Miami but jumped out to a 9-0 lead on 3 solid drives that saw them settle for FG's. EC had a 163-11 1Q yd edge. EC got a 62 yd TD pass. Army had a 45 yd FG blk'd, 16-0 at half. Army missed a FG in the 3Q. EC added a 48 yd FG but Army drove 77 yds for a TD with 9:33 left, 19-7. EC ret'd a fumble 40 yards for a TD. Army drove 65 yds for a TD, 26-14 with 3:53 left but EC ret'd the onside kick for a TD. Army had a 380-361 yd edge.

**S MISSISSIPPI +2 22-39 LOSS** SM got a 27 yd FG but EC drove 80 yds for a TD, got a safety on a fmbl and drove 58 yds for a TD foll the free kick, 15-3. SM drove 70 & 77 yds for TD's on its next 2 poss, 16-15. EC fmbl'd at the 29 & SM drove 64 yds for a FG, 19-15. SM opened the 3Q with a 66 yd TD drive, 25-15. EC had a drive kept alive by a rough the K but the 15 play drive ended in a blk'd 29 yd FG. EC then went 80 yds for a TD, 25-22. The key play happened after EC got 2 FD's to midfield with 3:40 left. On 4th & 3 Gerrard's pass was int'd & ret'd 60 yds for a TD. EC fmbl'd the next snap & SM got a 3 play, 39 yd drive for a TD with 1:42 left. EC fmbl'd at the SM 23 on their last drive.

**TULANE -10' 52-7 WIN** I used EC as a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep. Garrard was int'd 3 times in the 1H, the last 2 at the TU 17 & 18 but EC led 14-7. The 2H was all EC as they got a 2 TD's & a FG on their 1st 3 poss & added a 45 yd fmbl ret for a TD, 38-7. EC got 2 long 4Q TD drives & ended up with a 649-216 yd edge.

**AT HOUSTON -4' 19-3 WIN** UH had a 363-223 yd edge in a misleading final. This was played in conditions ranging from muddy to windy to rainy. EC actually played 3Q's with the wind as it swirled. When the 2H rain arrived many of the 14,221 left. UH got a 35 yd FG after rec a fmbl but EC drove 72 yds for a TD. EC had a 31 yd FG blk'd. EC drove 50 yds for a TD, 13-3 (xp blk). UH had a 33 yd FG blk'd & fmbl'd at the EC 26. UH also drove to the EC 39 but punted. EC ret'd an int 55 yds for a TD & EC had just 80 yds in the final 3Q's.

**AT UAB -13 17-36 LOSS** UAB was using their #2 QB due to inj. UAB got a 33 yd FG but EC got a 26 yd FG, ret'd a fmbl 25 yds for a TD & drove 58 yds for a TD, 17-3. UAB got a short FG just before half, 17-6. EC was stopped on a fake punt. UAB drove 39 yds for a TD. EC fmbl'd at the UAB 30. UAB got a 41 yd FG. EC fmbl'd at its own 5 & UAB got a TD. EC was SOD at the 28 & UAB CB Brooks, who was taken to the hospital on a stretcher in the 1H, ret'd a punt 52 yds to set up a TD. Brooks sealed it w/ a 91 yd int ret for a TD. EC had a 20-14 FD edge but TO's were the key.

**CINCINNATI -10 48-34 WIN** UC came in w/the nation's best PR defense but Stokes ret'd a punt 94 yds for a TD. EC drove 75, 50 & 70 yds for TD's to go up 28-3 & led 31-9 at half. UC lost their starting QB when it was 48-19 & got most of their yds & pts late.

**N CAROLINA ST -8 23-6 WIN** Record crowd of 50,092 and EC finally got NCS to visit for the first time in series history. NCS dominated the 1Q but still trailed. NCS fmbl'd at midfield but EC fmbl'd going into the EZ. NCS drove 80 yds for a TD, 6-0 (xpng). NCS blk'd a punt but missed a 42 yd FG. EC drove 75 yds for a TD & then after an int, drove 46 yds for a TD with :48 left in half, 14-6. 3Q, NCS drove 74 yds but dropped a TD pass & had a 21 yd FG blk'd. NCS had a 23 yd FG blk'd & then after an EC 34 yd FG, was SOD at the 45. Garrard got a 46 yd TD run & NCS was SOD at their own 36 & their final drive ran out of time. NCS had 3 missed FG's & 1 missed xp & actually outgained EC 403-400.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

It was quite a season for Coach Logan as he became the winningest coach in EC history, got his Pirates in the Top 10 at one time and into a bowl for the first time since 1995. They had to overcome Hurricane Floyd which kept them from returning to campus after a road trip to S Carolina and even with a tough schedule and their bowl loss, they still had a solid year. The Pirates went to 4 bowl games in the 90's and last year was their first postseason bid since joining CUSA. The offense looks to be in great shape as 20 of the top 22 players on that side of the ball are back. They have solid depth at QB and talent throughout and should top 30 ppg this year. The defense made tremendous strides under new coordinator Tim Rose. They went from 95th in rushing defense up to 41st and from 61st in scoring defense up to 13th. Five times last year they held an opponent to single digit scoring. They do lose some key players like star LB Kerr and their top 2 CB's but could be just as strong. Not only does EC play in the underrated CUSA conference but all 4 of their non-conference opponents are tough including VT and Syracuse. Even with the tough schedule I will note that both of those non-conference powers must come into Dowdy-Ficklen stadium so they fall into the winnable category as EC is even stronger than the '99 edition. If everything falls into place (injuries, turnovers, etc.) than EC has a solid shot at actually being 9-0 before a season ending two game road trip. They should stay in the Top 25 all season and this should be Logan's best season yet.


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|---|---|
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| WR | Terrance Copper 6-1 192 PS#89 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DAVID GARRARD JR.** 6-3 235 *PS#87. 5 sts in 98, 2091 yds (62%), 14-7 ratio, 422 rush. 12 sts in 99, 2550 yds (57.8%), 15-13 ratio, 755 rush.*

**RB JAMIE WILSON SR.** 6-1 205 *399 yds as rFr. 11 sts in 98 in 647 yds (4.7). 32 rec (7.5). 881 yds (5.3), 36 rec (8.0) ly. Leonard Henry PS#130, 968 yds rush, 2Y.*

**HB Keith Stokes Sr.** 5-8 180 *PS#22JC. 26 rec as true fy. Marcus White (6-0 180 rFr) PS#112. Bryan Moss (6-2 185 rFr) PS#107WR.*

**SE ARNIE POWELL JR.** 6-4 215 *PS#53QB in 97. 10 rec (8.8) in 98, 12 sts in 99, 24 rec (17.0). Delayo Dodd (6-2 225 Jr) 9 rec (15.9) in 99.*

**FL MARCELLUS HARRIS SR.** 5-10 180 *4 sts in 97, 27 rec (9.3). 10 sts in 98, 21 rec (11.3). 7 sts in 99, 24 rec (15.6). Torey Morris (6-1 180 So) PS#95WR. 4 rec (9.8) as true.*

**TE RASHON BURNS SR.** 6-4 245 *PS#47TE. 5 tkls at LB in 98. 10 sts in 99, 26 rec (9.2). Corey Floyd (6-2 245 Jr) was PS#102, 3 sts, 15 rec (13.1).*

**C SHERWIN LACEWELL SR.** 6-2 290 *4 sts at LT as rFr. 11 sts at RG in 98. 12 sts at C in 99,* ***1st tm CUSA.*** *James Bell (6-5 310 Sr)* ***7 sts*** *in 97. Lettered in 99.*

**RG CHRIS NELSON JR.** 6-4 290 *4 sts at RG as true. RS in 98. 12 sts at RG in 99. Santer Currin (6-5 285 So) 2 gms in 99. Virgil Neal (6-2 280 rFr) PS#209.*

**LG AARON WALKER JR.** 6-3 285 *PS#228DL in 97. 6 gms as rFr. 12 sts at LG in 99. Phoenix Evans (6-5 295 So) PS#89DL in 98. 9 gms (inj 2) in 99.*

**RT SAMIEN JONES SR.** 6-3 290 *PS#25TE. Signed at NC St. 11 sts here in 98 at OT. 12 sts at LT in 99. Bobby Parker (6-5 290 Sr) PS#146, 3 letters.*

**LT Shaun Rose Jr.** 6-6 305 *PS#63DL. 11 gms as rFr in 99, lettered. Brandon Pope (6-4 245 rFr) PS#202. Buddy Smith (6-4 280 rFr) PS#167OL.*

**K KEVIN MILLER SO.** 6-1 200 *PS#25K. 25 of 37 FG's in HS. 11 of 16 FG's in 99 with a long of 52. Groza semifinalist. Inj'd & missed L/4 gms.*

**OLB JOHN WILLIAMSON SO.** 6-3 220 *4.6 speed. 11 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Antwane Yelverton (6-0 210 So) PS#298RB, 6 sts, 41 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr.*

**DT DEVONE CLAYBROOKS SR.** 6-3 275 *PS#83TE. 1 sack as true. 1 start in 98, 16 tkls, 3 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 6 tfl. Ty Hunt (6-4 270 Sr) PS#39DL. 12 tkls, 2 sks ly.*

**NG MBAYO AHMADU SR.** 6-1 275 *PS#120 LB. 8 tkls, 2 tfl, in 98. 10 sts in 99* ***2nd tm CUSA.*** *38 tkls, 7 tfl. Ivan Butler (6-4 275 Jr) PS#181DL, 15 tkls, 1 sk in 99.*

**DT Chris Howell Sr.** 6-3 280 *PS#129, 4 tkls in 98. 1 start in 99, 24 tkls, 1 sk.* ***Marc Yellock*** *(6-4 240 Sr)* ***16 sts*** *at OLB in 3 yrs, 72 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 pbu.*

**OLB BERNARD WILLIAMS SR.** 6-4 240 *3 sts in 99, 60 tkls, 3 tfl. Kevin Ward (6-2 225 Jr) PS#73DB, 69 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 yrs. Hosea James (6-3 230 So) PS#76LB.*

**ILB Mark Strickland Jr.** 6-2 225 *PS#88JC.* ***Eric Reyes*** *(6-2 235 Sr) PS#133, 7 sts, 104 tkls, 3 tfl in 3 yrs.* ***Reggie Hamphill*** *(6-2 220 So) 7.5 tfl in 99, 4.4 spd!*

**ILB PERNELL GRIFFIN JR.** 6-3 240 *PS#19LB in 97. 11 sts as rFr, 99 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. 12 sts in 99. #1 w/128 tkls, 11.5 tfl, 2 int, 6 pbu,* ***1st tm CUSA.***

**CB Jerome Steward So.** 5-10 170 *PS#161DB. 24 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu as true. Charlie Robinson (6-0 160 Jr) 1 start, 10 tkls in 98. 9 tkls in 99 in 8 gms.*

**CB Kelly Hardy So.** 5-11 185 *PS#261DB. 15 tkls, 3 pbu as true.* ***Kent Nealy*** *(5-11 210 rFr) PS#95. Dale Simmons (6-0 195 rFr) PS#265RB.*

**SS ANTHONY ADAMS SO.** 5-11 180 *9 sts as rFr in 99 (last 7), 66 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu, 4 tfl. Dominique Hatcher (6-1 195 So) PS#169, 12 gms spec tm in 99.*

**FS Travis Mazyck Jr.** 6-2 185 *PS#268DB. 13 rec at WR as rFr (11.0). 5 sts til inj (out 5) ly, 29 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. Antwan Adams (5-11 180 So) 13 tkls.*

**P Kevin Miller So.** 6-1 200 *PS#25K in 98. 40.6 punting as Sr in HS. Wes Herlocker (6-3 180 Fr) is PS#86WR, 45.4 avg in HS ly. (#1 in NC).*

# E CAROLINA PIRATES

Greenville, North Carolina
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score EC | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Duke | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | E Carolina is 2-6 SU, 2-4-1 ATS in their season opener.<br>ECU is 7-3-1 ATS in September the last four seasons. |
| Sep. 7 | Virginia Tech (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pirates are 1-7 ATS in their first lined home game.<br>ECU is 4-9 ATS in the first game of a 2 (+) homestand, but 2-0 LY. |
| Sep. 16 | Tulane | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | East Carolina was 4-2 ATS in CUSA action LY.<br>ECU is 7-2 ATS in their second straight home game. |
| Sep. 23 | Syracuse | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: ECU is 2-8-1 ATS as a HD under Logan.<br>Pirates are 1-4 ATS the last 5 vs the Orangemen. |
| Sep. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | at Memphis | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pirates are 7-2 ATS their L/9 vs Memphis.<br>Despite a 3-1 mark LY, ECU is 8-12-1 L/21 October games. |
| Oct. 14 | Army | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ECU was 4-0 ATS as a HF LY but was 5-11-1 the prior 6 yrs.<br>The home team is 0-3 ATS in this short series. |
| Oct. 19 | at Louisville (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This will be EC's 5th Thurs game; they were 1-3 SU & ATS coming into this season.<br>Pirates are 3-9-1 ATS L/7 years in sandwiched road games. |
| Oct. 28 | Alabama-Birm | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY's 6-1 ATS mark as a fav brought EC's chalk mark to just 18-16-1 S/93.<br>Pirates are 2-4 ATS prior to a bye week over the last 8 seasons. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | Houston | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ECU has been favored in all 3 series meetings & is 2-1 SU, 1-2 ATS.<br>Pending earlier result TY - Pirates are 1-7 ATS L/8 after a bye. |
| Nov. 18 | at W Virginia | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mounties lead SU series 3-2, but ECU is 3-0-2 ATS.<br>Pirates are 10-1 ATS in the first of B2B road games. |
| Nov. 25 | at S Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 7-2-1 ATS the last 10 series meetings.<br>E Carolina has covered 4 of their last 6 road finales. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: ECU is 15-6-1 ATS in their 2nd straight road game. |

## STADIUM: DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (47,700)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 2-9 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 8-3 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 9-2 | 45-32 |
| ATS | 3-7 | 5-5 | 5-4-2 | 5-4 | 3-6-2 | 4-6 | 9-2 | 34-34-4 |
| Home Fav | 0-1 | 1-2 | 2-2-1 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 4-0 | 9-11-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-3 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 2-7-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 9-4 |
| Away Dog | 3-3 | 3-1 | 2-1-1 | 2-1 | 0-3-1 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 14-11-2 |
| Favorite | 0-1 | 2-2 | 3-3-1 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 6-1 | 18-16-1 |
| Dog | 3-6 | 3-3 | 2-1-1 | 2-1 | 1-3-2 | 2-3 | 3-1 | 16-18-1 |
| Grass | 3-5 | 4-3 | 3-3-1 | 4-4 | 2-4-1 | 4-5 | 8-2 | 28-26-2 |
| Artificial | 0-2 | 1-2 | 2-1-1 | 1-0 | 1-2-1 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 6-8-2 |
| vs Conf | 1-3 | 2-2 | 4-1 | 1-2 | 3-2-1 | 1-5 | 4-2 | 16-17-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-4 | 3-3 | 1-3-2 | 4-2 | 0-4-1 | 3-1 | 5-0 | 18-17-3 |
| Off SU Win | 1-1 | 2-4 | 4-2-1 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 4-3 | 6-2 | 22-18-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-5 | 2-1 | 1-1-1 | 2-1 | 1-3-1 | 0-3 | 2-0 | 10-14-2 |

## Coach: STEVE LOGAN (Career 51-40)
### *Logan's records AT EAST CAROLINA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9th Year at East Carolina | | 11-14-1 | Home Favorite |
| 51-40 | Straight Up | 2-8-1 | Home Underdog |
| 38-36-4 | Vs The Spread | 9-6 | Away Favorite |
| 13-16-2 | Off A S/U Loss | 15-13-2 | Away Underdog |
| 17-20-1 | Conference | 21-21-3 | Vs Non-Conf |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 78 | Independence | NL | Louisiana Tech | 35-13 | - |
| 91 | Peach | -2' | N Carolina St | 37-34 | W |
| 94 | Liberty | +7 | Illinois | 0-30 | L |
| 95 | Liberty | +3' | Stanford | 19-13 | W |
| 99 | Mobile Alabama | -5 | TCU | 14-28 | L |

# E CAROLINA (9-3)

CONFERENCE: **USA**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 9***
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 50 (23,25,2)**
**Lost: 17 (4,9,4)**

## EAST CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 27.8 | 20 | 155 | 4.0 | 236 | 57.4 | 14.1 | +3 | 1999 | 6 | 18.8 | 19 | 135 | 3.3 | 207 | 52.2 | 18.2 |
| 6 | 24.9 | 19 | 151 | 3.7 | 236 | 62.4 | 15.5 | +10 | 1998 | 8 | 27.0 | 20 | 192 | 4.1 | 185 | 55.2 | 13.9 |
| 4 | 19.5 | 18 | 67 | 2.5 | 240 | 58.8 | 15.8 | -2 | 1997 | 4 | 27.1 | 21 | 177 | 3.8 | 191 | 56.6 | 13.6 |
| 9* | 28.7 | 23 | 181 | 4.8 | 257 | 53.8 | 15.3 | +13 | 1996 | 6 | 19.5 | 19 | 149 | 3.6 | 189 | 56.6 | 17.4 |
| 8* | 22.8 | 22 | 140 | 3.8 | 253 | 51.3 | 17.2 | +10 | 1995 | 9 | 18.8 | 19 | 148 | 3.3 | 177 | 48.0 | 17.2 |
| 7* | 25.3 | 20 | 151 | 4.2 | 245 | 56.7 | 15.7 | +4 | 1994 | 6 | 19.4 | 20 | 121 | 3.4 | 247 | 52.7 | 16.8 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| West Virginia | 20 | 48-327 | 6.8 | 11-19 | 169 | 2 | | 19 | 35-97 | 2.8 | 21-31 | 220 | 3 | 0 |
| Duke | 21 | 41-193 | 4.7 | 22-36 | 268 | 1 | | 15 | 23-32 | 1.4 | 23-49 | 277 | 4 | +2 |
| at S Carolina | 15 | 40-192 | 4.8 | 10-21 | 82 | 0 | | 20 | 41-129 | 3.1 | 14-35 | 173 | 3 | +3 |
| † Miami (Fla) | 27 | 32-122 | 3.8 | 30-48 | 328 | 2 | | 22 | 49-230 | 4.7 | 15-37 | 159 | 3 | -1 |
| at Army | 17 | 32-52 | 1.6 | 25-35 | 309 | 1 | | 17 | 58-184 | 3.2 | 10-20 | 196 | 4 | -1 |
| S Mississippi | 22 | 32-146 | 4.6 | 17-36 | 249 | 3 | | 22 | 56-208 | 3.7 | 14-18 | 171 | 1 | -4 |
| Tulane | 33 | 45-278 | 6.2 | 19-36 | 371 | 3 | | 13 | 40-66 | 1.7 | 20-35 | 150 | 7 | 0 |
| at Houston | 13 | 38-67 | 1.8 | 12-23 | 156 | 3 | | 19 | 34-147 | 4.3 | 23-41 | 216 | 3 | +1 |
| at Ala-Birm | 20 | 32-9 | 0.3 | 20-40 | 270 | 6 | | 14 | 46-131 | 2.8 | 10-20 | 122 | 1 | -1 |
| Cincinnati | 26 | 45-244 | 5.4 | 19-30 | 237 | 1 | | 30 | 34-126 | 3.7 | 29-57 | 304 | 2 | +2 |
| N Carolina St | 18 | 50-244 | 4.9 | 12-17 | 156 | 3 | | 21 | 31-86 | 2.8 | 21-46 | 317 | 3 | +1 |
| TCU (Bowl) | 12 | 26-(-16) | -0.6 | 20-37 | 239 | 5 | | 16 | 50-186 | 3.7 | 13-19 | 174 | 2 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 244 | 461-1858 | 4.0 | 217-378 | 2834 | 33 | | 228 | 497-1622 | 3.3 | 213-408 | 2479 | 35 | +3 |
| AVERAGES | 20.3 | 38-155 | 4.0 | 18-32 | 236 | 2.8 | | 19.0 | 41-135 | 3.3 | 18-34 | 207 | 2.9 | 0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Tennessee | +17 | 7-27 | L |
| at Syracuse | +4' | 27-24 | W |
| C Michigan | -21 | 30-17 | L |
| at Illinois | +7 | 0-7 | T |
| W Virginia | -3 | 23-20 | T |
| at Cincinnati | -4' | 10-13 | L |
| Temple | -18 | 32-22 | L |
| at S Mississippi | +4' | 36-34 | W |
| at Army | -1 | 31-25 | W |
| Tulsa | -14 | 28-7 | W |
| Memphis | -13 | 31-17 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| E Tenn St | NL | 45-21 | – |
| at W Virginia | +7' | 9-10 | W |
| at S Carolina | -1 | 23-7 | W |
| C Florida | NL | 28-7 | – |
| S Mississippi | -7 | 7-28 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +17' | 31-6 | W |
| Arkansas St | -35 | 34-16 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +6 | 14-35 | L |
| Ohio Univ | -17 | 55-45 | L |
| at Memphis | -7 | 20-10 | W |
| † N Carolina St | -9 | 50-29 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at W Virginia | +7 | 17-24 | T |
| Wake Forest | -12 | 25-24 | L |
| S Carolina | E | 0-26 | L |
| at Syracuse | +14' | 0-56 | L |
| S Mississippi | +10 | 13-23 | T |
| at Tulane | +10 | 16-33 | L |
| Memphis | -2' | 32-10 | W |
| at Louisville | -2' | 45-31 | W |
| at Houston | -2 | 28-27 | L |
| Cincinnati | +3 | 14-7 | W |
| at N Carolina St | +10 | 24-37 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Virginia Tech | +10 | 3-38 | L |
| UT-Chatt | NL | 31-0 | – |
| at Ohio Univ | -1' | 21-14 | W |
| Army | -13 | 30-25 | L |
| Alabama-Birm | -15 | 26-7 | W |
| at Alabama | +9 | 22-23 | W |
| at S Mississippi | +9' | 7-41 | L |
| Houston | -6 | 31-34 | L |
| at Cincinnati | -14' | 24-21 | L |
| Louisville | +3 | 45-63 | L |
| at Memphis | +2 | 34-31 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| W Virginia | +6 | 30-23 | W |
| Duke | -4 | 27-9 | W |
| at S Carolina | +1 | 21-3 | W |
| † Miami (Fla) | +11 | 27-23 | W |
| at Army | -11' | 33-14 | W |
| S Mississippi | +2 | 22-39 | L |
| Tulane | -10' | 52-7 | W |
| at Houston | -4' | 19-3 | W |
| at Alabama-Birm | -13 | 17-36 | L |
| Cincinnati | -10 | 48-34 | W |
| N Carolina St | -8 | 23-6 | W |

# FLORIDA GATORS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - It is tough to play QB for Steve Spurrier as he has a history of alternating QB's. Last year Doug Johnson gave up baseball to get into Spurrier's good graces, but Johnson did not produce as anticipated throwing for 2,862 yards (55.3%) with a 23-13 ratio. Towards the end of the season, Spurrier became reluctant to even throw the football. Johnson did throw for 288 yards in the bowl but the 267 ypg passing was the lowest ever under Spurrier as were the 23 TD passes. The last time UF completed over 60% was back in 1995 and last year Jesse Palmer and Johnson combined for just 53.6% and a 26-20 ratio. The QB again race figures to be heated. Palmer (PS#47) was the Canadian Player of the Year in high school and has 9 starts in 3 years, throwing for 2,252 yards with a 22-13 ratio. He was leading the SEC in pass efficiency in 98 after six games but got injured. He was not as successful last year which opens the door for three frosh. Brock Berlin is simply this year's top rated recruit and he was in for the spring. Rex Grossman (6-1 216 rFr) was PS#5 and attended 2 spring practices. Chris Stephens was PS#26, and probably would have been rated higher but got injured in his senior year in high school. Spurrier has 4 quality candidates and I can't imagine UF's pass offense staying at the "low" level that it was last year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Gators rush attack averaged just 117 ypg (3.8) in 98 due to injuries. Last year UF was well ahead of that pace but once again their leading rusher, Earnest Graham, was injured early and missed the bulk of 4 games. Graham (PS#2) returned and had 2 more 100 yard efforts, but missed the bowl and finished with 654 yards. He is a power back. Bo Carroll (5-9 165 Sr) was PS#4. He has averaged 11.2 yards every time he's touched the ball in his career and last year rushed for 591 yards (6.5). He is also a track champ and perhaps the fastest player on the team. Robert Gillespie (5-9 188 Jr) was PS#29. He's had 4 starts in 2 years and 857 yards rushing as well as 445 yards receiving. Chuck Marks (5-9 200 So) had 102 yards (2.9) in 99. The top 2 FB's also return. Naturally Spurrier landed a VHT RB in Willie Green and he may contend right away. Not listed below at RB is Ran Carthon (5-11 209 rFr, PS#73). This is a very deep and talented RB corps with 3 VHT backs and I look for solid improvement in the rushing numbers.

**RECEIVERS** - The Gators had to replace two of their top 3 receivers last year and then their top WR, Travis Taylor, missed a good portion of the season with injury. Dropped balls were plentiful and it was one of the weaker years by the receiving corps in the Spurrier era. This year they lose TE Erron Kinney (9 sts, 17 rec, #3 DC of TEN), WR Travis Taylor (9 sts, 45 rec, #1 DC of BAL) and WR Darrell Jackson (12 sts, 72 rec, 16.9, 1st team SEC, #3 DC of SEA). Also John Capel, who was the team's fastest player, left the team in the spring. I list the 3 deep below. As you can see in the Top Newcomers, Spurrier signed 3 VHT's at this position and all 3 could contend for starting spots. Spurrier was very high on last year's frosh class, saying they were underrated coming out of high school. Marshall Schaap (6-4 243 rFr, PS#48) is also in the mix at TE. Size, speed and talent are plentiful at this position and I'll call this group improved even with the loss of Kinney, Jackson and Taylor.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Injuries have hurt this unit the last two years but they have allowed just 17 and 18 sacks in those seasons and have plenty of talent on the front wall. C Zac Zedalis (PS#1) returns after missing almost all of last year due to injury and basically three top notch starters are back with plenty of HT's and VHT's to fill in the other spots (see 2 deep). The unit was ravaged by injuries in the spring and they played 9 man football for the spring game with just 3 OL's on the field. They should be healthier for the fall. Despite the injuries this is one of the better offensive lines in the SEC.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Steve Spurrier has sent many DL's off to the NFL. Last year's defensive front had to replace all four starters, and was very young. This year they lose just 1 player in DE Anthony Mitchell (2 sts, 4 tfl) and this unit is loaded with VHT's and HT's including AA DE Alex Brown. Spurrier signed four of the top 60 DL's out of high school this year and some of them will contend immediately. Spurrier's best defenses came with experienced defensive fronts and this year's group fits that bill. This is an extremely deep, talented and experienced unit.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Gators had to replace all three starters including super athlete Jevon Kearse. This year two players depart in OLB Eugene McCaslin (12 sts, 6 sks, #7 DC of GB) and OLB Keith Kelsey (11 sts, 93 tkls, 8 tfl). Four players return with starting experience and Spurrier has three VHT's to utilize in Alabama transfer Travis Carroll, JC Kennard Ellis and rFr Matt Farrior, all of whom could steal starting jobs. Not listed in the two deep below are Roderick Royal (6-0 232 rFr, PS#37) and true frosh Travis Harris who is another VHT.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - No unit was younger on the UF defense than the secondary and the top 8 players on the depth chart were all freshmen or sophomores. I have been doing the pass efficiency defense ratings for my magazine for six years and Florida's lowest finish had been #11. Last year they finished #20 allowing 54.9% with only a 15-15 ratio and had a unit with just one returning starter. This year everyone is back. The 99 unit had some short CB's (5'8" and 5'9") and true frosh Carter and soph Lito Sheppard (PS#2) have a chance to unseat the incumbents. They are extremely deep and talented at safety and not listed below are Todd Johnson (6-1 191 So, PS#23) and Vannez Gooch (5-8 188 Sr, PS#36). Spurrier also signed four of the top 40 DB's out of high school this year. This looks like one of the best secondaries in the country again.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - K Jeff Chandler missed the all-important extra point versus Bama but rebounded to hit a super 21 of 25 FG's with a long of 50 and was a Groza semifinalist and 1st team SEC. He returns for his senior season. David Wasielewski (PS#7) was #5 in the SEC in punting as a true frosh but lost his job to walk-on Alan Rhine last year. Both players return so there should be solid competition between them and Spurrier also signed PS#3K this year in Matt Piotrowicz. Perhaps Spurrier concentrates a little too much on the offense and doesn't put enough attention on the special teams. With all of the superior athletes that are available on this team, you would expect a top 20 finish yearly but the Gators have finished #48, #40 and #45 over the last 3 years. They block a lot of kicks and finished a +2 in the TD/blk category last year. The returnmen have incredible speed with Bo Carroll (10.9 avg on PR's and 25.3 avg on KR's) earning 8 AA honors for the UF track team. They have experienced P's and K's, they have solid block units, and if the coverage gets better this is the year Spurrier's team should contend for a top 10 spot in the special teams rankings.

RT Kenyatta Walker was 2nd team SEC in '99 & makes my 2nd team again in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Earnest Graham | 117 | 677 | 23 | 654 | 5 | 5.6 |
| Bo Carroll | 91 | 617 | 26 | 591 | 3 | 6.5 |
| Robert Gillespie | 99 | 565 | 20 | 545 | 9 | 5.5 |
| Chuck Marks | 35 | 123 | 21 | 102 | 0 | 2.9 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Doug Johnson | 387 | 214 | 55.3 | 2862 | 23 | 13 |
| Jesse Palmer | 95 | 44 | 46.3 | 565 | 2 | 5 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Darrell Jackson | 72 | 1217 | 16.9 | 9 | 73 |
| Travis Taylor | 45 | 619 | 13.8 | 6 | 39 |
| Alex Willis | 28 | 375 | 13.4 | 2 | 47 |
| Reche Caldwell | 27 | 269 | 10.0 | 2 | 46 |
| Erron Kinney | 17 | 232 | 13.6 | 1 | 28 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alan Rhine | 53 | 2111 | 39.8 | - | - | 1 | 13 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeff Chandler | 10-10 | 4-5 | 6-9 | 1-1 | 21-25 | 50 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marquand Manuel | 123 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Andra Davis | 116 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 0 |
| Keith Kelsey | 93 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Robert Cromartie | 80 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 |
| Eugene McCaslin | 60 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Gerard Warren | 58 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 0 |
| Bennie Alexander | 56 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 5 |
| Daryl Dixon | 55 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Alex Brown | 48 | 14 | 5 | 9 | 2 |
| Buck Gurley | 38 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Mike Nattiel | 36 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Derrick Chambers | 25 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Todd Johnson | 26 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bo Carroll | 14 | 153 | 10.9 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bo Carroll | 24 | 608 | 25.3 | 1 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**W MICHIGAN -35' 55-26 LOSS** WM Coach Damell was the interim coach prior to Fla hiring Spurrier. UF's young def allowed 315 yds passing in the 1H & UF led just 31-26 early 3Q. One of WM's TD's was a 60 yd int ret & the other a 3 yd drive foll a fmbl of the 2H KO. UF controlled the rest & had a 36-16 FD edge & 629-418 yd edge.

**C FLORIDA -36 58-27 LOSS** CF got a 42 yd TD run, 7-0 & added a 50 yd TD pass but the rest of the 1H belonged to UF, 48-14 at half. They extended it to 58-14 in the 3Q before allowing 2 garbage TD's. CF had a 202-106 yd edge vs the UF backups in the 2H.

**TENNESSEE -2 23-21 TIE** UF got an 83 yd drive for a 23 yd FG. UF had 5 TO's to just 1 for UT. UT got a 32 yd TD drive foll a fmbl. UF settled for 33 & 41 yd FG's. UF got a 2 play, 31 yd TD drive just before half, 16-7. UF got a 78 yd 3Q TD drive, 23-7. UT got a 15 yd TD drive foll an int & UF was SOD at the UT 17. UT drove 97 yds in 12 plays for a TD & got an int 3 plays later but was SOD at the UF 34 & UF ran out the clock.

**AT KENTUCKY -20 38-10 WIN** UF had a 314-105 1H yd edge. They led 14-0 & foll an int got a 29 yd TD drive, 21-0. UK was SOD & UF drove 65 yds for a TD. Late 1H UK got an 80 yd TD drive. UK got a 37 yd 3Q FG & UF got a 49 yd FG. UK had a FD at the UF 17 but a fmbl was ruled when the RB was clearly down & UF drove 86 yds for a TD. UK was SOD at the UF 47 & 22 on their final 2 drives.

**ALABAMA (OT) -16 39-40 LOSS** Bama ended the nation's longest home win streak at 30. UA had a 41-18 1H play edge & 21:22 TOP edge. UA led 10-7 & UF missed a FG. UA had a 17 play drive for a 22 yd FG, 13-7. UA conv on 11 of 20 3D's & 2 of 3 4D's. UF got a 42 yd int ret for a 3Q TD, 14-13. Bama drove 70 yds, 19-14 (2 ptng). UF drove 80 & UA drove 84 yds for TD's, 26-22. UF got a FG. UA punted & the snap hit the middle man & UF rec'd & drove 26 yds (TD), 33-26 w/ 5:15 left. UA elected to punt on 4th & 10 at the UF 47. UF fmbl'd & UA drove 21 yds for a TD with 1:25 left. UF got a TD in OT (xpng). UA got a 25 yd run but xpng. UF was offsides & Bama made the xp.

**AT LSU -14 31-10 WIN** Pounding rain fell for most of the 2Q & the field was a muddy mess which slowed both offenses down. UF got a 73 yd pass on the 1st play to set up a TD. UF got a 33 yd PR but settled for a 22 yd FG. LSU settled for a 22 yd FG but Carroll ret'd the KO 100 yds for a TD. UF was int'd at the 3 but got a 20 yd TD drive foll a bad snap on a punt. UF had a 251-32 yd edge at half. LSU was int'd but rec'd a fmbl & drove 34 yds for a TD, 24-10. LSU was int'd at the UF 20 mid 4Q. LSU drove to the UF 37. Booty's pass was tipped & int'd & ret'd 50 yds to the 31. UF got 1 FD to the 20 & just 1:00 remained but instead of kneeling, Spurrier ran twice & a 20 yd TD run gave UF the cover w/ :45 left.

**AT AUBURN -16 32-14 WIN** UF controlled the 1H with a 319-54 yd edge but was int'd at the AU 10, settled for 4 short FG's & added a 22 yd TD pass, 19-0. Two of the FG's were set up on short drives foll TO's. UF got a 62 yd TD run on its opening 3Q drive, 25-0. AU battled back with 66 & 84 yd TD drives, 25-14 early 4Q. UF was int'd at the AU 29 but then AU was int at the UF 30. UF drove 44 yds for a TD with 2:59 left for the cover.

**† GEORGIA -14 30-14 WIN** Rainy 1H. UF had 234 yds passing in the 1H & zero in the 2H. Each team got long TD drives to open. UF got a 40 yd FG & GA got an 81 yd TD drive despite rain, wind and fog & almost no visibility. UF drove 72 yds for a TD, 16-14 (xpng). GA got a long PR late 3Q but fmbl'd at the 20. UF drove 43 yds for a TD. GA fmbl'd at the 3 on the next play setting up a TD, 30-14. After UF got an int they were SOD at the GA 23. GA was SOD & UF took a knee. UF had a 405-231 yd edge.

**VANDERBILT -28 13-6 LOSS** VU had a 369-269 yd edge. VU got a FD at the UF 33 but lost 16 yds & punted. Early 2Q VU dropped a snap on a fake 52 yd FG & UF rec'd. UF went 57 yds for a TD. UF blk'd a punt, setting up a 29 yd FG, 10-0. VU was int'd in the EZ from the 12. UF got a 3Q 33 yd FG & VU settled for a 28 yd FG. VU fmbl'd at the UF 28. VU nailed a 44 yd FG w/ 3:30 left. VU got a FD at the UF 25 but on 4th & 3 a pass fell inc. VU had ex-UF QB Olmstead & he dissected every UF audible.

**AT S CAROLINA -27 20-3 LOSS** Spurrier gave Palmer his 1st start & he hit just 5 of 19 in the 1Q. SC got an early int at the UF 13 but missed a FG. UF missed a 41 yd FG but made a 46 yd'r. UF drove 57 yds for a TD & SC got a 32 yd FG, 10-3. Just before half SC drove 80 yds. On 3rd & 4 a TD was called back on a chop block & SC missed a 50 yd FG. UF drove 40 yds for a TD & SC missed a 3rd FG att. UF then drove 68 yds for a 29 yd FG.

**FLORIDA ST +3 23-30 LOSS** UF alternated QB's on every play. FSU got an 80 yd 18 play TD drive & foll an int went 11 plays but settled for a 22 yd FG, 10-0. Both teams got FG's. UF got a 45 yd FG with :13 left, 13-6. UF settled for a 22 yd FG in the 3Q & got a 43 yd int ret for a TD, 16-13. FSU nailed a 54 yd FG & then blk'd a punt & drove 21 yds for a TD. UF was int'd & 2 poss later FSU drove 78 yds for a TD, 30-16 with 6:03 left. UF drove 80 yds for a TD & gained 53 yds on its final drive which ended on an incomplete Hail Mary.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

It was a disappointing season for Florida in 99 as they were no longer the "Mighty Gators." They had their first 3 game losing streak under Spurrier and finished without 10 victories for the first time since 1992 and out of the Top 10 for the first time since 1990. After having one of the nation's top defenses in 98 allowing just 13.8 ypc, new DC John Hoke did a good job with just one returning starter but they still allowed 20.9 ppg. UF did lead SEC for the fourth straight year with 43 sacks. Impressively, 199 out of 416 rush attempts versus his defense (47.8%) went for 1 yard or less. In 6 games they held opponents to 14 points or less and 53 points came in the first two meaningless games, many versus UF's backups. Spurrier says this year the defensive front 7 is much bigger and stronger. I rate them the second best defense in the country. Last year the Gators played 5 games vs teams that finished in the Top 10, the most of any ranked team. In the first 5 games of last year UF averaged 504.2 ypg and had 17 TD passes. In the last 7 games they had just 339.1 ypg and 6 TD passes. Only six times have Spurrier's Gators been held to less than 300 yards offense or less and 3 of those came last year. Even though only 4 starters return on that side of the ball, the offense should be more potent. The Gators are among the most talented teams in the country but must regain their swagger of year's past. They will probably only be tested in 3 regular season games and I look for them to get back to the SEC Title Game with their national title hopes resting on winning at Flor St, something they have not accomplished since 1986. This is a powerful national title contender.


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| RB | Willie Green 5-9 200 PS#7 |
| WR | Reggie Vickers 6-0 170 PS#10 |
| DB | Cory Bailey 6-0 180 PS#9 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Jesse Palmer Sr.** 6-2 225 *2252 yds, 22-13 ratio, 3 yrs. **Brock Berlin** PS#1. **Rex Grossman** PS#5. **Chris Stephens** (6-3 213 rFr) PS#26.*

**RB EARNEST GRAHAM SO.** 5-9 214 *PS#2. 7 sts as rFr (inj 3), 654 yds (5.6), Bo Carroll (5-9 165 Sr) PS#4. 986 career yds rush, 10.19 in 100m. 761 ret yds ly.*

**FB ROB ROBERTS JR.** 6-2 249 *PS#61TE, 4 sts as rFr. 6 sts in 99, 249 plays. Rod Frazier (5-11 255 Sr) Tommy's brother, 15 sts in 3 yrs.*

**WR ALEX WILLIS SR.** 6-0 185 *10 sts in 99, 28 rec (13.4). Elgin Hicks (5-10 185 rFr) PS#24. Taylor Jacobs (6-0 182 So) PS#60, 7 rec as true.*

**WR Reche Caldwell So.** 6-0 199 *PS#26QB. 4.31 speed. 2 sts, 27 rec in 99. Carlos Perez (6-0 190 Fr) is PS#4. Brian Haugabrook (6-2 203 Jr) PS#37, 11 rec ly.*

**TE Kirk Wells So.** 6-4 208 *PS#16TE in 98. 2 sts in 99, 7 rec (16.9), 363 plays. Aaron Walker (6-6 240 So) PS#56LB, 73 plays as rFr. 1 rec.*

**C Zac Zedalis Sr.** 6-2 280 *PS#1 in 96. 2 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 98. 1 st til inj in 99. David Jorgensen (6-4 284 So) PS#23, 1 st in 99.*

**RG Erik Strange Jr.** 6-4 287 *PS#47 in 97. 56 plays as rFr, 97 plays in 99, 2 letters. Thomas Moody (6-3 302 Jr) PS#53, 2 sts at DT ly.*

**LG Leon Hires Sr.** 6-4 283 *PS#28 & orig signed at ND. 58 plays here in 98, 85 plays in 99. Ben Brown (6-6 299 Jr) PS#50, 206 plays, 2 yrs.*

**RT KENYATTA WALKER JR.** 6-5 298 *PS#95. 8 sts as rFr, 484 plays. 12 sts, 736 plays in 99, 2nd tm SEC. Aaron Deal (6-6 313 So) PS#27, 3 gms ly.*

**LT MIKE PEARSON SO.** 6-7 291 *PS#2 in 98. 9 sts, 652 plays as rFr in 99. Frosh AA. Shannon Snell is PS#5. Max Starks (6-8 340) is PS#34.*

**K JEFF CHANDLER SR.** 6-2 217 *Hit 12 of 17 FG's in 98, long of 46. 1st team SEC in 99, 21 of 25 FG's, long of 50, 29 TB's on KO's. Groza semifinalist.*

**DE THADDEUS BULLARD SR.** 6-4 253 *PS#5. 28 tkls, 5.5 tfl in 97 & 98. 2 sts in 99, 3 sks, 281 plays. Tron LaFavor (6-2 260 So) PS#30, 6 tkls as true.*

**NT BUCK GURLEY SR.** 6-2 285 *PS#7. 3 sts, 3.5 tfl in 98. 13 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 5 tfl. **Derrick Chambers** (6-4 305 Sr) PS#17, 11 sts at DE ly, 9 career sks.*

**DT GERARD WARREN JR.** 6-4 310 *PS#7. 2 sts, 6 tfl in 98. 10 sts in 99, 58 tkls, 16 tfl, 2nd tm SEC. Chris Reynolds (6-0 261 So) PS#31, 2 tfl til inj ly.*

**DE ALEX BROWN JR.** 6-4 265 *PS#15LB, 10 tkls, 3 tfl in 98. 10 sts, 14 sks, 9 pbu. 1st tm SEC & AA in 99. Clint Mitchell (6-7 254 rFr) PS#31.*

**WLB Mike Nattiel So.** 5-11 219 *PS#21, 1 start as true, 36 tkls, 2 tfl. Matt Farrior (6-2 228 rFr) PS#7. Daryl Owens (5-10 225 Sr) PS#8. 1 st in 99.*

**MLB ANDRA DAVIS JR.** 6-1 250 *PS#28. 12 tkls, 2 tfl in 2 yrs. 12 sts in 99, 116 tkls (#2), 13 tfl, 7 pbu. Travis Carroll PS#11, 14 sts, 29 tfl while at Bama.*

**SLB Kennard Ellis Jr.** 6-2 240 *PS#12JC, 13 sks at JC ly. Marcus Oquendo-Johnson (6-4 212 So) PS#64. 3 sts at DE ly, 4 sks. Byron Hardmon (6-2 229) PS#22.*

**CB ROBERT CROMARTIE JR.** 5-8 185 *PS#7. 3 sts as true, 4 pbu. 13 sts in 99, #3 w/80 tkls, 12 pbu, 1 int. Lito Sheppard (5-10 196 So) PS#2, 1 int, 3 pbu as true.*

**CB BENNIE ALEXANDER JR.** 5-9 181 *PS#73. 6 sts as rFr, 26 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. 13 sts in 99, 5 int, 15 pbu, 56 tkls. Deshawn Carter (6-1 190) is PS#33.*

**SS MARQUAND MANUEL JR.** 6-0 208 *PS#42. 2 starts, 4 pbu in 98. 13 sts, #1 w/123 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 int ly. Dwight Jackson (6-1 193 rFr) PS#49LB.*

**FS DARYL DIXON SO.** 5-10 199 *PS#31. 9 sts as true, 55 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 int, 2 pbu. Lester Norwood (6-2 199 Jr) PS#92DB, 6 sts, 45 tkls, 2 yrs.*

**P ALAN RHINE SR.** 5-11 192 *Walk-on. 53 punts in 99 & had 39.8 avg, long 57. **David Wasielewski** (5-10 233 Jr) PS#7, 59 punts (40.0) in 98.*

# FLORIDA GATORS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score FLA | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Gators are 11-6 ATS since 1989 as an underdog.<br>Florida plays all of their reg season games on grass again TY.<br>UF is just 3-6 ATS L/9 on artificial turf.<br>Gators are 7-14-1 ATS overall the L2Y. |
| Sep. 2 | Ball St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Gators are 1-6 ATS L/7 lined home openers, all as 20+ favs.<br>Florida has won their L/10 openers SU by an avg of 30.5 pts. |
| Sep. 9 | Mid Tenn St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Swamp dwellers are 9-15 ATS L/24 as favs of 29 or more.<br>UF is 3-10 ATS L/13 non-conference games. |
| Sep. 16 | at Tennessee | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Florida is 8-4-1 ATS L/13 conference openers.<br>UF is 7-2 SU, 6-2-1 ATS in this early SEC battle. |
| Sep. 23 | Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 7-3 ATS the L/10 in this series.<br>Gators & Cats have avg'd a combined 68.5 ppg the L/6Y. |
| Sep. 30 | at Mississippi St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Florida is 16-6 ATS away on grass.<br>Coming into 2000 UF was 16-6-1 ATS their L/23 on the SEC road. |
| Oct. 7 | LSU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 13-5-1 ATS in this Tiger/Gator struggle.<br>Gators bite in October, going 14-4 ATS L/18 games. |
| Oct. 14 | Auburn | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Florida is 9-2 ATS in this Tiger/Gator struggle.<br>Gators are 7-1 ATS their L/8 games prior to a bye. |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | † Georgia (Jacksonville) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Gators are 8-3 ATS the week after a bye.<br>UF is 9-1 SU, 8-2 ATS in the World's Largest Cocktail Party. |
| Nov. 4 | at Vanderbilt | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Florida is 6-0 SU but 1-5 ATS L/6 vs Vanderbilt.<br>UF is a surprising 3-10 ATS their L/13 November games. |
| Nov. 11 | S Carolina (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 2-3 SU and 1-4 ATS L/5 in this series.<br>Gators are 1-3 ATS their L/4 home finales NOT vs Florida St. |
| Nov. 18 | at Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fla was 31-22-1 ATS off a SU win S/94 prior to TY but just 6-11-1 the L/2Y.<br>The visitor has struggled in this rivalry with a 3-9 ATS mark. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (83,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-2 | 9-1-1 | 11-0 | 10-1 | 9-2 | 9-2 | 9-3 | 66-11-1 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 6-4 | 7-4 | 3-7 | 4-7-1 | 39-36-1 |
| Home Fav | 2-2 | 5-2 | 2-4 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 1-4 | 0-4-1 | 16-20-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-2 |
| Away Fav | 1-4 | 2-1 | 5-0 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 19-13 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Favorite | 3-6 | 7-3 | 7-4 | 5-4 | 6-4 | 3-6 | 4-6-1 | 35-33-1 |
| Dog | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 4-3 |
| Grass | 4-7 | 8-2 | 7-4 | 6-3 | 7-4 | 2-7 | 4-6-1 | 38-33-1 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-3 |
| vs SEC | 3-5 | 5-3 | 6-2 | 6-2 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 4-4-1 | 32-24-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 0-3 | 7-12 |
| Off SU Win | 4-5 | 6-3 | 7-3 | 6-3 | 6-2 | 3-6 | 3-5-1 | 35-27-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 3-4 |

## Coach: STEVE SPURRIER (Career 122-35-2)
### *Spurrier's records AT FLORIDA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11th Year at Florida | | 25-28-2 | Home Favorite |
| 102-22-1 | Straight Up | 3-2 | Home Underdog |
| 56-51-2 | Vs The Spread | 24-17 | Away Favorite |
| 6-6 | Off A S/U Loss | 4-4 | Away Underdog |
| 45-33-1 | Vs SEC | 11-18-1 | Vs Non-SEC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Fiesta | +3' | Nebraska | 24-62 | L |
| 96 | Sugar | -3' | Florida St | 52-20 | W |
| 97 | Citrus | -13' | Penn St | 21-6 | W |
| 98 | Orange | -6' | Syracuse | 31-10 | W |
| 99 | Citrus | -2' | Michigan St | 34-37 | L |

# FLORIDA (9-4)

CONFERENCE: **SEC** EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 5**
**DEFENSE: 9**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 54 (25,26,3)**
**Lost: 19 (10,7,2)**

## FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 31.0 | 22 | 138 | 4.3 | 267 | 53.6 | 13.1 | -5 | 1999 | 1 | 20.9 | 19 | 96 | 2.7 | 242 | 54.9 | 16.1 |
| 6* | 31.7 | 21 | 117 | 3.8 | 343 | 58.0 | 14.5 | -5 | 1998 | 6 | 13.8 | 15 | 94 | 2.6 | 196 | 51.5 | 21.1 |
| 4 | 35.8 | 22 | 154 | 4.4 | 265 | 53.3 | 11.7 | +2 | 1997 | 7 | 17.1 | 16 | 69 | 2.1 | 209 | 47.6 | 16.3 |
| 9* | 47.0 | 25 | 174 | 4.7 | 332 | 56.5 | 10.7 | +7 | 1996 | 7 | 17.0 | 16 | 106 | 2.8 | 180 | 44.3 | 16.7 |
| 7* | 42.9 | 26 | 158 | 4.8 | 356 | 62.0 | 12.0 | +3 | 1995 | 5 | 20.2 | 18 | 160 | 4.1 | 179 | 49.1 | 16.8 |
| 5* | 41.4 | 24 | 144 | 4.2 | 322 | 62.1 | 11.3 | +1 | 1994 | 8 | 17.5 | 18 | 84 | 2.6 | 229 | 55.4 | 17.8 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| W Michigan | 36 | 41-289 | 7.0 | 26-46 | 340 | 0 | 16 | 23-13 | 0.6 | 24-38 | 405 | 6 | -1 |
| C Florida | 28 | 42-117 | 2.8 | 25-42 | 384 | 2 | 23 | 23-68 | 3.0 | 34-55 | 379 | 3 | +1 |
| Tennessee | 19 | 27-123 | 4.6 | 21-44 | 343 | 0 | 17 | 40-95 | 2.4 | 16-40 | 192 | 7 | -4 |
| at Kentucky | 24 | 33-224 | 6.8 | 20-35 | 252 | 1 | 24 | 28-63 | 2.3 | 36-48 | 254 | 4 | +2 |
| Alabama | 21 | 21-140 | 6.7 | 22-31 | 309 | 1 | 23 | 39-111 | 2.8 | 28-42 | 336 | 1 | -1 |
| at LSU | 17 | 30-118 | 3.9 | 17-29 | 227 | 2 | 16 | 37-(-7) | -0.2 | 18-42 | 172 | 3 | 0 |
| at Auburn | 25 | 36-189 | 5.3 | 24-43 | 310 | 1 | 17 | 25-1 | 0.1 | 19-39 | 245 | 4 | +1 |
| †Georgia | 21 | 39-171 | 4.4 | 17-32 | 234 | 3 | 14 | 44-155 | 3.5 | 6-23 | 76 | 3 | +1 |
| Vanderbilt | 16 | 40-126 | 3.2 | 14-24 | 143 | 5 | 18 | 35-130 | 3.7 | 17-39 | 239 | 2 | 0 |
| at S Carolina | 18 | 34-139 | 4.1 | 15-33 | 161 | 1 | 11 | 35-87 | 2.5 | 15-32 | 164 | 5 | -1 |
| Florida St | 25 | 22-62 | 2.8 | 28-55 | 380 | 1 | 22 | 38-83 | 2.2 | 24-37 | 263 | 3 | -1 |
| Alabama (SEC Title) | 6 | 20-31 | 1.6 | 8-24 | 83 | 1 | 22 | 49-300 | 6.1 | 14-25 | 162 | 2 | -3 |
| Michigan St (Bowl) | 27 | 30-67 | 2.2 | 25-51 | 300 | 5 | 25 | 40-143 | 3.6 | 21-35 | 257 | 4 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 283 | 415-1796 | 4.3 | 262-489 | 3466 | 23 | 248 | 456-1242 | 2.7 | 272-495 | 3144 | 47 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 21.8 | 32-138 | 4.3 | 20-38 | 267 | 1.8 | 19.1 | 35-96 | 2.7 | 21-38 | 242 | 3.6 | -0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | -46' | 45-21 | L |
| at Kentucky | -27 | 42-7 | W |
| Tennessee | -7 | 62-37 | W |
| Mississippi | -29 | 28-10 | L |
| at LSU | -10' | 28-10 | W |
| at Auburn | -4 | 49-38 | W |
| at Georgia | -23' | 52-17 | W |
| N Illinois | -49 | 58-20 | L |
| at S Carolina | -20 | 63-7 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -43 | 38-7 | L |
| Florida St | -3' | 35-24 | W |
| †Arkansas | -24' | 34-3 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| SW Louisiana | -41 | 55-21 | L |
| Ga Southern | NL | 62-14 | – |
| at Tennessee | +3 | 35-29 | W |
| Kentucky | -37 | 65-0 | W |
| at Arkansas | -32 | 42-7 | W |
| LSU | -19 | 56-13 | W |
| Auburn | -22 | 51-10 | W |
| † Georgia | -35 | 47-7 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -43 | 28-21 | L |
| S Carolina | -35 | 52-25 | L |
| at Florida St | -3 | 21-24 | L |
| † Alabama | -15 | 45-30 | T |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| S Mississippi | -25 | 21-6 | L |
| C Michigan | -43 | 82-6 | W |
| Tennessee | -4 | 33-20 | W |
| at Kentucky | -24 | 55-28 | W |
| Arkansas | -36 | 56-7 | W |
| at LSU | -16' | 21-28 | L |
| at Auburn | -7' | 24-10 | W |
| † Georgia | -20' | 17-37 | L |
| Vanderbilt | -36' | 20-7 | L |
| at S Carolina | -17 | 48-21 | W |
| Florida St | +5' | 32-29 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Citadel | NL | 49-10 | – |
| NE Louisiana | -44 | 42-10 | L |
| at Tennessee | -3 | 17-20 | L |
| Kentucky | -21 | 51-35 | L |
| at Alabama | -17 | 16-10 | L |
| LSU | -12' | 22-10 | L |
| Auburn | -19 | 24-3 | W |
| † Georgia | -11' | 38-7 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -28' | 45-13 | W |
| S Carolina | -31' | 33-14 | L |
| at Florida St | +2' | 12-23 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| W Michigan | -35' | 55-26 | L |
| C Florida | -36 | 58-27 | L |
| Tennessee | -2 | 23-21 | T |
| at Kentucky | -20 | 38-10 | W |
| Alabama | -16 | 39-40 | L |
| at LSU | -14 | 31-10 | W |
| at Auburn | -16 | 32-14 | W |
| † Georgia | -14 | 30-14 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -28 | 13-6 | L |
| at S Carolina | -27 | 20-3 | L |
| Florida St | +3 | 23-30 | L |
| † Alabama | +1 | 7-34 | L |

# FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Many expected QB Chris Weinke to leave for the NFL this year, but after being projected as a 3rd round draft pick he decided to stay in school and get more experience. He is 21-1 SU as a starter including 20 straight wins, the best by any FSU QB in history, eclipsing Charlie Ward's 22-2 mark. He's also currently 5th on the FSU passing charts with 5,672 yds (only 707 away from #1) & 46 TD's & holds the ACC record with a string of 237 pass attempts without an interception. Last year Chris showed solid improvement throwing for almost 1,000 yds more than 1998 and raising his completion percentage to 61.3% with a 29-15 ratio. Marcus Outzen (6-2 220 Sr) was PS#106 and started the last 3 games of 98 and has thrown for 778 career yds (52.8%) with a 2-5 ratio. Jared Jones (6-5 235 Jr) was PS#8 but has yet to live up to his potential despite playing as a true frosh. He has hit only 7 of 19 passes and has not really contended for the #2 job. He may redshirt this year. Naturally Bowden signed a VHT (see Top Newcomers). This year, as long as Weinke stays healthy, I expect even more improvement from this position in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - FSU usually avg's close to 5.0 ypc but since Warrick Dunn left in 96, there has been a dropoff with the team avg'g just 3.5, 3.4 and 3.3 ypc. This has occurred despite having the top RB out of HS commit in two of the last four years. Travis Minor is back for his senior season with 2,466 career yds rushing and another 568 receiving. This could be the year he comes into his own and he did avg 4.5 ypc last year. Nick Maddox (6-0 190 So) was PS#1 and had 111 yds as a true frosh. Davy Ford (5-11 188 Jr) was PS#43. He had 258 yds rushing in 97, redshirted 98 with an injury and after missing last spring had just 75 yds rushing in 99. The only loss from this position is starting FB Danny Kendra who had 82 yds. William McCray, who I list below as the starting FB, was the starter at the beginning of last year but then was lost for the season with a knee injury. He is the best blocking RB on the team and his return is a big plus. Jeff Chaney (6-0 200 Sr) was PS#42LB. He has 773 yds in 2 years playing at TB and FB. The talent is here and I expect the numbers to improve this season.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the top 6 rec's returned but Laveranues Coles (#3DC of NYJ) was soon suspended from the team. Projected starting TE Nick Franklin was also lost to injury early and they were forced to play a lot of youngsters. This year two starters depart. The big loss is Peter Warrick (#1DC of CIN). Also gone is SE Ron Dugans (#3DC of CIN) who had 11 sts and was #2 with 48 rec's. Those two combined for 125 rec's and the next closest WR had just 21. The WR's not shown in the 2 deep below are Atrews Bell (5-11 201 Jr) who was PS#63QB and Greg Moore (6-1 185 So) who was PS#13. All these youngsters are talented and even without Coles, Dugans and Warrick should put up big stats. At TE Ryan Sprague, a walk-on that won the starting job over some VHT's, returns. This unit, of course, is very talented but with the loss of a playmaker like Warrick I will call it a little weaker in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Seminoles have a veteran O-line led by tackles Tarlos Thomas and Brett Williams who had their shining moment in the Sugar Bowl when they kept VT's talented DL away from Weinke all evening. They suffer a pair of big losses in C Eric Thomas (11 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd tm ACC) and OG Jason Whitaker (12 sts, 1st tm AA, 4 yr st'r). Listed as backups in the 2 deep below are a pair of players who were full-time starters in previous years including Ross Brannon who bagged 1st Team ACC honors in 98 and was injured early last year. This clearly looks like one of the best offensive lines in the NCAA this year even with the loss of an All American.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Seminoles always produce All Americans from this unit and had an amazing 4 different AA DE's in 96 & 97. NG Corey Simon (#1DC of PHI) also won the AA honors the last two years and had 22 tfl in 99. He was one of the four finalists for the Lombardi Award for the top collegiate lineman. Also departing this year is DT Jerry Johnson (#4DC of DEN, 12 sts, 1st tm ACC, 71 tkls, 9 tfl). Last year they technically lost two starters although Simon won the AA honors in 98 as a backup so they basically had 3 starters returning. This year 3 players have starting experience and naturally this unit is loaded with VHT's with 8 of the top 12 falling into that category including 3 PS#1's! Even with the losses this is still one of the best D-lines in the country.

**LINEBACKERS** - Tommy Polley, who led the team in tackles last season, tore his ACL in the Sugar Bowl versus Virginia Tech and missed spring practice. There is a chance he could be ready for the season opener. Last year FSU had to replace 2 starters and this year all 3 are back provided Polley returns. They have 4 VHT frosh that will contend for time including two true frosh. This unit has more talent and experience than last year and if some of the VHT's can take over starting jobs and Polley returns, it will be a solidly improved unit.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Seminoles led the NCAA with 22 int's last year. FSU is always at or near the top of my pass efficiency defense rankings with three top 2 finishes in the past six years. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 1 part-time starter and finished #6 in my rankings allowing 52.7% with an excellent 14-22 ratio. This year the losses are similar as they must replace CB Mario Edwards (#6DC of DAL, 9 sts, 1st tm ACC) and FS Sean Key (9 sts, 50 tkls, 2 int) as well as backup CB Reggie Durden (43 tkls). Four players return with starting experience and seven of the top 8 are VHT's. Bowden also landed the top 2 DB's out of high school this year. This is once again clearly one of the best secondaries in the NCAA.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - There is no team in the country that is as deep in VHT's and HT's as the Seminoles are year after year, so you would expect them to be at the top of my special teams rankings on an annual basis. After ranking #17 in 98, they rose to #4 last year and probably would have been higher had my special teams rankings included FG kicking percentage as they had the Lou Groza Award winner and #1DC of OAK in Sebastian Janikowski (he became the first repeat winner of the Lou Groza Award last year hitting 24 of 31 FG's). Janikowski's booming leg and 75% + touchback ratio will be missed. P Keith Cottrell was solid with a 43.0 avg and he returns. They do lose their top PR in Peter Warrick, but top KR Talman Gardner is back. Naturally with the plethora of talent they have they will once again contend for top 10 honors, but since the FG kicker and KO man are the big question marks and they may slip a couple of notches in the rankings.

QB Chris Weinke is 21-1 as a starter & is my Heisman favorite.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Travis Minor** | **189** | **891** | **41** | **850** | **7** | **4.5** |
| **Jeff Chaney** | **47** | **215** | **15** | **200** | **2** | **4.3** |
| **Nick Maddox** | **29** | **131** | **20** | **111** | **0** | **3.8** |
| Peter Warrick | 16 | 129 | 33 | 96 | 3 | 6.0 |
| Dan Kendra | 36 | 90 | 8 | 82 | 2 | 2.3 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Weinke** | **411** | **252** | **61.3** | **3432** | **29** | **15** |
| **Marcus Outzen** | **26** | **12** | **46.2** | **169** | **1** | **1** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Peter Warrick | 77 | 1097 | 14.2 | 10 | 64 |
| Ron Dugans | 48 | 743 | 15.4 | 5 | 84 |
| **Marvin Minnis** | **21** | **282** | **13.4** | **3** | **27** |
| **Robert Morgan** | **18** | **255** | **14.2** | **0** | **38** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Keith Cottrell** | **51** | **2195** | **43.0** | **-** | **39.2** | **0** | **-** |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sebastian Janikowski | 5-5 | 11-11 | 6-10 | 2-5 | 24-31 | 54 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tommy Polley** | **112** | **3** | **3** | **5** | **0** |
| **Brian Allen** | **105** | **5** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| **Bradley Jennings** | **100** | **3** | **1** | **1** | **1** |
| Corey Simon | 89 | 5 | 17 | 3 | 1 |
| **Derrick Gibson** | **79** | **2** | **1** | **8** | **4** |
| Bobby Rhodes | 73 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Jerry Johnson | 71 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| **Jamal Reynolds** | **63** | **10** | **4** | **2** | **0** |
| Sean Key | 50 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Theon Rackley | 46 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| **Chris Hope** | **45** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **4** |
| **Roland Seymour** | **43** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| Reggie Durden | 43 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Peter Warrick | 20 | 284 | 14.2 | 2 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Talman Gardner** | **10** | **208** | **20.8** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**LOUISIANA TECH -36 41-7 LOSS** 7-7 in 2Q. LT had a 1st & goal at the 4 but fmbl'd & FSU drove 95 yds & got a TD w/:39 left. Prior to that drive LT had a 189-114 yd edge. The 2H was all FSU as they got a 73 yd TD drive, a 49 yd FG, a 29 yd TD pass foll an int & a 10 yd int ret for a TD, 38-7. They settled for a 23 yd FG w/7:23 left which cost them the cover.

**GEORGIA TECH -18 41-35 LOSS** GT had a 501-444 yd edge as Hamilton hit 22 of 25 for 387 yds. There were 3 straight TD drives of 60+ yds in the 1H & when the smoke cleared FSU led 28-21. FSU drove 79 yds for a TD to open the 3Q. A roughing the P pen on 4th & 19 allowed GT to drive 80 yds for a TD, 35-28. FSU added 46 & 45 yd FG's. GT was SOD at the FSU 24 but drove 63 yds for a TD with 1:35 left. FSU ran out the clock.

**NC STATE -28 42-11 WIN** NCS had 6 turnovers. It was 3-3 after 1Q. FSU got a 51 yd TD drive (2 ptng) & 3 FG's, the latter 2 on short drives foll TO's, 18-3 at half. FSU drove 68 yds for a TD but NCS got an 83 yd TD drive, 25-11. FSU rec'd a fmbl in the EZ for a TD, got a 47 yd FG after an int & ret'd an int 47 yds for a TD & got the cover with 4:49 left.

**AT N CAROLINA -19' 42-10 WIN** FSU used 52 players in the 1Q alone. FSU drove 80 yds in 6 plays for a TD. NC fmbl'd 3 plays later & FSU got a quick TD. On the next play FSU ret'd an int 25 yds for a TD & then Warrick ret'd a punt 75 yds for a TD. Less than 7:00 in FSU led 28-0. FSU had 25-17 FD & 460-273 yd edges. It was 35-3 at the half.

**† DUKE -40 51-23 LOSS** FSU played a nearly perfect game, scoring on all 6 drives in the 1H & led 44-0 with 345 yards. In the 2H Bowden went to the reserves & Duke battled back. They closed to 44-13 after 3Q's. Bowden brought back the starting offense & Weinke hit an 84 yd TD pass & then the starters were pulled again. Duke got a 48 yd FG after an int & a 13 yd TD pass with Duke doing all its scoring vs FSU's backups.

**MIAMI, FLA -14 31-21 LOSS** I used UM as the Underdog Play in Power Sweep. FSU susp Warrick & the line dropped from 17 to 14. FSU got a 48 yd TD pass & UM got an 80 yd TD drive. FSU got a 65 yd TD drive but UM hit an 80 yd TD pass, 14-14. FSU fmbl'd & UM drove 89 yds in 13 plays, 21-14. FSU drove 73 yds to tie with 5:19 left. UM had a 282-247 yd edge at half. FSU drove 76 yds for a 38 yd FG & 97 yds for a TD with 9:55 left, 31-21. UM drove to the FSU 30 but was int'd & got to the 28 on its final drive but ran out of time.

**WAKE FOREST -30' 33-10 LOSS** FSU's defense dominated but an early fmbl set up WF for a 24 yd FG, 3-0. FSU settled for 3 FG's & led just 9-3 at half. FSU finished with a 425-178 yd edge. The game turned in the 3Q when a 9 yd punt set up a FSU 37 yd TD drive. FSU then added 2 TD's and a FG. Prior to the final drive, FSU had a 71-48 play edge & WF had just 128 total yds. WF drove 50 yds & had 7 plays from inside the 2. The ref's ruled a FSU time-out which set up WF for a 1 yd TD pass on the final play.

**AT CLEMSON -16 17-14 LOSS** This was a media circus. Warrick was finally allowed to play & had 11 rec but also 4 drops. Bowden was going for his 300th victory in this game vs his son. FSU controlled the 1Q but settled for a 33 yd FG & missed a 45 yd FG. CU's offense was stagnant until a fake punt gave them a FD at the FSU 24 & a TD completed a 16 play drive. CU went 80 yds for a TD, 14-3 at half. FSU got a 33 yd FG in the 3Q & missed a 47 yd FG. They drove 68 yds for a TD, 14-14. The next 5 poss were punts but FSU drove for a 39 yd FG with 5:25 left & CU's 41 yd att with 1:41 left was blk'd.

**AT VIRGINIA -13' 35-10 WIN** VA had a 13 play drive end in a punt but drove 10 yds for a TD foll an int, 7-0. FSU got a 91 yd TD drive. VA got a 71 yd run by Jones but settled for a 26 yd FG, 10-7 at half. FSU fmbl'd at the VA 1. FSU got a 30 yd TD drive after a bad punt. An int set them up for a 69 yd TD drive. The key to the 2H was VA QB Ellis not returning from a 1H injury. Backup Rivers was just 4 of 11 with 1 int. FSU got a Warrick 50 yd screen pass, 28-10. VA fmbl'd a punt on their own 17 & FSU added a TD late.

**MARYLAND -33 49-10 WIN** MD was w/o QB McCall & then lost frosh starting QB Harrison early 1Q. Harrison had shown his mobility would be a factor but 3rd string QB Evans hit 9 of 16 with 4 crucial int's. FSU drove 87 yds for a TD but MD got a 38 yd FG before Harrison was inj'd. Evans was int'd & FSU drove 59 yds for a TD. FSU blk'd a punt & drove 9 yds for a TD & drove 59 yds foll an int for another TD, 28-3. FSU got a 72 yd TD drive & MD was int'd in the EZ after having a 1st & goal. FSU added 2 TD drives, 49-3 & MD got a garbage TD drive. MD suffered 5 TO's & a blk'd punt.

**AT FLORIDA -3 30-23 WIN** UF alternated QB's on every play. FSU got an 80 yd 18 play TD drive & foll an int went 11 plays but settled for a 22 yd FG, 10-0. UF drove 12 plays for a 50 yd FG & FSU drove 75 yds for a 27 yd FG. UF got a 45 yd FG with :13 left, 13-6. UF settled for a 22 yd FG in the 3Q & got a 43 yd int ret for a TD, 16-13. FSU nailed a 54 yd FG & then blk'd a punt & to set up a 21 yard TD drive. UF was int'd at the 2 & 2 poss later FSU drove 78 yds for a TD, 30-16 with 6:03 left. UF drove 79 yds for a TD & gained 53 yds on its final drive which ended on an incomplete Hail Mary.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 FSU became the first team to go #1 wire to wire in the AP poll since preseason ratings began in 1950. FSU had the winningest decade in college football history in the 1990's with a 109-13-1 record and has an amazing string of 13 straight years finishing in the Top 4. Bobby Bowden finally got his first unbeaten and untied season and his second National Title. They are an amazing 60-2 in ACC play since joining and once again figure to be head and shoulders above their conference brethren. This year's FSU team must replace 10 starters but has many of the key components back including QB Weinke and the bulk of the defense. They could be an even stronger team than the 1999 version and naturally that makes them national title contenders (isn't that the case every year?). There is only one road game on the regular season schedule in which they have a shot at a possible loss and that is a trip to Miami. That trip will be more like it was in the early '90's rather than the cakewalks they have experienced in the latter part of the decade. They still appear to be a level above the Hurricanes. They of course host Florida, and that is always a war. I will call for a probable undefeated season and that means a third consecutive berth in the National Title Game.


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**TB TRAVIS MINOR SR.** 6-1 190 *PS#1 in 97. 676 yds (5.5) as true. 9 sts in 98, 940 yds (4.6), 12 sts in 99, 850 yds (4.5). **Nick Maddox** (6-0 190 So) was PS#1 in 99.*
**FB William McCray Jr.** 6-0 225 *PS#35 in 97. 23 gms in 97 & 98, 106 yds (3.1), 8 rec (6.4). 1 st in 99 but inj & RS. Jeff Chaney (PS#42) has 773 yds 2 yrs.*
**WR Anquan Boldin So.** 6-0 205 *PS#11QB. 1 st at WR as true, 13 rec. Marvin Minnis (6-1 185 Sr) PS#43. 11 rec (14.8) as rFr. 22 rec (15.4) in 98. 21 rec (13.4) ly.*
**WR Javon Walker Jr.** 6-3 190 *PS#6 in 98. 4.37 speed, JC trans. Robert Morgan (6-0 180 Jr) 18 rec (14.2). Talman Gardner (6-2 195 So) was PS#4, 7 rec.*
**TE RYAN SPRAGUE SR.** 6-5 260 *25 gms on spec tms in 97 & 98. 10 sts in 99, 5 rec (15.2). Patrick Hughes (6-5 245 Jr) was PS#7. Nick Franklin was PS#54JC.*
**C Jarad Moon Sr.** 6-4 300 *PS#18. 3 sts in 98, 1 st in 99, 3 letters. Antoine Mirambeau (6-4 280 So) PS#49. Otis Duhart (6-4 290 So) PS#49, 2 letters.*
**RG Jerry Carmichael Sr.** 6-4 310 *PS#33. 3 sts as rFr. **13 sts** in 98, inj in bowl & not 100% ly. ACL surgery missed spg. Montrae Holland (6-3 325 So) PS#18.*
**LG JUSTIN AMMAN SR.** 6-4 305 *PS#293, 525 bench. Lettered in 97 & 98. 12 sts in 99. Donald Heaven (6-6 305 Sr) PS#34, **12 sts** in 97, 2 sts in 98, 2 letters.*
**RT BRETT WILLIAMS SO.** 6-6 315 *PS#4, started L/8 as rFr, 2nd tm ACC. Char-ron Dorsey (6-7 325 Sr) PS#22DL, 11 tkls in 97, 3 tfl, 2 letters & may reds.*
**LT TARLOS THOMAS SR.** 6-5 320 *PS#21. 25 sts L/2Y, **1st tm ACC** ly. Ross Brannon (6-8 310 Jr) 10 sts in 97. 13 sts in 98, **1st tm ACC** ly, 2 sts ly inj.*
**K Brett Cimorelli Fr.** 6-4 220 *PS#36. Hit 9 of 14 FG's in HS ly, including FG's of 55 & 54 yds. 26 of 28 KO's into EZ. 3 of 5 misses ly from 52+.*

**DE DAVID WARREN SR.** 6-5 250 *PS#1, 18 tkls as true. 4.46 spd. 30 tkls in 98. 5 sts ly, 10 career tfl. **Roland Seymour** (6-4 264 Sr) PS#35, **20 sts**, 129 tkls, 12.5 sks in 3Y.*
**DT Tony Benford So.** 6-4 270 *PS#67. 12 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl as rFr. Kevin Emanuel (6-4 250 rFr) PS#27 in 98, RS in 99. Randy Wilkins (6-3 245 Sr) 9 tkls, 3Y.*
**NG Rian Cason So.** 6-5 285 *PS#9. 16 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. Chris Woods (6-3 250 So) PS#100, 28 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Jeff Womble (6-3 295 rFr) PS#11DL.*
**DE JAMAL REYNOLDS SR.** 6-4 254 *PS#2LB. 2 sts, 43 tkls, 7 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 63 tkls, **10 sks**, 2nd tm ACC ly. Darnell Dockett (6-4 260 rFr) **PS#1**, 2 tkls but RS as true.*
**SLB BRIAN ALLEN SR.** 6-2 225 *3 sts, 57 tkls, 6 tfl, 5 pbu in 98. 10 sts, 105 tkls, 5 sks, 2nd tm ACC in 99. 500 lb bench. Eric Moore (6-5 228 Fr.) PS#2 LB.*
**MLB BRADLEY JENNINGS JR.** 6-3 230 *PS#141. 24 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 100 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl in 99. Kendyll Pope (6-2 212 Fr) PS#3 in 99, in for spg.*
**WLB TOMMY POLLEY SR.** 6-5 233 *PS#14, 11 sts in 98, 59 tkls, 5 tfl, 10 sts ly, 1st tm ACC, #1 w/112 tkls, 6 tfl. Inj'd in spg. Cornelius Collier (6-1 220 rFr) PS#19.*
**CB TAY CODY SR.** 5-11 180 *PS#71. 12 sts, 3 int in 97. 13 sts in 98, 1 int, 8 pbu, 2nd tm ACC, 8 sts ly, 2 int, 5 pbu. Stanford Samuels (5-10 180 rFr) PS#43*
**CB Clevan Thomas Sr.** 6-0 175 *PS#71, 1 int as true. 10 tkls, 1 pbu in 98. 7 sts in 99, 23 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. Rufus Brown (5-10 185 rFr) PS#26 in 99.*
**SS DERRICK GIBSON SR.** 6-2 207 *PS#5. 23 tkls as true. 13 sts in 98, 46 tkls, 12 sts in 99, 79 tkls, 3 tfl, 4 int, 8 pbu, 2nd tm ACC. BJ Ward (6-4 200 Fr) PS#25LB in 99.*
**FS Chris Hope Jr.** 6-2 195 *PS#1, 34 tkls, 2 pbu as true. 3 sts in 99, 45 tkls, 4 int, 2 tfl. Abdual Howard (6-1 190 Jr) PS#13, 26 tkls, 1 int in 99.*
**P KEITH COTTRELL SR.** 6-4 205 *PS#10 in 97, 66 punts as true, 37.6 avg. 71 punts in 98, 41.1 avg, 37.1 net. 51 punts in 99. 43.0 avg & super net of 39.2!*

# FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

Tallahassee, Florida
Weather (850) 422-1212

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score FSU | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 26 | BYU (Jacksonville) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Seminoles are 25-14-2 ATS L/7Y at home. All regular season games are on grass this year and only one has been on artificial turf the last 5 years! FSU is 62-2 SU in ACC play since joining in 1992. |
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Noles are 6-0 SU but 2-4 ATS in non-Tallahassee "home" games. FSU & BYU have 1 meeting in 20 years: FSU won 44-28 in '91. |
| Sep. 9 | at Georgia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Florida St is 5-2-1 ATS their L/8 vs the Yellow Jackets. Noles are 5-2 ATS their L/7 as an away favorite. |
| Sep. 16 | N Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Seminoles are 5-2 ATS their last 7 Tallahassee openers. Florida St has held the Tar Heels under 14 pts each of the L/5Y. |
| Sep. 23 | Louisville | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FSU is 12-1 SU but just 5-8 ATS vs current CUSA schools. Last met in 1991. FSU won 40-15 but failed to cover. |
| Sep. 28 | at Maryland | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team has covered 8 straight in this series. Seminoles are 1-4-1 ATS prior to playing Miami. |
| Oct. 7 | at Miami (Fla) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Home team is 10-4 ATS in this Sunshine State battle. The favorite has chalked a 7-3 ATS mark the L/10 meetings. |
| Oct. 14 | Duke (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Florida St is 29-16-2 ATS as a home fav since '92 , but 2-5 LY. FSU's avg margin of victory over Duke the L/7Y is 37 pts. |
| Oct. 21 | Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FSU is 6-2 ATS vs the Cavaliers since joining the ACC. Noles are 8-3-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game, but 0-2 LY. |
| Oct. 28 | at N Carolina St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FSU was stunned 24-7 in their last visit to Carter-Finley. Florida St is 6-2 ATS their L/8 vs the Wolfpack. |
| Nov. 4 | Clemson | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Father beat son LY for career win #300 but CU got the cover. Tigers are 0-6 SU but 4-1-1 ATS vs FSU. |
| Nov. 11 | at Wake Forest | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FSU is 10-4 ATS the L/4Y in November, pending LW's result. The Noles are 6-1 ATS their L/7 road finales NOT vs Florida. |
| Nov. 18 | Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY the Sems posted the 1st road cover in the L/5 series meetings. FSU is 7-1 ATS their L/8 home finales. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: FSU is 8-13 ATS vs Florida since 1979. |

## STADIUM: DOAK S. CAMPBELL STADIUM (80,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 11-1 | 9-1-1 | 9-2 | 11-0 | 10-1 | 11-1 | 11-0 | 72-6-1 |
| ATS | 10-2 | 5-6 | 5-4-1 | 6-4-1 | 6-5 | 7-5 | 5-6 | 44-32-2 |
| Home Fav | 6-0 | 2-4 | 5-0-1 | 1-3-1 | 4-1 | 5-1 | 2-5 | 25-14-2 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Away Fav | 4-2 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 4-1 | 2-4 | 2-4 | 3-1 | 19-17 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Favorite | 10-2 | 5-6 | 5-3-1 | 5-4-1 | 6-5 | 7-5 | 5-6 | 43-31-2 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Grass | 9-2 | 4-6 | 5-4-1 | 6-4-1 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 42-31-2 |
| Artificial | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| vs ACC | 7-1 | 5-3 | 4-3-1 | 3-4-1 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 32-22-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-1 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 12-10 |
| Off SU Win | 8-2 | 4-5 | 4-3-1 | 6-3-1 | 6-4 | 6-4 | 5-5 | 39-26-2 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 |

## Coach: BOBBY BOWDEN (Career 304-85-4)
### *Bowden's records AT FLORIDA STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25th Year at Florida State | | 56-41-2 | Home Favorite |
| 231-53-4 | Straight Up | 4-3 | Home Underdog |
| 103-86-3 | Vs The Spread | 28-30 | Away Favorite |
| 17-7-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 15-12-1 | Away Underdog |
| 39-28-2 | Vs ACC | 65-58-1 | Vs Non-ACC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Orange | -10' | Notre Dame | 31-26 | L |
| 96 | Sugar | +3' | Florida | 20-52 | L |
| 97 | Sugar | -6' | Ohio St | 31-14 | W |
| 98 | Fiesta | -5' | Tennessee | 16-23 | L |
| 99 | Sugar | -5' | Virginia Tech | 46-29 | W |

# FLORIDA ST (12-0)

CONFERENCE: **ACC**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 6***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 41 (20,19,2)**
**Lost: 17 (8,8,1)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 38.2 | 23 | 115 | 3.3 | 305 | 59.1 | 11.0 | +10 | 1999 | 7 | 16.9 | 18 | 114 | 3.1 | 207 | 52.7 | 19.0 |
| 5 | 30.8 | 20 | 147 | 3.4 | 243 | 51.2 | 12.6 | +12 | 1998 | 5 | 12.4 | 13 | 83 | 2.3 | 146 | 42.1 | 18.4 |
| 5* | 39.0 | 21 | 108 | 3.5 | 339 | 60.0 | 11.5 | +16 | 1997 | 4 | 15.1 | 15 | 57 | 1.6 | 191 | 48.1 | 16.5 |
| 7 | 37.2 | 19 | 167 | 4.5 | 234 | 57.5 | 10.8 | -5 | 1996 | 8 | 14.5 | 15 | 67 | 1.7 | 182 | 45.9 | 17.2 |
| 6* | 46.9 | 26 | 219 | 5.8 | 326 | 63.7 | 11.6 | +15 | 1995 | 5 | 20.5 | 19 | 142 | 3.5 | 210 | 52.0 | 17.2 |
| 4 | 35.7 | 25 | 182 | 4.9 | 297 | 59.8 | 13.4 | 0 | 1994 | 6 | 16.7 | 16 | 95 | 2.8 | 192 | 50.1 | 17.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Louisiana Tech | 24 | 37-128 | 3.5 | 25-42 | 290 | 3 | | 16 | 17-19 | 1.1 | 31-52 | 250 | 1 | +2 |
| Georgia Tech | 29 | 43-182 | 4.2 | 16-29 | 262 | 1 | | 24 | 38-114 | 3.0 | 22-25 | 387 | 3 | 0 |
| N Carolina St | 23 | 35-149 | 4.3 | 23-40 | 229 | 1 | | 16 | 38-109 | 2.9 | 10-25 | 129 | 3 | +4 |
| at N Carolina | 25 | 34-135 | 4.0 | 21-34 | 325 | 2 | | 17 | 46-147 | 3.2 | 12-29 | 126 | 6 | +2 |
| Duke | 28 | 35-168 | 4.8 | 22-38 | 341 | 1 | | 14 | 33-53 | 1.6 | 17-42 | 198 | 2 | -1 |
| Miami (Fla) | 23 | 41-153 | 3.7 | 23-35 | 332 | 2 | | 23 | 31-78 | 2.5 | 27-41 | 370 | 3 | -1 |
| Wake Forest | 18 | 34-71 | 2.1 | 19-37 | 354 | 3 | | 11 | 41-42 | 1.0 | 10-20 | 136 | 4 | -1 |
| at Clemson | 26 | 41-98 | 2.4 | 24-50 | 258 | 3 | | 16 | 37-126 | 3.4 | 11-26 | 139 | 3 | 0 |
| at Virginia | 19 | 35-98 | 2.8 | 25-37 | 305 | 3 | | 13 | 42-189 | 4.5 | 11-25 | 76 | 2 | -1 |
| Maryland | 25 | 24-86 | 3.6 | 28-44 | 373 | 2 | | 12 | 42-148 | 3.5 | 11-20 | 73 | 1 | +3 |
| at Florida | 22 | 38-83 | 2.2 | 24-37 | 263 | 1 | | 25 | 22-62 | 2.8 | 28-55 | 380 | 1 | +1 |
| Virg Tech (Bowl) | 15 | 23-30 | 1.3 | 20-34 | 329 | 4 | | 24 | 52-278 | 5.3 | 15-29 | 225 | 7 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 277 | 420-1381 | 3.3 | 270-457 | 3661 | 26 | | 211 | 439-1365 | 3.1 | 205-389 | 2489 | 36 | +10 |
| AVERAGES | 23.1 | 35-115 | 3.3 | 23-38 | 305 | 2.2 | | 17.6 | 37-114 | 3.1 | 17-32 | 207 | 3.0 | 0.8 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Duke | -27 | 70-26 | W |
| at Clemson | -21 | 45-26 | L |
| N Carolina St | -27 | 77-17 | W |
| C Florida | NL | 46-14 | – |
| Miami (Fla) | -19 | 41-17 | W |
| Wake Forest | -44 | 72-13 | W |
| Georgia Tech | -32 | 42-10 | T |
| at Virginia | -19 | 28-33 | L |
| at N Carolina | -19 | 28-12 | L |
| Maryland | -33 | 59-17 | W |
| at Florida | +3' | 24-35 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Duke | -38 | 44-7 | L |
| at N Carolina St | -28 | 51-17 | W |
| N Carolina | -16 | 13-0 | L |
| Clemson | -31 | 34-3 | T |
| at Miami (Fla) | -5 | 34-16 | W |
| Virginia | -17 | 31-24 | L |
| at Georgia Tech | -19 | 49-3 | W |
| † Wake Forest | -48' | 44-7 | L |
| S Mississippi | -28 | 54-14 | W |
| † Maryland | -34' | 48-10 | W |
| Florida | +3 | 24-21 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at USC | -11' | 14-7 | L |
| Maryland | -34 | 50-7 | W |
| at Clemson | -20 | 35-28 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | -22 | 47-0 | W |
| at Duke | -35' | 51-27 | L |
| Georgia Tech | -23 | 38-0 | W |
| at Virginia | -19 | 47-21 | W |
| N Carolina St | -29' | 48-35 | L |
| at N Carolina | -7 | 20-3 | W |
| Wake Forest | -34 | 58-7 | W |
| at Florida | -5' | 29-32 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Texas A&M | -15' | 23-14 | L |
| at N Carolina St | -26 | 7-24 | L |
| Duke | -27' | 62-13 | W |
| USC | -13 | 30-10 | W |
| at Maryland | -28 | 24-10 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | -9' | 26-14 | W |
| Clemson | -26' | 48-0 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | -13 | 34-7 | W |
| N Carolina | -27 | 39-13 | L |
| Virginia | -17' | 45-14 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -28 | 24-7 | L |
| Florida | -2' | 23-12 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Louisiana Tech | -36 | 41-7 | L |
| Georgia Tech | -18 | 41-35 | L |
| N Carolina St | -28 | 42-11 | W |
| at N Carolina | -19' | 42-10 | W |
| † Duke | -40 | 51-23 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | -14 | 31-21 | L |
| Wake Forest | -30' | 33-10 | L |
| at Clemson | -16 | 17-14 | L |
| at Virginia | -13' | 35-10 | W |
| Maryland | -33 | 49-10 | W |
| at Florida | -3 | 30-23 | W |

# FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Billy Volek was a four year starter and not only put up big numbers in his 4 years but leaves with the school's all-time record for completion percentage (60.1). He also set NCAA single season and career records for lowest interception percentage. His final career numbers were 6,532 yards, 57 TD's and just 12 int's and he finished last season with 206 consecutive attempts without an int. Volek will be extremely tough to replace. David Carr (PS#102) has 11 games of experience in 2 years and was redshirted last year in order to have 2 years remaining in the post Volek era. In 98 he was actually in a QB battle with Volek and I like Carr's physical attributes. He can bench 390 lbs, has 4.7 speed and DC Coyle said the best QB they faced all season was Carr in practice. He also has a powerful arm which has fans thinking it will mean the return of the long ball to the offense. Jeff Grady (6-2 195 So) was the backup QB last year and got in 3 pass attempts and 4 rushes. Hill signed 2 true frosh in Paul Pinegar (6-5 200) and Nathan Ray (6-1 190). They will compete for the backup spot. I expect a decent season out of Carr but it will be tough to near the type of numbers or accuracy that Volek achieved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Hill has done a good job in this area. In 1997 they had a 1,000 yard rusher and after he graduated, Hill moved FB Jimmy Kimbrough into the top spot and he topped 1,000 yards with a nifty 5.5 ypc. Last year two backs split the majority of the carries. Paris Gaines (6-1 220 Jr) has breakaway speed and rushed for 693 yards (4.6) as the TB. Gaines did tear his ACL in the bowl game and missed the spring but should be available for the start of the season. Derrick Ward began the year at FB but saw some action at TB and was the leading rusher with 875 yards and a super 6.0 ypc as a rFr. Ward was dismissed from the team prior to spring but he seems to be on track to rejoin the team in August. Overall the top 6 rushers return. I list most of them below and list Ward at FB although he may play TB (if he returns). Not listed below are Josh Levi (5-7 195 So), who was PS#295 and had 192 yards rushing including a 94 yarder vs SJSU, and James Tillman (5-11 205 So), who had 61 yards rushing last year and was PS#310. This year's top recruit is also a RB in Kevin Tennerson and he may step right into a major role. With everyone back (provided Gaines recovers from injury and Ward meets his academic requirements) this unit looks stronger in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Bulldogs returned both of their starting WR's but lost their TE and they are in much the same shape this year. Charles Smith and Rodney Wright proved to be a diminutive (both are 5-9) yet potent combo at WR as the two paired for 130 rec's (13.1) and are back to torment WAC secondaries again. Each missed spring practice, with Wright trying to get back on track academically. Saleem Mahdi was an HT (PS#36) and after academic problems and injuries has 4 starts and 24 rec's the last 2 years. Atnaf Harris (6-0 180 Jr) has 24 rec's in two seasons. Bernard Berrian (6-1 190 So) had 1 start as a true frosh and 6 rec's (9.7). David Shabaglian (6-0 184 Jr) had 1 start as a true frosh and is a possession receiver. I don't see a TE with the size and receiving skills of last year's starter Branstetter so that spot looks a little weaker. Overall this unit is even more experienced and talented than last year and looks stronger.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This unit was young to begin with last year as they had only 2 starters returning but one lost his job so they had 4 new starting linemen. Three games into the season they lost two starters to injury in Ahmad Bhatti and Joe Schey. This young, injury plagued group actually helped the offense achieve some great statistics. They averaged a nifty 4.5 ypc rushing and the team set a school record, allowing just 13 QB sacks. They must replace 3 starters this year in LT Chad Ede (10 sts, HM WAC), LG Rob Gatrell (13 sts, 2nd tm WAC) and RG Mike Stovall (12 sts) who quit the team in spring. Four players return with starting experience including Bhatti and Schey, who are back from injury. The projected starters average over 300 lbs per man. Last year's line was very productive and while this year's has even more experience, I'll call it equal to the very solid 99 squad.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Bulldogs had to replace one starter and one backup last year but had 3 starters returning to the front. This year they must replace DE Frank Battle (9 sts, 8 tfl) and DE Seandale Jackson (2 sts, 26 tkl, 3 tfl). They receive a solid addition in Jake Probst who had 11 starts in 97 and 98 and returns after missing the 99 season due to injury. There are 3 solid returning starters: Thabiti Lockhart (an HT), Alan Harper (1st tm WAC) and Justin Johnson (12 tfl). Six of the top 8 have starting experience with Nicholas Burley earning HM WAC honors as a backup. This looks like one of the WAC's best D-lines.

**LINEBACKERS** - FSU had to replace one starter and one backup last year. After 5 games OLB Justin Johnson moved to DE and DE Chiaramonte moved to OLB where each were more productive. The NCAA's smallest MLB, Tim Skipper, got in 9 starts in an injury plagued season. After earning 1st team WAC honors in 98, he earned 2nd team WAC honors last year. Orlando Huff is a prototypical NFL LB with size and skills. He took over the starting job for OLB Rasheed Saafir and earned 1st team WAC honors in 99. This year they must replace MLB Allan Nicholas (4 sts, 53 tkl, 2 tfl) and OLB Rasheed Saafir (5 sts, 43 tkl, 9 tfl). Three players return who earned 9 or more starts last year. This unit looks stronger and should be one of the WAC's best LB corps.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Bulldogs ranked 59th in my pass defense rankings in 97 and despite having to replace 4 players who combined for 27 starts, Hill thought this unit was the strength of the team heading into 98 and they rose to #36. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a #3 draft pick and dropped to #53, allowing 54% with 17 TD's and 16 int's. This year they must replace CB Payton Williams (9 sts, 46 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu) and FS Curtis Edwards (2 sts, 3 int, 6 pbu). Six players return with starting experience and they get a solid transfer from the RB corps in Marcellus Armstrong who should win a starter's job with his 4.4 speed. Their top DB last year, FS Anthony Limbrick (1st tm WAC), returns. He quit baseball to concentrate on football last year and it clearly showed in his play. This is a more experienced and stronger group and should make a good climb in the pass defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This is always an area of strength for FSU, with their lowest finish in my special teams rankings in the last 5 years being 36th and they finished #14 in 1998. FSU blocks a lot of kicks by design. Last year they finished #25 overall with a super net punting of 39.0 and solid PR's. They lose both K and P this year. Jeff Hanna hit 11 of 16 FG's with a long of 37 and Joel Comfort had 57 punts (40.5). Hill recruited a JUCO P in Jason Simpson who should do well but the kicking job is up in the air. All the top returnmen are back and they proved to be solid last year. As long as the JUCO P takes charge, this group will contend for a top 25 finish this year.

LB Tim Skipper is short in stature but huge on the field.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Derrick Ward** | 147 | 906 | 31 | 875 | 7 | 6.0 |
| **Paris Gaines** | 151 | 744 | 51 | 693 | 3 | 4.6 |
| **Josh Levi** | 25 | 197 | 5 | 192 | 2 | 7.7 |
| **Marcellus Armstrong** | 33 | 161 | 10 | 151 | 2 | 4.6 |
| **Akka-Ar Moses** | 30 | 107 | 0 | 107 | 0 | 3.6 |
| **Charles Smith** | 10 | 77 | 5 | 72 | 0 | 7.2 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Billy Volek | 383 | 249 | 65.0 | 2706 | 30 | 3 |
| **Jeff Grady** | 3 | 1 | 33.3 | 23 | 1 | 0 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Rodney Wright** | | 74 | 1062 | 14.4 | 7 | 83 |
| **Charles Smith** | | 56 | 653 | 11.7 | 7 | 45 |
| **Paris Gaines** | | 37 | 312 | 8.4 | 4 | 27 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Joel Comfort | 57 | 2311 | 40.5 | - | - | 0 | 23 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Jeff Hanna | 6-6 | 5-6 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 11-16 | 37 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Vernon Fox** | 103 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| **Tim Skipper** | 86 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| **Oriando Huff** | 86 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| **Alan Harper** | 80 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 0 |
| **Anthony Limbrick** | 78 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| **Dante Marsh** | 58 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Allan Nicholas | 53 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Giachino Chiaramonte | 52 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| **Thabiti Lockhart** | 52 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **Justin Johnson** | 49 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| Payton Williams | 46 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| Rasheed Saafir | 43 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Curtis Edwards | 36 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Charles Smith** | 18 | 180 | 10.0 | 0 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Rodney Wright** | 27 | 584 | 21.6 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**PORTLAND ST NL 34-6** - Volek played 3Q's & had 4 TD's. FSU led 21-3 at half. FSU led 34-6 after 3Q's but finished with just a 374-358 yd edge and one less FD.

**AT OREGON ST +3' 23-46 LOSS** OSU fmbl'd on the 1st play & FSU got a 25 yd TD pass. OSU settled for a 21 yd FG. OSU got a safety (bad snap on a punt) & drove 62 yds for a TD. Another bad snap caused a safety but FSU got a 3 yd TD on a blk'd punt. At this point FSU led 14-13 but had -2 yds offense. OSU got a 24 yd int ret for a TD & added a TD, 26-14 at half. FSU settled for a 22 yd FG in the 3Q but OSU blew it open with two 3Q TD's 39-17. Each team got a 4Q TD & OSU had a 509-241 yd edge.

**AT UCLA +21 21-35 WIN** UCLA's susp players ret'd. FSU barely missed 2 1Q TD's on long passes & UCLA got a 26 yd FG, 24 yd TD pass & 2 yd TD run, 17-7. FSU was at the UCLA 20 late 1H but an 83 yd int ret set up an UCLA 28 yd FG, 20-7. FSU got a 3Q TD pass & conv on 4th & 2 to set up another TD, 21-20. FSU fmbl'd a punt setting up a 31 yd UCLA TD drive. 4Q UCLA got a 51 yd pass on 3rd & 18 to set up a TD. UCLA had a 415-313 yd edge.

**AT NEVADA +1' 49-24 WIN** FSU was w/o 2 inj'd starting OL who were lost for the year. Ward (176 yds) had a huge 1Q including an 86 yd TD run. He also blk'd a punt for a TD, 20-0 after 1Q. FSU had 547 yds vs the beleaguered NU defense but NU had a 27-19 FD edge. It was 34-18 after 3Q's but FSU got two TD's to ice it & NU got a late TD.

**TCU (OT) -4' 26-19 WIN** FSU held TCU to just 59 yds rush but allowed 203 passing. TCU drove 70 yds for a TD & missed a 41 yd FG. FSU had a fake FG stopped. FSU drove 35 yds after a botched punt for a TD, 7-7. TCU ret'd the 3Q KO 95 yds for a TD, 13-7. FSU was SOD & then botched another FG. TCU settled for a 28 yd FG, 16-7. FSU got a FG. TCU had a 1st & goal at the 6 but settled for a FG, 19-10. FSU got a 27 yd FG, 19-13. FSU got a 57 yd drive for a TD with 1:08 left (xp blk'd). In OT FSU got a 7 yd TD pass & TCU was SOD.

**COLORADO ST +3' 44-13 WIN** Misleading final. CSU dominated the 1H with a 263-170 yd edge & only one 3 & out poss. They had a FG blk'd and a fake FG stopped. FSU got a 37 yd FG. CSU got a 20 yd TD pass with just 2:09 left 1H. CSU had the ball again but 1 of QB Newton's 4 int's was ret'd deep into CSU terr. On 3rd & 17 FSU got a 29 yd TD pass just :48 before half & somehow led 10-7. FSU opened the 3Q with a 10 yd drive foll an int that went thru the WR's hands. FSU got a 46 yd run setting up an 18 yd FG. FSU then got an int ret to the CSU 17 setting up a 27 yd FG. CSU got a 15 yd TD pass with 9:32 left, 23-13. Ward ripped off a 75 yd TD run. FSU drove 20 yds foll a fmbl for a TD with 6:39 left & Burley's 27 yd int ret in the final minute skewed the final. CSU had a 21-11 FD edge.

**AT SMU -14' 14-24 LOSS** I used SMU as the Thurs Night PPH Play. Very small crowd at the Cotton Bowl. FSU faked a punt on its own 26 & was stopped & SMU drove for a TD. SMU added a 37 yd TD drive foll a fmbl. FSU drove 80 yds for a TD but SMU got a 64 yd TD drive, 21-7 at half. SMU had a 13-6 FD edge at half. FSU got a 3Q 83 yd TD pass. SMU missed a 39 yd FG but got a 37 yd FG with 6:02 left. FSU was SOD at the SMU 27 with 3:37 left.

**UTEP (OT) -10' 24-23 LOSS** UTEP had 448-311 yd & 30-14 FD edges. FSU had just 6 FD's in the 1st 3Q's. FSU got a 65 yd TD pass in the 1Q. UTEP hit a 23 yd FG late. FSU, taking advantage of the prevent defense, went 70 yds for a TD. UTEP got a 31 yd FG, 14-6 at half. FSU added a 36 yd FG in the 3Q foll a fmbl. UTEP drove to the FSU 1 but settled for a FG & later drove for a TD, 17-17 after 3Q's. UTEP fmbl'd at the FSU 5 in the 4Q. OT. FSU & UTEP got TD's but UTEP HC Bailey went for 2 & was stopped.

**AT TULSA -14' 28-14 LOSS** UT Coach Rader had been fired during the week. Dreary night, small crowd, misleading final. UT had a 367-272 yd edge but 3 TO's. UT took their 1st 2 poss 92 & 68 yds for TD's. UT had a 160-1 yd edge at that point. UT missed a 44 yd FG. FSU got 2 FG's. FSU got its only offensive TD in the 3Q to tie. UT QB Blankenship just missed a 20 yd TD pass. On the next play, Limbrick ret'd an int 76 yds for a TD & 14 pt turnaround. UT dropped a 65 yd int ret for a TD & then just missed a wide open rec on what would have been an 80 yd TD pass. With :03 left, FSU ret'd an int 52 yds for a TD.

**RICE -2' 47-18 WIN** FSU had 274 yds rushing & 204 passing & Rice went 3 & out on its 1st 3 poss. FSU got 3 TD's on 53, 56 and 49 yd drives. 27-10 at half. FSU opened the 3Q with another TD & led 34-18 after 3Q's and added two 4Q TD's in front of the 7th largest crowd in school history at 39,097.

**AT HAWAII (OT) -3 24-31 LOSS** I used a 4★ Late Phone Selection on UH. UH led 13-7 at the half. UH was SOD at the FSU 15 but FSU fmbl'd & UH drove 17 yds for a TD, 21-7 in the 4Q. FSU drove 77 yds for a TD. UH drove 83 yds for a 29 yd FG but missed it with 4:01 left. FSU got a roughing the passer call on 4th & 2 & went 80 yds for a TD with just 1:35 left. Each got FG's in the 1st OT. UH got a TD & FSU's 4th & 22 pass fell inc.

**SAN JOSE ST -16 63-12 WIN** FSU dominated. Volek hit 22 of 30 for 311 yds & FSU amassed 351 yds rush & 344 pass. SJS had just 195 yds in 3Q's. FSU led 21-0 after 1Q, 35-6 at half, 49-6 after 3Q's & got a 94 yd run by Armstrong, 63-6, before SJS got a garbage TD.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

When Pat Hill took over the program, he chose to build it the right way by recruiting freshmen who would be with the program four or five years as opposed to the heavy JUCO infusion relied on in previous years. In each of his first three seasons the team has been on the young side especially after the JUCO's graduated. After 6-6 and 5-6 finishes he guided them to a bowl bid last year and an 8-5 finish. This year Hill had 75 players in for spring practice, the most yet in his tenure. His teams are well conditioned and did extremely well in the 4Q last year, outscoring the opposition 102-46 for the year. Hill has made it tough for opponents when they visit Bulldog Stadium as they are 13-3 SU at home in his 3 seasons as the coach. The coaches are very high on new starting QB Carr and as long as the RB's and WR's that missed spring return in the fall, they could come close to last year's output on offense. The defense returns 4 players who were 1st team WAC in '99 and has 9 starters back overall. They have the second best defense in the WAC. They do open with a pair of toughies on the road (Ohio St and UCLA) which will help them prepare for conference play. Their two toughest WAC rivals must be faced away from Bulldog Stadium so it looks like a 6 or 7 win season in conference play. They should definitely be back into the postseason as long as their skill players return.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| RB | Kevin Tennerson | 5-10 190 PS#132 |
| WR | Jason Washington | 6-1 190 PS#118 |
| DL | Fai Satele | 6-1 270 PS#139 |
| DL | Tamarcus Tyson | 6-3 270 PS#205 |
| P | Jayson Simpson | 6-1 185 PS#188JC |
| LB | David Adamo | 6-2 235 PS#227 |
| QB | Paul Pinegar | 6-5 200 PS#156 |
| DL | Jamal Jones | 6-0 220 PS#232 |
| DL | Claude Sanders | 6-3 215 PS#269 |
| RB | Therrian Fontenot | 6-0 180 PS#347 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB David Carr Jr.** 6-3 220 *PS#102QB. 4 gms as true, 11 passes. 7 games in 98, 228 yds (54%), 1-1 ratio. Jeff Grady (6-2 195 So) 6 gms in 99.*
**RB PARIS GAINES JR.** 6-1 220 *PS#259. 1 st in 98, 257 yds (4.6). 11 sts in 99, 693 yds (4.6), 37 rec (8.4). James Tillman (5-11 205 So) PS#310, 70 yds in 99.*
**FB DERRICK WARD SO.** 6-0 225 *PS#239 in 98. 4 sts as rFr, #1 w/875 yds (6.0). Akka-Ar Moses (5-11 235 Sr) was PS#145, 213 career rush yds (4.0), 9 rec.*
**WR CHARLES SMITH JR.** 5-9 175 *PS#151. 7 sts as rFr, 42 rec (14.8), 13 sts in 99, 56 rec (11.7). 294 return yds. Saleem Mahdi (6-1 180 Sr) 24 career rec.*
**WR RODNEY WRIGHT SR.** 5-9 175 *PS#131. 1 st as true, 6 rec (19.3). 9 sts in 99, #1 w/74 rec (14.4). Marque Davis (6-0 190 So) PS#102, 2 rec as true.*
**TE Billy Jack Pierce Jr.** 6-1 245 *PS#155TE. 6 sts in 98, 16 rec (6.3). Donnell Burch (6-5 280 Jr) was PS#111. Jeremy Johnson (6-4 215 rFr) was PS#104.*
**C RODNEY MICHAEL SO.** 6-4 295 *Large for a C. +25 lbs in 99, 11 sts as rFr. Good hvywt wrestler in HS. Aaron Eubanks (6-2 285 rFr) PS#112.*
**RG Russell Harding So.** 6-2 295 *1 st, 7 gms as true at NG, 2 tkls. RS in 98 after injury. Still recovering in 99, DNP. Ian Harper (6-3 295 rFr).*
**LG Ahmad Bhatti Sr.** 6-3 308 *JC trans in 98. Started L/5 here in 98. 3 sts in 99 til inj & RS. DeJon Kelly (6-1 295 So), 6 gms in 99 til inj.*
**RT KEVIN JORDAN SR.** 6-5 305 *PS#237DL. 2 sts at DE as rFr, 24 tkls, 1 tfl. Inj in 98. 12 sts at RT in 99, +10 lbs. Justin Brown (6-6 295 rFr).*
**LT Joe Schey So.** 6-6 305 *PS#389OL in 98. Started 1st 3 in 99 til inj'd. Missed spring. Mike Painchaud (6-5 290 rFr) was PS#134OL.*
**K David Beeman rFr.** 6-0 185 *Walk-on who was only K on roster in spring. RS in 99. Must replace Jeff Hanna who hit 11 of 16 FG's in 99.*

**DE JUSTIN JOHNSON SR.** 6-3 220 *4 sks as true. 11 sts in 98, 50 tkls, 4 sks. 11 sts in 99, 49 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl. Brock Tomesdal (6-5 270 Jr) 5 sts, 3 tfl, 2Y.*
**NG THABITI LOCKHART SR.** 6-3 290 *PS#62LB & orig at Cal. 14 tkls in 98. 12 sts in 99, 52 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. Grant Harrington (5-11 260 Jr) 1 st, 23 tkls, 5 tfl ly.*
**DT ALAN HARPER JR.** 6-2 285 *43 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. 13 sts in 99, 80 tkls, 5 sks, 15 tfl, 3 pbu, **1st tm WAC**. Jason Stewart was PS#232, 35 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr.*
**DE Nicholas Burley So.** 6-4 240 *32 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl, 6 pbu, HM WAC as rFr. **Jake Probst** (6-5 250) PS#336, 6 sts as true, 29 tkls, 3 tfl. 5 sts in 98, 25 tkls, RS ly.*
**OLB ORLANDO HUFF SR.** 6-3 230 *PS#215JC. 9 sts in 99, 86 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl, 3 pbu, **1st tm WAC**, NFL potential. Tyrell Grayson PS#220DB, 80 tkls, 7 tfl, 3 yrs.*
**MLB TIM SKIPPER SR.** 5-7 200 *11 sts in 97, 117 tkls, 9 tfl. 11 sts in 98, **1st tm WAC**, 108 tkls, 17.5 tfl. 2nd tm WAC ly, 86 tkls, 8 tfl, 9 sts (inj). M Rodriguez has 4 tfl.*
**OLB GIACHINO CHIARAMONTE SR.** 6-0 250 *38 tkls in 97. 7 tkls in 98. 13 sts ly, 52 tkls, 7 tfl, HM WAC. Sam Williams (6-5 225) 3 tfl as rFr. Bobby Gains (6-1 205) PS#204.*
**CB DANTE MARSH SR.** 5-10 190 *9 tkls in 97. 4 sts in 98, 54 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. 13 sts, 58 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu. Lawrence Deck (5-10 190) 2 sts, 39 tkls, 2 pbu 3Y.*
**CB Marcellus Armstrong So.** 5-7 190 *PS#207RB. 225 yds at RB in 99, 4 tkls. Devon Banks (5-11 190 Jr) 2 sts, 31 tkls ly. Tierre Sams (5-9 175 Jr) 1 int, 4 pbu ly.*
**SS VERNON FOX JR.** 5-10 200 *1 st in 98, 37 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. 13 sts in 99. 103 tkls, 7 tfl, 2 pbu. Bryce McGill (5-11 195 rFr) PS#233, 25 yds rush but RS ly.*
**FS ANTHONY LIMBRICK SR.** 6-1 205 *PS#77, 21 tkls, 3 pbu 97-98. 10 sts in 99, 78 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. **1st tm WAC**. Terence Brown (6-2 205 Sr) 21 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu ly.*
**P Jason Simpson Jr.** 6-1 185 *PS#188JC. 55 punts for 2299 yds at JC in 99, solid 41.8 avg, 12 inside 20, 11 punts of 50+. Also 32 rec for 540 yds as WR.*

# FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

Fresno, California
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score FSU | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | After having no weeks off last year the Bulldogs have two bye weeks on their schedule this season. |
| Sep. 2 | at Ohio St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fresno St is 2-4 ATS in season openers. They won a "NL" game LY. Bulldogs are 1-6 ATS in the first of two or more away games. |
| Sep. 9 | at UCLA | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FSU is 4-2 ATS their L/6 vs the Pac 10, but UCLA covered in '95. Under Hill, Bulldogs are 11-5 ATS after a SU loss. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | California | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs are 8-3 ATS L/11 in their 1st lined home game but 3-3 L/6Y. Despite a 2-0 mark LY, FSU was 4-6 ATS L/10 vs other Cal teams prior to TY. |
| Sep. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | at Rice | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | FSU is 7-14 ATS on artificial turf since 1988. Bulldogs are 12-20 ATS in October since 1992. |
| Oct. 14 | Nevada | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The road team has posted wins & covered as dogs each of the L2Y. Fresno St is 9-2 ATS their L/11 sandwiched home games. |
| Oct. 21 | at UTEP | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 4-0-1 SU, 3-2 ATS in this series. Could apply here: FSU is 6-13 ATS as an away favorite since 91. |
| Oct. 28 | Tulsa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs are 3-7 ATS in the 1st of B2B home games. LY, FSU failed to cover vs Tulsa by just a 1/2 pt as 14' pt chalk. |
| Nov. 4 | Hawaii | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 7-1 ATS in this series. FSU is 6-12 ATS in the 2nd of B2B home gms. |
| Nov. 11 | at TCU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending earlier results TY, FSU is 13-20 ATS L/33 as an away dog. This is likely the only time FSU will be a conf dog: they are 6-11 L/17 in that role. |
| Nov. 18 | SMU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs are 8-4 ATS their L/12 November home games. FSU lost to SMU LY in a National TV Thurs Night game. FSU had 3 turnovers. |
| Nov. 25 | at San Jose St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fresno St is 8-1 SU but 2-4 ATS vs the Spartans since 1988. Bulldogs are 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS L/5Y in their road finale. |
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## STADIUM: BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 5-7-1 | 5-7 | 4-7 | 6-6 | 5-6 | 8-4 | 41-40-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 5-6 | 4-8 | 5-6 | 6-6 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 37-42 |
| Home Fav | 3-3 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 16-13 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 7-3 |
| Away Fav | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-3 | 3-9 |
| Away Dog | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1-4 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 11-17 |
| Favorite | 4-4 | 2-3 | 3-3 | 2-2 | 2-4 | 3-2 | 3-4 | 19-22 |
| Dog | 1-2 | 3-3 | 1-5 | 3-4 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 3-1 | 18-20 |
| Grass | 5-5 | 4-4 | 4-7 | 5-4 | 5-5 | 4-5 | 6-2 | 33-32 |
| Artificial | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-3 | 4-10 |
| vs WAC | 4-4 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 26-30 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 11-12 |
| Off SU Win | 4-3 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 3-4 | 14-22 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-2 | 4-3 | 2-4 | 3-3 | 4-2 | 4-2 | 3-1 | 21-17 |

## Coach: PAT HILL (Career 19-17)
### *Hill's records AT FRESNO STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Fresno State | | 6-6 | Home Favorite |
| 19-17 | Straight Up | 4-0 | Home Underdog |
| 18-16 | Vs The Spread | 2-4 | Away Favorite |
| 11-5 | Off A S/U Loss | 6-6 | Away Underdog |
| 13-11 | Vs WAC | 5-5 | Vs Non-WAC |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | Raisin | NL | Ball St | 27-6 | W |
| 91 | Raisin | -15 | Bowling Green | 21-28 | L |
| 92 | Freedom | +8 | USC | 24-7 | W |
| 93 | Aloha | +7 | Colorado | 30-41 | L |
| 99 | Las Vegas | +4' | Utah | 16-17 | W |

# FRESNO ST (8-5)

CONFERENCE: **WAC**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 6**
**DEFENSE: 9**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 38 (19,19,0)**
**Lost: 14 (6,6,2)**

## FRESNO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 31.8 | 19 | 169 | 4.5 | 214 | 64.9 | 12.1 | +5 | 1999 | 6 | 21.7 | 21 | 143 | 3.5 | 252 | 54.0 | 18.2 |
| 6* | 24.1 | 17 | 154 | 4.0 | 204 | 57.4 | 14.8 | +10 | 1998 | 7 | 20.5 | 20 | 159 | 3.6 | 197 | 54.6 | 17.4 |
| 7 | 26.5 | 18 | 152 | 3.9 | 168 | 55.8 | 12.1 | +13 | 1997 | 6 | 24.0 | 21 | 176 | 4.1 | 199 | 57.6 | 15.6 |
| 7* | 24.3 | 24 | 171 | 4.2 | 255 | 59.8 | 17.5 | -20 | 1996 | 8 | 31.3 | 23 | 183 | 4.5 | 233 | 57.9 | 13.3 |
| 8* | 30.9 | 24 | 166 | 4.3 | 290 | 57.2 | 14.8 | -5 | 1995 | 5 | 32.3 | 24 | 220 | 4.9 | 247 | 54.0 | 14.5 |
| 3 | 28.9 | 21 | 138 | 3.4 | 254 | 56.1 | 13.6 | -3 | 1994 | 6 | 32.8 | 22 | 209 | 4.8 | 256 | 56.7 | 14.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Portland St | 21 | 41-174 | 4.2 | 13-22 | 200 | 0 | | 22 | 30-119 | 4.0 | 24-52 | 239 | 1 | +1 |
| at Oregon St | 19 | 35-45 | 1.3 | 23-37 | 196 | 3 | | 23 | 46-206 | 4.5 | 16-29 | 303 | 2 | -1 |
| at UCLA | 22 | 36-115 | 3.2 | 19-34 | 198 | 0 | | 21 | 41-126 | 3.1 | 22-36 | 289 | 1 | -1 |
| at Nevada | 19 | 51-348 | 6.8 | 16-23 | 199 | 0 | | 27 | 34-84 | 2.5 | 26-42 | 376 | 5 | -2 |
| TCU | 20 | 41-146 | 3.6 | 22-31 | 203 | 5 | | 15 | 37-59 | 1.6 | 18-32 | 271 | 1 | +1 |
| Colorado St | 11 | 36-203 | 5.6 | 15-21 | 179 | 1 | | 21 | 33-140 | 4.2 | 24-38 | 281 | 3 | +4 |
| at SMU | 16 | 23-65 | 2.8 | 26-37 | 299 | 0 | | 18 | 58-194 | 3.3 | 11-20 | 157 | 2 | -2 |
| UTEP | 14 | 29-87 | 3.0 | 15-28 | 224 | 2 | | 30 | 51-147 | 2.9 | 26-45 | 301 | 3 | +2 |
| at Tulsa | 14 | 34-112 | 3.3 | 18-27 | 160 | 0 | | 22 | 38-120 | 3.2 | 19-36 | 247 | 4 | +3 |
| Rice | 21 | 42-274 | 6.5 | 13-16 | 204 | 1 | | 14 | 46-99 | 2.2 | 9-14 | 123 | 2 | 0 |
| at Hawaii | 27 | 41-150 | 3.7 | 34-52 | 235 | 1 | | 19 | 29-129 | 4.4 | 21-48 | 268 | 2 | -2 |
| San Jose St | 32 | 52-351 | 6.8 | 23-31 | 334 | 0 | | 15 | 30-96 | 3.2 | 16-34 | 209 | 3 | +1 |
| Utah (Bowl) | 16 | 32-132 | 4.1 | 14-28 | 147 | 0 | | 25 | 54-334 | 6.2 | 11-24 | 214 | 3 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 252 | 493-2202 | 4.5 | 251-387 | 2778 | 13 | | 272 | 527-1853 | 3.5 | 243-450 | 3278 | 32 | +5 |
| AVERAGES | 19.4 | 38-169 | 4.5 | 19-29.8 | 214 | 1.0 | | 20.9 | 41-143 | 3.5 | 19-35 | 252 | 2.5 | 0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| NE Louisiana | -20' | 31-17 | L |
| at California | +5' | 25-24 | W |
| Pacific | -19 | 56-24 | W |
| at Utah | +1 | 21-25 | L |
| at UCLA | +11 | 21-45 | L |
| N Mexico | -12 | 51-34 | W |
| at San Diego St | +2' | 24-48 | L |
| Air Force | -3' | 20-31 | L |
| at Hawaii | -9 | 36-42 | L |
| UTEP | -22 | 47-14 | W |
| at Wyoming | +4' | 10-38 | L |
| BYU | +4 | 28-45 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oregon | +7 | 27-30 | W |
| at Auburn | +16' | 0-62 | L |
| at Utah | +9' | 17-45 | L |
| Hawaii | -19 | 20-0 | W |
| San Jose St | -20 | 28-18 | L |
| at Wyoming | +14 | 21-42 | L |
| at UNLV | -16' | 34-23 | L |
| Boise St | -19 | 41-7 | W |
| Colorado St | +3' | 20-42 | L |
| Air Force | +10 | 38-44 | W |
| at San Diego St | +14 | 21-31 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Portland St | -29' | 35-7 | L |
| Baylor | -1' | 35-37 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | +8' | 0-35 | L |
| at Oregon | +19 | 40-43 | W |
| Utah | +10 | 27-13 | W |
| at Hawaii | -11 | 16-28 | L |
| at Air Force | +12 | 20-17 | W |
| UNLV | -11 | 46-28 | W |
| at San Jose St | -8 | 53-12 | W |
| at Colorado St | +16' | 3-41 | L |
| San Diego St | -3' | 19-20 | L |
| Wyoming | +6 | 24-7 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Colorado | +21 | 21-29 | W |
| at Texas Tech | +13' | 28-34 | W |
| Nevada | -13' | 24-27 | L |
| BYU | +7 | 31-21 | W |
| at TCU | +1 | 10-21 | L |
| at Utah | +7' | 16-24 | L |
| UTEP | -10' | 32-6 | W |
| at N Mexico | -5' | 28-20 | W |
| at San Diego St | +1 | 0-10 | L |
| Hawaii | -27' | 51-12 | W |
| San Jose St | -14 | 24-21 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Portland St | NL | 34-6 | – |
| at Oregon St | +3' | 23-46 | L |
| at UCLA | +21 | 21-35 | W |
| at Nevada | +1' | 49-24 | W |
| TCU | -4' | 26-19 | W |
| Colorado St | +3' | 44-13 | W |
| at SMU | -14' | 14-24 | L |
| UTEP | -10' | 24-23 | L |
| at Tulsa | -14' | 28-14 | L |
| Rice | -2' | 47-18 | W |
| at Hawaii | -3 | 24-31 | L |
| San Jose St | -16 | 63-12 | W |

# GEORGIA BULLDOGS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Quincy Carter enters his third year as a starter. Carter has already thrown for 5,662 yards, fourth best among all QB's in NCAA history after 2 years. He originally signed at GT (PS #4) back in 96 but played in the Cubs farm system for 2 years. He joined Georgia in 98 and threw for 2,706 yards (60%) with a 14-12 ratio and had 503 yards rushing. Carter had improved numbers last year with 2,956 yards (57%) and a super 18-6 ratio despite breaking in a new receiving corps. He threw 170 consecutive passes without an int at one point and rushed for 503 yards. Donnan was forced to cut back on Carter's option running as he suffered two concussions. That may be the only thing between him and the Heisman this year because if he keeps presenting a threat on the option, he makes it almost impossible on opposing defensive coordinators. He is the perfect package of dangerous running and accurate passing with a strong arm. Regan Torbert (6-4 205 rFr) was PS#38. I expect him to see some work as Carter would have been a 1st round DC in the NFL this year and it is doubtful he would turn down the Pros again. Carter did not really have a backup in 99 as WR LaBrone Mitchell (6-1 203 Jr, PS#25QB) held the role. There are 3 true frosh who may contend for playing time. As long as Carter stays healthy, this position is at the top of the NCAA.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Denver Broncos have taken a couple of GA backs in the middle rounds of the NFL draft and prospered with both Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary. GA had two of the top RB's out of HS in Patrick Pass and Jasper Sanks the last few years but neither lived up to their promise previously. Jasper Sanks reported 25 lbs overweight as a true frosh and was hampered by injuries. Last season he came into camp in great shape and showed why he was PS#2, rushing for 902 yards (5.0). He could be among the best backs in the SEC. They lose RB Pass (7 sts, 372 yds, #7DC of NE) and RB Robert Amaud (2 sts, 149 yds) but there is plenty of talent contending for time. I list six RB's below and including Sanks, 3 are VHT's. They also add JC RB Demetric Moore. RFr Bruce Thornton (PS#12) or true frosh Albert Hollis (PS#2) will likely become the other starting RB. Not even included in this group is Charles Grant who rushed for 79 yards as a true frosh while also playing DE. As long as Sanks shows the same off field determination as he did last year, this unit will be improved in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year they lost their top four receivers to graduation. Donnan brought in two of the top five WR's out of HS but neither qualified. Robert Edwards' brother, Terrance, proved to be the star of this young group last year leading the team with 61 rec's (14.2) as a true frosh. Basically everyone who caught a pass returns and they have some top notch newcomers. I list TE's three deep and also in the mix is Robert Brannon (6-4 231 rFr, PS#31). Not listed below with the WR's are LaBrone Mitchell (6-1 203 Jr) who was PS#25QB, and Damien Gary (5-10 170 rFr, PS#27). The two VHT recruits that DNQ last year are Reggie Brown (6-2 185, PS #1) and Durell Robinson (PS#4) who had an impressive spring. Naturally this is a much more experienced and talented group in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Bulldogs had to replace both a 1st and 2nd round draft pick and this year lose 2 more top notch starters. Gone are C Miles Luckie (12 sts, 1st tm SEC) and LG Steve Herndon (12 sts, 1st tm SEC). Jonas Jennings, Jon Stinchcomb and Kevin Breedlove are all 1st team SEC caliber and there are plenty of HT's in the 2 deep I list below. Even with the losses, this group looks to be in about the same shape as last year which is actually pretty good.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - In my mind Georgia has the best group of defensive tackles in the country led by Marcus Stroud and Richard Seymour who both turned down the NFL to return for their senior seasons. I list their backups below including VHT Tyrone Robertson who will contend for starting time. Nic Clemons (6-6 260 Jr) is PS#63JUCO and had 7.5 sacks at JC last year, Ken Veal (6-1 297 rFr) was PS#43DL and Shedrick Wynn (6-2 260 rFr) was PS#56. If DE Charles Grant returns 100% from his torn ACL, they have potentially one of the best D-lines in the country. The only loss from last year is undersized DE Dustin Luckie (7 sts, 22 tkls) and backup DT Brandon Miller (16 tkls). Seven of the top eight players have starting experience and they add 3 HT rFr and a JUCO. This big, deep and talented group should be solidly improved this season.

**LINEBACKERS** - Georgia returned so much talent last year to this unit that two players were transferred to DE and two more quit the team. There are 4 VHT's in the group including all 3 projected starters. They only loss from last year is OLB Orantes Grant (12 sts, 7 tfl, 2nd tm SEC, #1 tkl'r, #7 DC of DAL). Georgia's defense was not as strong as anticipated last year but this LB corps should be stronger and is one of the SEC's better units.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Bulldogs finished #19 and #16 in my pass defense rankings in 97 & 98 thanks to the presence of super cover CB Champ Bailey. While only two starters were lost last year, replacing Bailey was quite a task and the Bulldogs allowed 286.4 ypg passing with a 23-21 ratio and 55.4% completions. The secondary was such a sore spot to Donnan that towards the end of the season he revamped the entire lineup inserting 2 frosh starters. They still finished a respectable #37 in my rankings. This year they must replace SS Earl Chambers (8 sts, 7 pbu), FS Larry Mann (8 sts, 4 pbu, 63 tkls) and CB Jeff Harris (7 sts, 6 pbu, #7 DC of MIA). I like the talent that Donnan has stockpiled and you will note the presence of eight HT's in the 2 deep below. This unit should be a lot stingier against the pass this season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This is clearly an area that Donnan must put some emphasis on. In 5 of the last 6 years the Bulldogs have finished in the bottom part of my special teams rankings including a finish at #92 last year. The key culprit was their KR defense which was porous allowing 24.2 ypr and also a KR team that averaged just 19.2. The top special teams performer last year was Hap Hines who hit 16 of 21 FG's with a long of 54. John Kilgo won the P job last year but was injured and Kopp took over. This year both return. Patrick Pass led the team in KR's and PR's and must be replaced. I think Donnan has some quality talent on hand. Brett Kirouac was PS#19K and is expected to take over the FG duties. He also had 13 touchbacks on his KO's. With all of the talent that Donnan has been bringing in with the recent recruiting classes, I would expect Georgia's special teams ranking to rise.

QB Quincy Carter may be the most complete QB (run and pass).

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jasper Sanks** | **181** | **914** | **12** | **902** | **6** | **5.0** |
| Patrick Pass | 72 | 398 | 26 | 372 | 2 | 5.2 |
| **Quincy Carter** | **118** | **503** | **207** | **296** | **6** | **2.5** |
| Robert Arnaud | 43 | 162 | 13 | 149 | 3 | 3.5 |
| **Charles Grant** | **17** | **80** | **1** | **79** | **3** | **4.6** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Quincy Carter** | **413** | **236** | **57.1** | **2956** | **18** | **6** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Terrance Edwards** | | **61** | **869** | **14.2** | **9** | **53** |
| **Randy McMichael** | | **37** | **485** | **13.1** | **3** | **71** |
| **Michael Greer** | | **34** | **418** | **12.2** | **1** | **31** |
| **Jevaris Johnson** | | **33** | **410** | **12.4** | **2** | **34** |
| **Thad Parker** | | **26** | **267** | **10.3** | **0** | **26** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Wynn Kopp** | **37** | **1421** | **38.4** | **2** | **38.1** | **0** | **13** |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Hap Hines | 6-7 | 6-8 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 16-21 | 54 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Richard Seymour** | **75** | **4** | **10** | **2** | **1** |
| Oranles Grant | 75 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **Kendrell Bell** | **71** | **5** | **5** | **1** | **3** |
| **Boss Bailey** | **69** | **1** | **5** | **1** | **0** |
| Larry Mann | 63 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| **Jamie Henderson** | **45** | **0** | **0** | **10** | **6** |
| **Marcus Stroud** | **40** | **2** | **6** | **4** | **0** |
| **Terreal Bierria** | **39** | **0** | **2** | **3** | **1** |
| **Cory Robinson** | **39** | **0** | **1** | **5** | **5** |
| **Tim Wansley** | **38** | **0** | **1** | **8** | **1** |
| **Will Witherspoon** | **34** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| Earl Chambers | 34 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| **Charles Grant** | **33** | **7** | **7** | **1** | **0** |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Patrick Pass | 16 | 146 | 9.1 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Patrick Pass | 11 | 235 | 21.4 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**UTAH ST -28 38-7 WIN** Edwards caught 10 passes for 196 yds. GA benefitted from 6 USU TO's & also blk'd a 21 yd FG. GA led 21-7 at half & 31-7 in the 4Q when Edwards caught a 53 yd TD pass with 6:07 left for the cover. GA had a 595-413 yd edge & 29-22 FD edge. Carter was 24 of 35 for 320 yards.

**S CAROLINA -14' 24-9 WIN** GA had 71 & 68 yd drives for TD's in the 1H & had a 210-99 yd edge. SC committed 2 TO's in the 1H, 14-0. GA got a 33 yd FG to open the 3Q. SC drove for a 28 yd FG in the 3Q. GA got a 53 yd TD drive with 11:49 left. SC drove 80 yds for a TD with 3:16 left but a bad snap caused a missed XP costing them the cover. GA ran out the clock.

**C FLORIDA -27' 24-23 LOSS** CF had a 30-21 FD edge. GA led 14-3 when CF drove for a TD & blk'd a punt for a TD, 17-14. GA nailed a 54 yd FG on the 1H's final play to tie. GA got a 3Q TD but CF drove 89 yds for a TD but, critically, missed the xp. CF got it back with 1:41 left & drove 61 yds. Instead of trying the winning FG, they were called for off pass interf moving it back to the 35. CF's final 2 passes were incomplete & GA hung on.

**LSU -9 23-22 LOSS** Each team had 7 1H FD's. It was 3-3 when LSU drove 15 yds for a TD foll a fmbl. GA got a 58 yd TD run by Pass. After an int, GA got a 20 yd FG. LSU conv a fake FG but settled for a 31 yd FG with 2:25 left & added a 40 yd FG with :16 left, 16-13. GA missed a 38 yd FG foll an int early 3Q & was SOD at the LSU 5. GA blk'd a punt to set up a 28 yd TD drive. GA got a 33 yd FG with 3:59 left, 23-16. LSU was int'd in the EZ. LSU got a TD on 4th & 10 with :18 left. DiNardo went for 2 but Booty's pass in the EZ was batted down.

**AT TENNESSEE +10' 20-37 LOSS** I used UT as a 4★ Late Phone Selection. UT had 64, 83, 65 & 82 yd TD drives in a 1H in which they amassed 333 yds. GA had one 90 yd TD drive, 28-7 at half. UT added a safety on a bad snap on a punt & led 30-7. Tenn QB Martin was inj'd early 4Q & did not return. GA drove 71 yds for a 4Q TD, 30-20. Scott ret'd the KO 100 yds for a TD. GA was SOD twice. UT had a 458-282 yd edge.

**AT VANDERBILT -7' 27-17 WIN** VU led 10-0 after 1Q. The 1st time GA crossed midfield in the 2Q VU ret'd an int 59 yds for a TD. GA got a FG, 17-3. On the 1st poss of the 3Q VU had a 1st & goal at the GA 1 but was int'd in the EZ. GA had a tipped pass caught for a TD, 17-10. VU faked a punt from its own 27 & was foiled & GA got a TD to tie. VU was int'd in the EZ. GA went 68 yds for a TD with 8:58 left. VU was int'd at the GA 32. GA got the spread covering FG w/3:19 left. VU was int'd at the GA 31 to end their final threat.

**KENTUCKY -4 49-34 WIN** GA used a blk'd punt & a failed UK fake punt to set up 8 & 17 yd TD drives in the 1st 5:00. GA fmbl'd at the UK 33, fmbl'd at their own 35 and was int'd. GA added a 65 yd TD drive & missed a 45 yd FG. UK had 1 off drive in the 1H (80 yds) & added a 2 yd drive foll an int. GA got an 80 yd TD pass on the 1st play of the 3Q. UK got an 80 yd TD drive, 28-20. GA drove 80 yds for a TD & missed a 21 yd FG but after 3Q's had a commanding 309-136 yd edge. GA added a 90 yd TD drive & 42 yd TD run to lead **49-20** early 4Q. UK got 220 yds during garbage time & 2 TD's including one with :35 left.

**+ FLORIDA +14 14-30 LOSS** Rainy. UF had a 405-231 yd edge. UF had 234 yds passing in the 1H & zero in the 2H. Each team got a long TD drive to open. UF got a 40 yd FG & GA got an 81 yd TD drive with rain, wind and fog & almost no visibility. UF drove 74 yds for a TD, 16-10 (xpng). GA got a long PR late 3Q but fmbl'd at the 20. UF drove 43 yds for a TD. GA fmbl'd on the next play at the 3 setting up a UF TD, 30-14. After UF got an int they were SOD at the GA 23. GA was SOD & UF took a knee.

**AUBURN -10 21-38 LOSS** Tiger QB Leard made his homecoming to GA & hit 24 of 32 for 416 yds & 4 TD's. I used AU as the Big Dog POW on my PPH & they delivered yet another DD dog outright upset in even more dominating fashion than the final indicates as they led **38-0** in the 3Q! GA got 80, 91, and 72 yd TD drives & was SOD at the AU 12 w/1:21 left.

**AT MISSISSIPPI +5' 20-17 WIN** The field was wet & slippery. GA had a 28-12 FD & 456-316 yd edge. UM got an early TD & GA settled for a 27 yd FG, 7-3 after 1Q. In the 1H GA had 3 poss in the redzone end in just 3 pts with a missed FG & they were SOD at the 5. Ole Miss got a 44 yd FG in the 2Q & led 10-3 at half. GA settled for a 23 yd FG early 3Q & then GA nailed a 51 yd FG, 10-9. McAllister got an 84 yd TD run early 4Q. GA got an 80 yd TD drive & 48 yd FG with 5:24 left. UM got to the GA 13 but was int'd.

**AT GEORGIA TECH (OT) +5 48-51 WIN** GT led 17-3 but GA tied it at 17. GT got an 80 yd TD drive, 24-17 at half. GT got a FG, an 18 yd TD drive foll an int & a 72 yd TD drive, 41-24. GA drove 10 yds foll a fmbl for a TD, got a 76 yd TD drive & had a TD pass ruled inc which made them settle for a FG, 41-41. GA got a TD pass & GT tied it with a TD drive. GA had a 1st & goal at the 2 w/ :25 left & although replays showed clearly that RB Sanks was down, it was ruled a fmbl, sending this to OT. GA was int'd in the EZ. GT had a FG blocked on 3rd & 8 but rec'd the loose ball giving them another chance & they kicked a 38 yd FG for the controversial win.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Jim Donnan got off to a slow start here in 1996 as the team went just 5-6 but they are now 27-9 with 3 bowl victories including last year where they had the largest comeback in bowl history. The Bulldogs started just 6 seniors in their bowl game. Playing in the same division with Florida and Tennessee makes it tough to get to the SEC title game. Donnan is 1-7 straight up vs those two powers with the average loss by 23 points. This year they return Heisman contender Quincy Carter at QB and 8 other starters from the offense. There are plenty of VHT's in the skill positions and I look for them to be even more potent than last year's 28 ppg on offense. Donnan brings in Gary Gibbs as the defensive coordinator. He was the architect of some top notch defenses at Oklahoma and steps into a great situation here. He inherits 10 starters from a unit that gave up too many big plays last year but has top notch talent throughout. This should be one of the most improved defenses and they rank #12 in my preseason defensive rankings. The schedule sets them up for a big season as they get road games vs beatable opponents and get to face Tennessee in Sanford Stadium. They have the potential to be 7-0 when they battle Florida and that makes them a contender in the SEC East. A win in that game would make them national title contenders. This should be an exciting year between the hedges.

MLB Kendrell Bell & LT Jonas Jennings are both All SEC caliber.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| RB | Albert Hollis 5-11 210 PS#2 | |
| RB | Musa Smith 6-2 210 PS#14 | |
| TE | Andre Zellner 6-4 225 PS#18 | |
| QB | David Greene 6-3 185 PS#31 | |
| QB | Sean Jones 6-2 195 PS#35 | |
| RB | Ronnie Powell 6-0 190 PS#68 | |
| LB | Derrick Holloway 6-4 210 PS#68 | |
| LB | Rod Davis 6-4 210 PS#78 | |
| QB | Matt Redding 6-2 225 PS#66 | |
| DL | Nic Clemons 6-6 260 PS#63JC | |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB QUINCY CARTER JR.** 6-3 223 *PS#4 in 96. 2706 yds (60%), 14-12 ratio, 503 rush in 98. 2nd tm SEC in 99, 2956 yds (57%), 18-6 ratio, 503 yds rush.*
**RB JASPER SANKS JR.** 6-0 226 *PS#2. 65 yds as true. 7 sts in 99, 902 yds (5.0), 7 rec (7.1). DeJuan Green (5-11 199 So) PS#58, 8 yds as true (inj).*
**RB Bruce Thornton rFr.** 6-0 180 *PS#12. Albert Hollis is PS#2. Musa Smith is PS#14. Brett Millican (5-11 197 Sr) was PS#165, 112 yds, 3 yrs.*
**WR TERRANCE EDWARDS SO.** 6-2 175 *PS#17QB, Robert's brother. 11 sts as true, #1 w/61 rec (14.2). Thad Parker (5-9 158 Sr), 10 sts, 41 rec (10.8), 2 yrs.*
**WR MIKE GREER SR.** 5-10 170 *15 sts in 2 yrs, 49 rec (15.6). Michael Johnson (6-2 217 rFr) PS#24. Reggie Brown PS #1, Durell Robinson PS #4 ly.*
**TE JEVARIS JOHNSON SR.** 6-6 258 *PS#34. 12 sts, 33 rec (12.4). Randy McMichael (6-3 223 So) 6 sts, 37 rec (13.1). Jason Rader (6-4 247 So) PS#6.*
**C Curt McGill Jr.** 6-3 273 *PS#96OL in 97. Lettered as 2nd string in 99. Brady Pate (6-5 273 Sr) 3 letters. Ian Knight (6-5 253 So) PS#22TE.*
**RG KEVIN BREEDLOVE SO.** 6-5 295 *PS#2, 10 sts as true, 674 plays. Brad Register (6-5 281 Sr) PS#279, 2 letters. Randall Kendrick (6-4 281 So) PS#155.*
**LG Reggie Stargill Sr.** 6-2 281 *PS#134. 3 sts in 98, 2 sts in 99, 3 letters. Chad Young (6-4 301 So) PS#45, Ben Lowe (6-4 268 So) was PS#79.*
**RT JON STINCHCOMB SO.** 6-5 272 *PS#5, 11 sts as rFr, 617 plays. George Foster (6-5 302 So) PS#99DL, 1 st & lettered ly. Josh Billue (6-3 285 rFr) PS#60.*
**LT JONAS JENNINGS SR.** 6-4 302 *PS#88. 11 sts in 98, 12 sts in 99. 0 sks allowed, 767 plays, 3 letters. Alex Jackson (6-5 310 So) PS#16, lettered.*
**K Brett Kirouac So.** 6-1 200 *PS#19K in 99. 43 KO's as true, 13 TB's. Hit 4 FG's of 50+ in high school with a long of 54. 7-13 FG's as Sr.*

**DE CHARLES GRANT SO.** 6-3 260 *PS#10, 4 sts. 7 sks as true! Bruce Adrine (6-4 258 Jr) 5 sts, 29 tkls. Chris Hewitt (6-5 256 So) was PS#33.*
**DT MARCUS STROUD SR.** 6-6 300 *PS#13. 9 sts in 98. 10 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 8 tfl. Def MVP. Josh Mallard (6-2 262 Jr) was PS#60, 11 sks in 2 yrs.*
**DT RICHARD SEYMOUR SR.** 6-6 300 *5 sts, 72 tkls, 10 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 75 tkls, 14 tfl, 1st tm SEC ly. Tyrone Robertson (6-4 287 So) was PS#10, 2 sts, 5.5 tfl in 99.*
**DE Demetric Evans Sr.** 6-3 275 *PS#67, 20 tkls in 98. 2 sts in 99, 33 tkls, 5 tfl. David Jacobs (6-4 258 So) PS#61, 6 sts, 22 tkls. Tarin Smith (6-3 234 Jr) PS#26.*
**WLB Will Witherspoon Jr.** 6-1 215 *PS#7, 52 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 5 sts in 99 (inj), 34 tkls, 1.5 tfl. Jessie Miller (6-2 217 So) PS#20, 12 tkls as true.*
**MLB KENDRELL BELL SR.** 6-2 240 *PS#8JC in 99. Started L/7 here, 71 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl, 2nd tm SEC. Tony Gilbert (6-0 227 So) PS#128, 18 tkls.*
**SLB BOSS BAILEY JR.** 6-3 220 *PS#14, 26 tkls as true, 12 sts in 99, 69 tkls, 5.5 tfl. Adrian Hollingshed (6-2 234 Jr) 12 sts, 101 tkls in 98. RS in 99.*
**CB CORY ROBINSON SR.** 5-11 191 *PS#32, 35 tkls, 11 pbu in 98. 9 sts in 99, 5 int, 5 pbu. Decory Bryant (5-11 179 rFr) PS#122. Dantra Clements PS#66.*
**CB Tim Wansley Jr.** 5-8 179 *PS#25, 11 tkls, 1 int as true. 4 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 8 pbu. Jamie Henderson (6-2 188 Sr) PS#92JC, 5 sts, 5 int, 10 pbu ly.*
**SS Terreal Bierria So.** 6-3 213 *PS#6 in 98. 3 sts in 99, 39 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Horace Willis (6-1 197 Jr) is PS#248JUCO. 13 pbu, 3 int at JC ly.*
**FS Cap Burnett So.** 6-1 202 *PS#29 in 98. 4 sts as rFr, 25 tkls, 2 int, 1 pbu. Kentrell Curry (6-1 188 rFr) PS#42. Ryan Davis (5-11 190 So).*
**P JONATHAN KILGO SO.** 6-2 200 *PS#20. 42 yd avg in HS. 20 punts as true, 41.6 avg til inj. Wynn Kopp (5-9 162 Jr) 53 punts (36.3) in 98, 37 (38.4) ly.*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score GA | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Georgia was 1-17 SU vs Florida & Tennessee in the 1990's! Coach Jim Donnan has been named SEC Coach of the Year once & is 3-0 SU & ATS in the bowls during his tenure Between the Hedges. Georgia is 5-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1992. Bulldogs are 6-1 ATS in road finales. |
| Sep. 2 | Ga Southern | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The GSU Eagles are in the Southern Conf & were 7-1 SU in conf play LY. Ga Southern finished the year 13-2 & won the Div 1AA National Title! |
| Sep. 9 | at S Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs are 10-5 ATS in September since 1995. The home team is 11-4 ATS the L/15 series meetings. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Dawgs are 6-11 ATS as a DD fav under Donnan. BONUS ANGLE: UGA is 14-6 ATS L/20 non-conf home games. |
| Sep. 23 | New Mexico St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ga is 10-4 ATS L/6Y after a bye week, but was 0-2 ATS in this spot LY. Under Donnan, Georgia is 8-14 ATS as home chalk. |
| Sep. 30 | at Arkansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only 2 series meetings in the 90's. Road team was 2-0 SU & ATS. Ga has not suffered from lookahead, as they are 4-1 ATS prior to Tennessee. |
| Oct. 7 | Tennessee | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ga has dropped 8 in a row SU to the Vols, 2-6 ATS in that span. Bulldogs have covered their last 3 tries as a home underdog. |
| Oct. 14 | Vanderbilt | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Dawgs are 14-7 ATS L/21 off a SU loss. The visitor is 8-0 ATS the L/8 in this series. |
| Oct. 21 | at Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 8-4 ATS L/12 series meetings. UGA is 26-13-1 SU, 25-15 ATS as October guests. |
| Oct. 28 | at Florida (Jacksonville) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs are 10-6 ATS as a neutral or away dog the L/6Y. Georgia is 1-9 SU & 2-8 ATS vs the Gators. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: UGA is 12-7 ATS L/19 November contests. |
| Nov. 11 | at Auburn | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Visitor is an amazing 7-0-1 SU!!! The underdog is 7-1 ATS the L/8 series meetings. |
| Nov. 18 | Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Georgia is 4-7 ATS their L/11 games vs Ole Miss. UGA is 8-4 ATS L/6Y in the final 2 games of the season. |
| Nov. 25 | Georgia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs are 17-7 SU and 7-2 ATS vs their instate rival. Last 5 series meetings have been decided by a total of 18 points, or 3.6 ppg. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Ga is 20-7 ATS vs non-conf foes since 1991. |

## STADIUM: SANFORD STADIUM (86,117)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 6-4-1 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 9-2 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 46-30-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 4-6 | 8-3 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 39-37 |
| Home Fav | 2-4 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 1-3 | 3-3 | 1-5 | 3-3 | 15-20 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-3 |
| Away Fav | 2-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 10-6 |
| Away Dog | 1-2 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 11-8 |
| Favorite | 4-4 | 2-4 | 4-1 | 2-5 | 5-4 | 4-5 | 4-3 | 25-26 |
| Dog | 1-2 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 14-11 |
| Grass | 3-5 | 4-6 | 7-3 | 5-6 | 5-5 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 35-36 |
| Artificial | 2-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-1 |
| vs SEC | 2-6 | 2-6 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 25-31 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-0 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 14-6 |
| Off SU Win | 2-2 | 1-4 | 4-2 | 2-2 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 3-4 | 19-23 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-3 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 3-3 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 16-10 |

## Coach: JIM DONNAN (Career 96-36)
### *Donnan's records AT GEORGIA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th Year at Georgia | | 8-14 | Home Favorite |
| 32-15 | Straight Up | 2-0 | Home Underdog |
| 22-22 | Vs The Spread | 7-3 | Away Favorite |
| 8-5 | Off A S/U Loss | 5-5 | Away Underdog |
| 16-16 | Vs SEC | 6-6 | Vs Non-SEC |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | Citrus | -3 | Ohio St | 21-14 | W |
| 95 | Peach | +6' | Virginia | 27-34 | L |
| 97 | Outback | -8' | Wisconsin | 33-6 | W |
| 98 | Peach | +2 | Virginia | 35-33 | W |
| 99 | Outback | +5' | Purdue | 28-25 | W |

# GEORGIA (8-4)

*CONFERENCE:* **SEC EAST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 56 (30,23,3)**
**Lost: 20 (7,10,3)**

## GEORGIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5* | 28.0 | 22 | 159 | 4.0 | 256 | 56.9 | 14.8 | +9 | 1999 | 5 | 25.8 | 20 | 108 | 3.4 | 286 | 55.4 | 15.2 |
| 4 | 24.3 | 20 | 153 | 4.2 | 247 | 59.8 | 16.4 | +1 | 1998 | 5 | 18.5 | 20 | 142 | 3.7 | 217 | 56.8 | 19.4 |
| 8* | 31.7 | 22 | 173 | 4.4 | 263 | 66.6 | 13.8 | +9 | 1997 | 6 | 16.3 | 19 | 103 | 3.2 | 225 | 57.7 | 20.2 |
| 7* | 20.1 | 19 | 135 | 3.6 | 231 | 51.1 | 17.4 | -6 | 1996 | 7 | 23.4 | 21 | 150 | 3.5 | 203 | 57.0 | 15.1 |
| 6 | 21.7 | 19 | 146 | 3.8 | 233 | 57.7 | 17.4 | -3 | 1995 | 7 | 23.4 | 19 | 133 | 3.6 | 208 | 61.4 | 14.5 |
| 8* | 31.9 | 21 | 129 | 4.8 | 338 | 59.7 | 14.6 | -4 | 1994 | 6 | 25.7 | 21 | 206 | 4.5 | 188 | 56.3 | 15.3 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Utah St | 29 | 47-198 | 4.2 | 27-40 | 397 | 2 | | 22 | 24-153 | 6.4 | 22-49 | 260 | 0 | +2 |
| S Carolina | 21 | 43-180 | 4.2 | 21-38 | 251 | 0 | | 12 | 30-46 | 1.5 | 12-28 | 172 | 5 | +1 |
| UCF | 21 | 26-164 | 6.3 | 20-36 | 219 | 0 | | 30 | 38-154 | 4.1 | 27-48 | 287 | 2 | +2 |
| LSU | 17 | 49-225 | 4.6 | 12-29 | 110 | 2 | | 14 | 21-11 | 0.5 | 19-45 | 280 | 1 | +2 |
| at Tennessee | 17 | 30-54 | 1.8 | 20-35 | 228 | 6 | | 21 | 39-165 | 4.2 | 22-36 | 293 | 1 | +3 |
| at Vanderbilt | 19 | 46-146 | 3.2 | 16-25 | 192 | 2 | | 16 | 30-26 | 0.9 | 16-30 | 241 | 3 | +3 |
| Kentucky | 22 | 42-267 | 6.4 | 17-30 | 310 | 2 | | 15 | 24-(-50) | -2.1 | 33-53 | 421 | 11 | -2 |
| at Florida | 14 | 44-155 | 3.5 | 6-23 | 76 | 4 | | 21 | 39-171 | 4.4 | 17-32 | 234 | 4 | -1 |
| Auburn | 20 | 27-82 | 3.0 | 26-37 | 319 | 3 | | 20 | 36-56 | 1.6 | 24-32 | 416 | 4 | -1 |
| at Mississippi | 28 | 46-107 | 2.3 | 26-41 | 349 | 2 | | 12 | 23-202 | 8.8 | 10-24 | 114 | 1 | +2 |
| at Georgia Tech | 33 | 41-171 | 4.2 | 30-56 | 376 | 2 | | 29 | 51-209 | 4.1 | 22-32 | 341 | 0 | -2 |
| Purdue (Bowl) | 21 | 34-154 | 4.5 | 20-33 | 243 | 2 | | 30 | 29-150 | 5.2 | 36-60 | 378 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 262 | 475-1903 | 4.0 | 241-423 | 3070 | 27 | | 242 | 384-1293 | 3.4 | 260-469 | 3437 | 35 | +9 |
| AVERAGES | 21.8 | 40-159 | 4.0 | 20-35 | 256 | 2.3 | | 20.2 | 32-108 | 3.4 | 22-39 | 286 | 2.9 | 0.8 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| S Carolina | -3 | 42-23 | W |
| at Tennessee | +12' | 27-30 | W |
| N Mexico St | -22 | 40-13 | W |
| at Mississippi | -5 | 10-18 | L |
| Alabama | +3 | 0-31 | L |
| at Clemson | +6' | 19-17 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -9 | 17-6 | W |
| Kentucky | -8' | 12-3 | W |
| Florida | +23' | 17-52 | L |
| Auburn | +10 | 31-37 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | +1 | 18-17 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| S Mississippi | -10' | 7-11 | L |
| at S Carolina | -3' | 14-23 | L |
| Texas Tech | +2' | 15-12 | W |
| at Mississippi St | -3' | 38-19 | W |
| Tennessee | +14 | 17-29 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -15' | 13-2 | L |
| at Kentucky | -16 | 17-24 | L |
| † Florida | +34' | 7-47 | L |
| at Auburn | +9' | 56-49 | W |
| Mississippi | -13' | 27-31 | L |
| Georgia Tech | -4 | 19-10 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arkansas St | -34' | 38-7 | L |
| S Carolina | -6 | 31-15 | W |
| NE Louisiana | -29' | 42-3 | W |
| Mississippi St | -11 | 47-0 | W |
| at Tennessee | +9' | 13-38 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | -11 | 34-13 | W |
| Kentucky | -11' | 23-13 | L |
| † Florida | +20' | 37-17 | W |
| Auburn | -5' | 34-45 | L |
| at Mississippi | -3' | 21-14 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | -4 | 27-24 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kent St | -35 | 56-3 | W |
| at S Carolina | -5 | 17-3 | W |
| Wyoming | -19' | 16-9 | L |
| at LSU | +8' | 28-27 | W |
| Tennessee | -3 | 3-22 | L |
| Vanderbilt | -27 | 31-6 | L |
| at Kentucky | -1 | 28-26 | W |
| † Florida | +11' | 7-38 | L |
| at Auburn | -6 | 28-17 | W |
| Mississippi | -12 | 24-17 | L |
| Georgia Tech | -3 | 19-21 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Utah St | -28 | 38-7 | W |
| S Carolina | -14' | 24-9 | W |
| UCF | -27' | 24-23 | L |
| LSU | -9 | 23-22 | L |
| at Tennessee | +10' | 20-37 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | -7' | 27-17 | W |
| Kentucky | -4 | 49-34 | W |
| † Florida | +14 | 14-30 | L |
| Auburn | -10 | 21-38 | L |
| at Mississippi | +5' | 20-17 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | +5 | 48-51 | W |

# GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Joe Hamilton did it all in his four years as a starter at GT. He saved the best for last in 99 throwing for 3,305 yards (64.6%) with a 29-13 ratio and had 937 yards rushing. Hamilton (#7DC of TB) broke the ACC career records for pass efficiency and total offense. They have some quality young QB's ready to fill the void. George Godsey (6-2 202 Jr) was PS#49 and is the only one with experience. He has 32 career passes (41%) for 146 yards and 22 yards rushing while playing in 10 games. Brian Camp (6-0 216 rFr) has 4.6 speed. Andy Hall (6-2 190 rFr) was PS#35QB. WR Jermaine Crenshaw (6-1 203 So) was PS#63 QB in 98 and caught 3 passes last year. He is the most athletic of the bunch, but if he does not win the job, look for him to return to WR. O'Leary signed two HT QB's this year in Brandon Sumner and Mark Logan (see Top Newcomers). I like the talent level here, but going from an experienced and multi-talented four year starter to a rookie QB means there will be a significant dropoff at this position.

**RUNNING BACKS** - This area was hit hard by injuries last year as GT lost their top two RB's, Phillip Rogers and Joe Burns, to injury early in the year. Rogers had 4 starts and 310 yards (4.3). Joe Burns had 183 total yards before breaking his ankle in Game 2. Sean Gregory picked up the slack and ended up leading the team with an impressive year. He finished as the #5 rusher in the ACC with 901 yards (4.8). Burns was the leading rusher in 98 and was 100% healthy this spring. Sidney Ford (5-9 205 So) was PS#56 and had 69 yards as a true. Gordon Clinkscale (5-10 179 So) was PS#97 and had 73 total yards. Mike Kitchen (5-9 200 rFr) was PS#53 and had 67 yards. FB Ed Wilder is back after starting 10 games. His backup Gary Johnson moved over from defense midyear and got the bulk of the work in spring. With practically everyone returning, this group looks stronger.

**RECEIVERS** - The Jackets had one of the top receiving combo's in the NCAA last year with Dez White and Kelly Campbell. White, who had 1,102 yards receiving in 98, found himself the target of many teams' main coverage and his numbers dropped just a little to 960 yards (18.5). He was 2nd Team ACC and the #3DC of CHI. Kelly Campbell, the team's fastest player, led the Jackets with 1,144 yards (15.9) in his breakthrough year. He set the school record for receiving yards and TD's. Kerry Watkins, a VHT, showed promise and had 34 receptions. Jon Muyres (PS#11) recovered from a medical redshirt and had 9 receptions. There is some quality depth at these positions. Roderick Middleton (6-2 182 rFr) was PS#47. Brett Basquin (6-1 198 Sr) was PS#68 and had 3 rec's after missing the first six games with injury. Jermaine Crenshaw (6-1 203 So) was PS#63 and moved to WR with 3 rec's in 5 games as a rFr. William Glover (5-10 178 So) was PS#100 and had 5 rec's. At TE they must replace Conrad Andrzejewski (9 sts, 7 rec). Russ Matvay is a VHT who started in 98 but had just 6 rec's last year. O'Leary signed two top notch TE's this year in J.P. Foschi (6-5 245, PS#24) and Darius Williams (6-6 230, PS#28). I like the talent level here but with the loss of a pair of starters, I'll call it down a notch in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Naturally when you have an offense that averages 35.5 ppg and 38.4 ppg like GT's unit did in 98 & 99, odds are that you have a top notch O-line like Tech did. In each of the last 2 years, Tech has returned 4 starters and last year had 5 players come back with at least 5 starts under their belt. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are LG Jason Burks (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd tm ACC), C Noah King (12 sts, HM ACC), RT Jon Carman (12 sts, 1st tm ACC, 2 yr st'r) and RG Bill Madigan (5 sts). Two starters return but this group is smaller and less experienced. It will be tough to top last year's production which saw 4.9 ypc rushing and only 15 sacks in 359 pass attempts.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year Tech had its top 4 DT's returning but had to replace 3 of 4 DE's and moved some players outside. They basically had 3 starters returning as they had 2 starters back along with Felipe Claybrooks who was #3 in the ACC in sacks with 10 despite not starting. This year all 4 starters return and Gathers moves from DE to DT. The only loss is DE Andy Josephson (last 3 sts, 21 tkls, 5 tfl). It is a very experienced 2 deep listed below and includes FOUR VHT starters. O'Leary signed 4 HT true frosh this year and also has Bryan Corhen (6-4 287 Sr, PS#139) and Berwin Echols (6-3 296 So, PS#190) on hand. Those two combined for 35 tackles, 1 start and 4 tfl last year. Naturally, this group looks much stronger and should improve greatly on the 186 ypg rushing and 4.3 ypc they allowed last year.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year Tech had to replace 3 lettermen including one starter. They then lost starting MLB Matt Miller for the year to injury. Later in the year top LB Matt Uremovich returned from an early season suspension, but then was lost to a career ending injury. This year they must replace OLB Chris Edwards (10 sts, 55 tkls) and Uremovich (4 sts, 54 tkls). Matt Miller returns, so basically they have 3 experienced players back including 2 VHT's. They also get another VHT true frosh in Hobie Holiday who I expect to play immediately. As long as they do not suffer the injuries of last year, this should be a vastly improved group.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 98 O'Leary brought in the Jacksonville Jaguars' DB Coach as the DC and he inherited 4 returning starters and they finished 41st in my pass defense rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups plus their coach and GT fell to #76, allowing 54.8% with 17 TD's and just 10 int's. This year they only lose CB Travares Tillman (#2DC of BUF, 10 sts, 2nd tm ACC, 1 int, 5 pbu). All 4 of the projected starters below started in at least 8 games last year, so this is a very experienced group. They also have a pair of VHT's at the FS position. This should be a much improved secondary in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - George O'Leary puts a priority on special teams and it shows. His team has ranked #18, #5 and #17 in my special teams rankings the last three years. They not only excel at blocking kicks, but also have solid return games, net punting and kicking. Last year they had to break in a new punter and kicker and still finished near the top of the rankings. The good news this year is that almost everyone is back. Dan Dyke had a 42.0 average on his punts with a super 38.1 net and should improve. Chris Morehouse (6-1 200 So) led Division III in punting in 98 at Albright College and transfers in. K Luke Manget hit 13 of 20 with a long of 49 and nailed three 50+ FG's in high school. The top PR Marvious Hester, who averaged a nifty 10.8 on 30 returns, is back. They must replace KR Dez White and his 23.8 average, but others do have experience.

WR Kelly Campbell is the fastest GT player & avg 15.9 ypc in 99.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sean Gregory** | **188** | **945** | **44** | **901** | **13** | **4.8** |
| Joe Hamilton | 176 | 937 | 154 | 783 | 7 | 4.4 |
| Phillip Rogers | 72 | 330 | 20 | 310 | 8 | 4.3 |
| **Ed Wilder** | **21** | **138** | **1** | **137** | **0** | **6.5** |
| **Kerry Watkins** | **10** | **104** | **0** | **104** | **0** | **10.4** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Joe Hamilton | 345 | 223 | 64.6 | 3305 | 29 | 13 |
| **George Godsey** | **13** | **5** | **38.5** | **57** | **0** | **1** |
| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG | |
| **Kelly Campbell** | **72** | **1144** | **15.9** | **10** | **59** | |
| Dez White | 52 | 960 | 18.5 | 5 | 80 | |
| **Kerry Watkins** | **34** | **504** | **14.8** | **6** | **31** | |
| **Sean Gregory** | **14** | **157** | **11.2** | **0** | **56** | |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Dan Dyke** | **35** | **1471** | **42.0** | **-** | **38.1** | **0** | **10** |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| **Luke Manget** | **4-4** | **7-10** | **2-6** | **0-0** | **13-20** | **49** | |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Recardo Wimbush** | **98** | **0** | **5** | **2** | **1** |
| **Chris Young** | **97** | **0** | **3** | **6** | **1** |
| **Jeremy Muyres** | **75** | **0** | **3** | **3** | **0** |
| **Greg Gathers** | **74** | **8** | **11** | **0** | **0** |
| Travares Tillman | 60 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| **Ross Mitchell** | **59** | **1** | **5** | **0** | **1** |
| Chris Edwards | 55 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Matt Uremovich | 54 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| **Felipe Claybrooks** | **53** | **4** | **9** | **5** | **0** |
| **Merrix Watson** | **52** | **1.5** | **7** | **0** | **0** |
| **Jamara Clark** | **40** | **0** | **4** | **7** | **1** |
| **Marvious Hester** | **39** | **0** | **2** | **5** | **2** |
| **Nick Rogers** | **38** | **1.5** | **6** | **1** | **1** |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Marvious Hester** | **30** | **325** | **10.8** | **0** | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Dez White | 29 | 689 | 23.8 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT NAVY -19 49-14 WIN** Both teams had solid TD drives, 7-7. Navy had just 3 FD's the rest of the 1H & GT had 3 more TD drives, 28-7. The 3Q was played in heavy rain. Navy missed a FG but both teams had long TD drives, 35-14. Navy rec'd an onside but were SOD at the GT 31. GT added 2 more TD's & finished w/ a 487-325 yd edge.

**AT FLORIDA ST +18 35-41 WIN** GT had a 501-444 yd edge as Hamilton hit 22 of 25 for 387 yds. There were 3 straight TD drives of 60+ yds in the 1H & when the smoke cleared, FSU led 28-21. FSU drove 79 yds for a TD to open the 3Q. A roughing the P pen on 4th & 19 allowed GT to drive 80 yds for a TD, 35-28. FSU added 46 & 45 yd FG's. GT was SOD at the FSU 24 but drove 63 yds for a TD with 1:35 left. FSU ran out the clock.

**C FLORIDA -29 41-10 WIN** CF came out strong thru the air on an 80 yd opening drive for a TD, CF's defense had 2 stops but yielded TD's on the next 3 GT poss with CF netting just a FG, 21-10 at half. 3rd string GT RB Gregory rushed for 150 yds. GT had a 318-92 rushing edge. Hamilton said, "We needed the taste of victory in our mouths again."

**MARYLAND -19' 49-31 LOSS** Tied 14-14 when MD added a 32 yd FG foll a fmbl. MD missed 2 close range scoring chances & GT drove 70 yds for a TD & an 8 yd punt set them up for a TD w/:18 left 1H & a big turnaround, 28-17. Each team got 80 yd TD drives to open the 2H. MD was SOD at the GT 30 & the Jackets got a 63 yd pass to set up a TD, 42-24. Jordan's HB option pass to Arrington of 60 yds made it 42-31 after 3Q's. GT got a TD w/5:46 left & foll another shanked punt, missed a 41 yd FG, giving MD the cover.

**N CAROLINA (OT) -17 31-24 LOSS** GT QB Hamilton had 2 int's & 2 fmbl's but NC lost Curry in the 2Q. GT fmbl'd & NC drove 83 yds for a TD. GT missed a 40 yd FG & fmbl'd 2 punts but NC settled for 24 & 21 yd FG's. GT got a 47 yd TD pass late 1H. NC powered to 276 yds rushing as Huard hit just 7 of 15. GT got 60 & 68 yd TD drives to open the 3Q, 21-13. NC drove 36 yds after a fmbl for a TD (2pt conv). NC drove for a 36 yd FG & GT missed a 43 yd FG. Hamilton was int'd & ret'd to the GT 10. NC went for it on 4th & 2 but were SOD. GT got 31 & 39 yd passes to set up a FG with :05 left, OT. GT got a TD & Huard's 4th & 6 pass fell incomplete. GT had a 510-352 yd edge.

**AT DUKE -16' 38-31 LOSS** GT dominated the 1Q with a 239-43 yd edge & had TD drives of 82, 50 and 80 yds, 21-0 after their 1st 3 poss & 28-14 at half. Duke opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive & also went 69 yds for a 32 yd FG, 28-24. Foll a GT fmbl Duke went 44 yds for a TD & the lead, 31-28. GT got a 22 yd FG to tie & after Duke punted from midfield GT needed 4 plays to go 80 yds for a TD with 2:56 left. Duke was SOD.

**NC STATE -17 48-21 WIN** GT was off a bye & simply dominated. They had 45 & 46 yd TD drives & had a 12 play drive end in a punt. NCS got a 70 yd TD pass, 14-7. GT added a 49 yd FG & got a TD with :32 left 1H, 24-7. GT got 77 & 91 yd 3Q TD drives, 38-7. NCS got a 51 yd gain on a fake punt to key an 83 yd drive. GT got a 35 yd TD drive & 34 yd FG. NCS got an 81 yd garbage drive for a TD with 1:53 left.

**AT VIRGINIA -7 38-45 LOSS** Rivers got the QB start for VA as Ellis was inj'd. GT dominated early as VA played conservatively. GT got a 24 yd FG & a 79 yd TD drive. They fmbl'd at the UVA 18 but foll a 52 yd PR got an 18 yd TD drive, 17-0. GT led 24-14 when they were int'd late 1H & VA drove 60 yds & got a TD pass w/ :09 left, 24-21. VA opened the 3Q w/ an 80 yd TD drive, 28-24. GT got an 81 yd TD drive, 31-28. VA settled for a FG, 31-31 but then had 2 TD drives to lead 45-31. GT got a TD w/ 1:45 left but VA rec'd the onside kick.

**CLEMSON -4 45-42 LOSS** CU QB Streeter was injured early. GT led 21-0. CU stormed back to tie 28-28 with 4:45 left in the half. GT got ten 3Q points, 38-28. CU went 55 yds for a TD early 4Q. GT was int'd & CU drove 31 yds for a TD with 6:58 left, 45-42. CU was SOD at the GT 43 & GT got 3 FD's to run out the clock.

**AT WAKE FOREST -9 23-26 LOSS** I used WF as the Underdog POW in Power Sweep & they delivered the outright win. WF had two long TD drives, 14-0 & added 22 & 40 yd FG's on their final 2 poss of the half, 20-0 with a 275-189 yd edge. Each team was SOD once & GT missed a 38 yd FG. GT drove 77 yds for a TD in the 3Q & was SOD at the 35. WF added 36 & 35 yd FG's & led 26-7 with 5:41 left! GT drove 80 yds for a TD & rec'd the onside kick. They were SOD at the 4 but blk'd a punt for a TD with 2:27 left.

**GEORGIA (OT) -5 51-48 LOSS** GT led 17-3 but GA tied it at 17. GT got an 80 yd TD drive, 24-17 at half. GT got a 29 yd FG, 18 yd TD drive foll an int & 72 yd TD drive, 41-24. GA drove 10 yds foll a fmbl for a TD, got a 76 yd TD drive & had a TD pass ruled incomplete which made them settle for a 23 yd FG, 41-41. GA got a 30 yd TD pass & GT tied it with a 69 yd drive. GA had a 1st & goal at the 2 with :25 left & although replays showed clearly that RB Sanks was down it was ruled a fmbl, sending this to OT. GA was int'd in the EZ. GT had a FG blocked on 3rd & 8 but recovered the loose ball giving them another chance & they kicked a 38 yd FG for the controversial win.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Georgia Tech ended a six year bowl drought in 1997 and has now appeared in three straight, coinciding with the hiring of Ralph Friedgen as offensive coordinator. Friedgen's complex and imaginative offense averaged 26.2 ppg in his first year in '97 with soph QB Joe Hamilton. They scored 40.8 ppg in the first five games of '98 and finished at 35.5 ppg for the year. Last year Hamilton was a Heisman finalist and the team averaged 38.4 ppg despite losing its top two RB's to injury early and led the NCAA with 502 ypg. Tech was one of only two teams in the NCAA to average at least 200 yards rushing (224) and passing (280). Friedgen won the 1999 Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach. GT had its third defensive coordinator in three years. After having a weak defense in both '97 and '98 in which they allowed 427 and 390 ypg, they gave up 415 ypg in '99. A young, inexperienced defense was the prime cause of their four losses. GT rose as high as 7th in the polls. Last year's defense had just 2 seniors and is a much more veteran group, but is still on the young side with probably only 2 senior starters this season. They still should have one of the most improved defenses in the country. QB is a vital position in the offense. George Godsey was the leader for the starting QB spot out of spring, and was being pushed by freshmen. It will take some time for the new starter to grasp the complex schemes. Non-conference road games vs VT and Georgia will be tough. This team needs 7 wins to get to a 4th straight bowl game and that will be difficult, but not impossible.


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| | |
|---|---|
| LB | Hobie Holiday 6-4 230 PS#16 |
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| RB | Nate Curry 5-10 180 PS#57 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB George Godsey Jr.** 6-2 202 *was PS#49, 32 career passes, 10 gms. Andy Hall (6-2 190 rFr) was PS#35. Brian Camp (6-0 216 rFr) PS#29 in 99. 4.6 speed.*
**RB JOE BURNS SO.** 5-10 205 *PS#51, 4 sts, 529 yds (4.4) as true. Sean Gregory (6-0 211 Jr) PS#118. 80 yds as rFr. 7 sts in 99, #1 w/ 901 yds (4.8), 14 rec (11.2).*
**FB ED WILDER SR.** 6-2 255 *PS#47RB. 7 sts, 185 yds as true. 11 sts in 98, 265 yds. 10 sts in 99, 201 yds. Gary Johnson (6-1 245, So) was PS#93LB.*
**WR KERRY WATKINS SO.** 5-11 186 *PS#14WR in 98. 6 sts as rFr, 34 rec (14.8), 104 yds rush. Jon Muyres (6-2 199 Sr) PS#11. 2 sts in 99, 9 rec.*
**WR KELLY CAMPBELL JR.** 5-11 170 *Fastest GT player. 11 rec (11.9) in 98. 9 sts in 99, #1 w/72 rec, 1144 yds (15.9), 1st Tm ACC. Roderick Middleton (6-2 182 rFr) PS#47.*
**TE Russ Matvay Jr.** 6-4 245 *PS#18TE in 97. 8 sts as rFr, 11 rec (13.5). 6 rec (8.8) in 99. Brian Lee (6-5 245 So) 1 rec. JP Foschi is PS#24TE.*
**C David Schmidgall Sr.** 6-2 275 *Walk-on. 3 gms in 98. 5 gms as backup C in 99, 0 letters. Hugh Reilly (6-4 270 rFr) PS#145DL, moves to OL.*
**RG BRENT KEY SR.** 6-4 280 *12 sts as rFr. 12 sts in 98, solid athlete. Started L/7 ly (miss 4 inj). Raymond Blake (6-2 273 So) PS#124, 4 gms as true.*
**LG Clay Hartley rFr.** 6-3 280 *PS#123, +15 lbs. Ashley Henderson (6-3 275 So) PS#162. Tim Brown (6-2 284 So) PS#224DL, 3 tkls as DT in 99.*
**RT John Bennett rFr.** 6-5 290 *PS#152. Dustin Vaitekunas (6-7 314 So) PS#134, biggest OL here. Jesse Moody (6-5 300 Jr) PS#47, 2 gms in 99.*
**LT CHRIS BROWN SR.** 6-6 315 *PS#146DL. 11 sts in 97. 11 sts in 98, 12 sts in 99, big. Jason Kemble (6-4 299 Jr) PS#101, 10 gms in 2 yrs.*
**K LUKE MANGET SO.** 5-9 176 *PS#6 in 99. 53, 55, 58 yd FG's in HS. Hit 13 of 20 here, long of 49 & 11 of 14 inside 40. Kai Cornwell was PS#17.*

**DE NICK ROGERS JR.** 6-2 250 *6 sts in 99 (3 @ LB, 3 @ DE), 38 tkls, 7.5 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Kelvin Hughley (6-2 245 So) PS#44LB in 98, 3 tkls as rFr.*
**DT GREG GATHERS SO.** 6-1 255 *PS#54. 12 sts at DE as true, #4 w/74 tkls, 8 sks, 11 tfl, 16 press. Tony Robinson (6-4 293 Sr) PS#178, 12 sts, 58 tkls, 3 yrs.*
**DT GUENTER KRYSZON JR.** 6-4 280 *PS#9OL. 6 sts, 10 tkls in 98. 12 sts in 99, 33 tkls, 2 tfl. Merrix Watson (6-3 285 Jr) PS#185OL, 12 sts, 52 tkls, 8.5 tfl in 99.*
**DE FELIPE CLAYBROOKS SR.** 6-4 255 *PS#59DL. 37 tkls, 10 sks, 3 tfl in 98. 5 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl, 5 pbu. Fred Wright (6-4 250 So) PS#217, 3 tkls as true.*
**OLB RECARDO WIMBUSH SO.** 6-1 218 *PS#62LB. 12 sts as true, 98 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu, 1st frosh to lead GT in tkl's. Anthony Lawston (6-3 204 rFr) PS#16WR.*
**OLB ROSS MITCHELL JR.** 6-2 235 *PS#129LB. 12 tkls as rFr. Started L/6 in 99, 59 tkls, 6 tfl. Cody Price (6-2 230 Jr) PS#203LB. 4 tkls, 3 tfl at Ariz St in 98.*
**ILB Matt Miller Jr.** 6-4 245 *PS#20LB. 1 st, 24 tkls as true. 10 sts in 98, 65 tkls, 4 tfl. RS in 99 (inj). Ather Brown (6-3 218 rFr) PS#270.*
**CB JAMARA CLARK SR.** 5-8 170 *L'ville trans. 12 sts here in 98, 47 tkls, 3 int, 14 pbu. 8 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 7 pbu. Selwyn Scott (5-10 170 So) PS#90, 1 st as true.*
**CB MARVIOUS HESTER SO.** 5-11 166 *PS#121. 8 sts as rFr, 39 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Troy Tolbert (6-1 195 Sr) PS#81WR, 15 tkls, 2 yrs. Winfred Brown (5-9 168 rFr) PS#98.*
**SS CHRIS YOUNG JR.** 6-0 201 *PS#255. 1 st in 98. 12 sts in 99, #2 w/ 97 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 6 pbu. Eric Lavelle (5-9 185 rFr) PS#169RB, Robert's son.*
**FS JEREMY MUYRES SO.** 6-3 205 *PS#30DB, 8 sts as true, 75 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu, 4.45 speed. Cory Collins (5-11 180 So) PS#31, 10 tkls, 1 st as true.*
**P DAN DYKE SO.** 5-11 185 *35 punts in 99 & 42.0 avg, super net of 38.1! Philip Newman (5-11 165 So) PS#36K, 44 yd avg in HS.*

# GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

Atlanta, Georgia
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score GT | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This will be the sixth straight season GT has a bye before a Thursday game. They are 2-3 SU & 1-4 ATS the L5Y. GT is 7-2 ATS L/9 as a home underdog. |
| Aug. 26 | at Va Tech (BCA Classic) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Yellow Jackets are 7-0 ATS their last 7 road openers. 1991 was the last time GT played in a preseason classic, a 23-34 loss to Penn St. |
| Sep. 2 | UCF | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | GT is 6-2 ATS in their first lined home game. Wramblin' Wreck is 7-2 ATS the last 3 year vs non-conf foes. |
| Sep. 9 | Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Avg score the L/7 years: FSU 42, GT 9 including LY's 35-41 final. Yellow Jackets are 1-5-1 ATS vs the 'Noles since 1993. |
| Sep. 16 | Navy | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY's 49-14 was the 1st game vs a Div 1A Service Academy in 20 years. Jackets have bounced back well after losing to FSU as they are 3-0 ATS L3Y. |
| Sep. 21 | at N Carolina St (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | GT is 8-1-1 ATS vs the Wolfpack. The SU winner is 2-5 ATS in GT's last 7 Thursday contests. |
| Sep. 30 | at N Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | GT is 2-8 SU in the second of B2B away games. Engineers are 4-2 ATS vs the Tar Heels. |
| Oct. 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | Wake Forest (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Yellow Jackets are 4-12 ATS the week after a bye. GT is 3-6 ATS L/9 vs the Demon Deacons. |
| Oct. 21 | Duke | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Duke is 16-7-1 ATS the last 24 games vs. the Techsters. Wramblin' Wreck is 2-4 ATS hosting Duke. |
| Oct. 28 | at Clemson | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tech is 19-12-1 ATS their last 32 October games prior to TY. The last 4 games in this series have all been decided by 3 pts. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bonus Angle: GT is 7-24-1 ATS in November since 1991. |
| Nov. 9 | Virginia (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visiting team is 10-5 ATS the last 15 in this series. GT is 2-8 ATS the L/10 home finales. |
| Nov. 18 | at Maryland | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Georgia Tech is 7-4 ATS in this series, but 1-3 last 4. Wramblin' Wreck is 5-18-1 ATS L/3 games of the season the L/8 yrs. |
| Nov. 25 | at Georgia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Georgia Tech is 4-9 ATS in lined road finales. Yellow Jackets have won 2 straight SU, but are 2-7 ATS in this series. |

## STADIUM: BOBBY DODD STADIUM (46,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 1-10 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 9-2 | 8-3 | 40-37 |
| ATS | 5-5 | 3-7 | 4-4-2 | 4-6 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 4-7 | 35-36-2 |
| Home Fav | 1-2 | 0-2 | 0-2-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 2-4 | 9-13-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-2 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 8-6 |
| Away Fav | 2-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 7-10 |
| Away Dog | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-1-1 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 11-7-1 |
| Favorite | 3-2 | 0-3 | 1-3-1 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 4-2 | 3-7 | 16-23-1 |
| Dog | 2-3 | 3-4 | 3-1-1 | 1-3 | 5-1 | 4-1 | 1-0 | 19-13-1 |
| Grass | 4-1 | 2-3 | 4-4-2 | 4-6 | 6-4 | 8-3 | 4-7 | 32-28-2 |
| Artificial | 1-4 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-8 |
| vs ACC | 5-3 | 2-6 | 3-3-2 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 6-2 | 2-6 | 26-28-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 9-8 |
| Off SU Win | 1-4 | 0-1 | 3-1-2 | 2-3 | 4-2 | 6-2 | 2-5 | 18-18-2 |
| Off SU Loss | 4-1 | 2-6 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 13-16 |

## Coach: GEORGE O'LEARY (Career 36-25)
### *O'Leary's records AT GEORGIA TECH*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at Georgia Tech | | 8-10-1 | Home Favorite |
| 36-25 | Straight Up | 7-2 | Home Underdog |
| 27-25-2 | Vs The Spread | 5-9 | Away Favorite |
| 7-11 | Off A S/U Loss | 7-7-1 | Away Underdog |
| 19-21-2 | Vs ACC | 8-7 | Vs Non-ACC |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 90 | Citrus | E | Nebraska | 45-21 | W |
| 91 | Aloha | +4' | Stanford | 18-17 | W |
| 97 | Carquest | -3 | W Virginia | 35-30 | W |
| 98 | Gator | -2' | Notre Dame | 35-28 | W |
| 99 | Gator | +4' | Miami (Fla) | 13-28 | L |

# GEORGIA TECH (8-4)

*CONFERENCE:* **ACC**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 5**
**DEFENSE: 9**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 34 (15,17,2)**
**Lost: 19 (10,9,0)**

## GEORGIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 38.4 | 26 | 222 | 4.8 | 280 | 63.5 | 19.1 | -12 | 1999 | 6 | 30.6 | 22 | 186 | 4.3 | 229 | 54.8 | 11.5 |
| 8* | 35.5 | 21 | 185 | 4.3 | 208 | 55.5 | 11.1 | +5 | 1998 | 7 | 24.6 | 20 | 167 | 4.1 | 223 | 55.1 | 15.9 |
| 6* | 26.2 | 20 | 156 | 3.7 | 220 | 62.2 | 14.4 | +5 | 1997 | 7 | 24.7 | 22 | 126 | 3.8 | 301 | 63.8 | 17.3 |
| 8 | 30.0 | 18 | 166 | 3.6 | 169 | 55.0 | 16.7 | 0 | 1996 | 8 | 21.5 | 17 | 150 | 4.0 | 199 | 58.2 | 16.2 |
| 6 | 23.6 | 19 | 211 | 4.4 | 139 | 54.0 | 14.8 | +7 | 1995 | 3 | 22.1 | 19 | 91 | 2.7 | 245 | 62.1 | 15.2 |
| 7* | 16.8 | 18 | 104 | 3.3 | 246 | 54.8 | 20.8 | -21 | 1994 | 8 | 29.0 | 21 | 230 | 4.3 | 152 | 54.1 | 13.2 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Navy | 27 | 61-341 | 5.6 | 13-19 | 146 | 1 | | 18 | 47-192 | 4.1 | 9-18 | 133 | 2 | +1 |
| at Florida St | 24 | 38-114 | 3.0 | 22-25 | 387 | 3 | | 29 | 43-182 | 4.2 | 16-29 | 262 | 1 | 0 |
| C Florida | 24 | 45-318 | 7.1 | 13-24 | 176 | 0 | | 22 | 29-92 | 3.2 | 28-49 | 253 | 2 | 0 |
| Maryland | 22 | 43-200 | 4.7 | 19-31 | 387 | 1 | | 15 | 36-89 | 2.5 | 17-32 | 310 | 0 | -2 |
| N Carolina | 23 | 41-237 | 5.8 | 14-27 | 273 | 1 | | 18 | 58-276 | 4.8 | 10-20 | 76 | 3 | -5 |
| at Duke | 29 | 44-196 | 4.5 | 23-34 | 324 | 0 | | 23 | 30-101 | 3.4 | 25-43 | 294 | 2 | -1 |
| N Carolina St | 30 | 47-266 | 5.7 | 19-31 | 247 | 0 | | 19 | 33-94 | 2.8 | 15-32 | 320 | 0 | -1 |
| at Virginia | 26 | 46-214 | 4.7 | 18-26 | 233 | 2 | | 26 | 51-265 | 5.2 | 18-30 | 228 | 0 | -1 |
| Clemson | 29 | 48-215 | 4.5 | 22-30 | 322 | 3 | | 21 | 49-231 | 4.7 | 17-31 | 197 | 2 | -3 |
| at Wake Forest | 24 | 38-165 | 4.3 | 23-40 | 281 | 1 | | 20 | 62-322 | 5.2 | 10-13 | 88 | 2 | -2 |
| Georgia | 29 | 52-216 | 4.2 | 22-32 | 341 | 0 | | 33 | 41-171 | 4.2 | 30-56 | 376 | 2 | +2 |
| Miami (Fla) (Bowl) | 29 | 48-176 | 4.5 | 20-40 | 245 | 3 | | 22 | 36-220 | 6.1 | 16-32 | 208 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 316 | 551-2658 | 4.8 | 228-359 | 3362 | 15 | | 266 | 515-2235 | 4.3 | 211-385 | 2745 | 17 | -12 |
| AVERAGES | 26.3 | 46-222 | 4.8 | 19-30 | 280 | 1.3 | | 22.2 | 43-186 | 4.3 | 18-32 | 229 | 1.4 | -1.0 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Furman | NL | 51-7 | – |
| at Arizona | +14 | 19-20 | W |
| at Virginia | +14 | 14-41 | L |
| Maryland | +2 | 31-3 | W |
| at Duke | -5 | 37-21 | W |
| N Carolina | +2' | 27-25 | W |
| at Florida St | +32 | 10-42 | T |
| Clemson | -2 | 3-24 | L |
| at Wake Forest | -14 | 24-23 | L |
| N Carolina St | -8 | 27-19 | T |
| Georgia | -1 | 17-18 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Carolina St | -1' | 28-16 | W |
| Wake Forest | -15 | 30-10 | W |
| at N Carolina | +10' | 0-16 | L |
| Duke | -18 | 48-22 | W |
| Virginia | +7 | 13-7 | W |
| at Clemson | -7 | 25-28 | L |
| C Florida | NL | 27-20 | – |
| Florida St | +19 | 3-49 | L |
| at Maryland | -6 | 10-13 | L |
| Navy | -4' | 26-36 | L |
| at Georgia | +4 | 10-19 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Notre Dame | +20' | 13-17 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -7' | 28-26 | L |
| Clemson | +1 | 23-20 | W |
| at Boston College | -6' | 42-14 | W |
| N Carolina St | -5' | 27-17 | W |
| at Florida St | +23 | 0-38 | L |
| N Carolina | +8' | 13-16 | W |
| at Virginia | +4' | 31-35 | W |
| at Duke | -7' | 41-38 | L |
| Maryland | -19' | 37-18 | L |
| Georgia | +4 | 24-27 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston College | -13 | 31-41 | L |
| N Mexico St | -34 | 42-7 | W |
| at N Carolina | +4' | 43-21 | W |
| Duke | -10' | 41-13 | W |
| at N Carolina St | +2 | 47-24 | W |
| Virginia | +2' | 41-38 | W |
| Florida St | +13 | 7-34 | L |
| at Maryland | -12' | 31-14 | W |
| at Clemson | -8 | 24-21 | L |
| Wake Forest | -17' | 63-35 | W |
| at Georgia | +3 | 21-19 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Navy | -18 | 49-14 | W |
| at Florida St | +18 | 35-41 | W |
| UCF | -29' | 41-10 | W |
| Maryland | -19' | 49-31 | L |
| N Carolina | -17 | 31-24 | L |
| at Duke | -16' | 38-31 | L |
| N Carolina St | -17 | 48-21 | W |
| at Virginia | -7 | 38-45 | L |
| Clemson | -4 | 45-42 | L |
| at Wake Forest | -9 | 23-26 | L |
| Georgia | -5 | 51-48 | L |

# HAWAII RAINBOWS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In the Rainbow Warriors' offense of 98, Dan Robinson threw for just 2,155 yards (46%) with an 11-12 ratio. In the super passing offense of June Jones, Robinson broke almost every UH passing record. He threw for 4,119 yards (52.2%) with a 28-19 ratio. While Robinson departs, Jones has plenty of talent from which to choose his replacement. Mike Harrison (6-1 206 So) was PS#157 and had 91 yards passing as a true frosh. Kevin Gilbride was PS#87 and sat out last year after originally signing with BYU. Shawn Withy-Allen (6-4 208 So) was PS#172. Jones also brings in 3 super recruits this year. Timmy Chang is a rare VHT for here (PS#21). His high school, Honolulu-St Louis, ran the exact same offense, so Chang is well versed in the schemes. Nick Rolovich (PS#55) threw for 2,110 yards with a 22-4 ratio (58.8%) at San Francisco Community College last year. Jared Flint (6-5 209 Jr) was PS#72 and originally signed at Indiana. He threw for 2,458 yards (57.5%) with a 16-12 ratio at Orange Coast College last year. Despite the loss of their starter, this is a very talented group and should come close to matching or perhaps even beating last year's numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - UH took a tough hit last spring when leading rusher Charles Tharp decided to transfer. That left them rather inexperienced at this position. In a run & shoot offense the RB is responsible for pass blocking but also can put up some solid yardage rushing as defenses key on the pass. Such was the case for last year's two headed RB. Avion Weaver and Afatia Thompson split the time last season and they combined for 1,167 yards (5.2) and 50 receptions (8.6). Weaver is the faster RB with 4.65 speed while Thompson is strong, benching 375. Robert Grant (6-0 186 Jr) has 80 yards rushing the last two years. Since everyone is back and now experienced in the new offense, this unit looks to be improved.

**RECEIVERS** - The Rainbow Warriors' run & shoot offense uses 4 WR's and no FB or TE. Last year this unit had to replace two of its top 3 receivers and then lost 2 projected starters prior to the season. It was a very young and inexperienced group learning a new system. This year the big loss to this unit is their leading WR Dwight Carter who had 81 receptions and a super 15.8 ypc. He was 1st team WAC and will be tough to replace. Also gone is WR Attrice Brooks (2 sts, 8 rec) who quit the team in the spring. I list the 2 deep below and as you can see there is plenty of experience with 3 returning starters. I'm surprised Jones was not able to land a couple of HT recruits this year, and it's possible that some of the excess QB's may end up at this position. Even with the losses, this unit is more experienced and has a year under its belt in the system and looks stronger.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - June Jones had a big benefit last year in the fact that he inherited a veteran offensive line with 7 players having starting experience including a pair of NFL caliber offensive tackles. This year the losses are heavy. They lose LG Andy Phillips (13 sts, HM WAC, 4 yr st'r), LT Adrian Klemm (13 sts, 1st tm WAC, 4 yr st'r, #2 DC of NE), C Dustin Owen (13 sts, HM WAC) and RT Kaulana Noa (13 sts, 1st tm WAC, 4 yr st'r, 49 career sts, #4 DC of STL). With those great OT's the Rainbows only allowed 26 sacks despite 617 pass attempts. While this is the second year of the system, this year's O-line does not have the talent or experience of the 99 version.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - When DC Greg McMackin came in last year he saw the unit was bereft of quality talent. Although they had 4 DL starters, they began the year with the DE's really being stand up LB types and just having 2 big DT's. This year they have much more depth on the defensive front and remarkably good size. The two projected starting DT's average 341 lbs in the middle and have good experience and size behind them with Garner and Iosua combining for 16 career starts. DE Joseph Correia originally signed with Oklahoma and the other DE I list is Laanui Correa, a UNLV transfer. The only losses this year are DT Tony Tuioti (7 sts, 49 tkl, 5 sk), DT Matt Elam (1 st, 17 tkl), DE Matt Paul (11 sts, 77 tkl, 15 tfl, 2nd tm WAC) and DL Chris Garnier (15 tkl). The Rainbows went from allowing 4.7 ypc to just 4.0 last year while also recording 43 sacks, and this D-line looks even stronger in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Rainbows had to replace two starters but moved their leading returning tackler, SS Anthony Smith, into the LB group. This year they must replace OLB Jeff Ulbrich (13 sts, an amazing 178 tkls, 25 tfl, 1st tm WAC, #3 DC of SF) and OLB Yaphet Warren (13 sts, 106 tkl, 11 tfl). Those are some hefty losses. They do return five players with starting experience and get a couple of super newcomers. Rinda Brooks (6-0 244) who had 2 starts in 98 before injury and quit the team last spring, has decided to return. Pisa Tinoisamoa was the top recruit last year but was academically ineligible. Ulbrich had NFL type talent and while this unit looks solid, I'll call it weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After finishing #39 in my pass defense rankings in 97 the Rainbows had to replace 5 players in 98 and plummeted to 108th in the 98 rankings. Last year they had six players back with starting experience and 5 incoming JUCO's. They improved up to #78 in the pass defense rankings allowing 57.5% but with only a 16-17 ratio. This year they must replace CB Quincy LeJay (13 sts, 1st tm WAC, 7 int, 12 pbu, 84 tkl), FS Phil Austin (7 sts, 33 tkl, 3 pbu) and SS Daniel Ho-Ching (1st, 19 tkl). While they lose their top CB, they do have numerous JUCO's contending for time and have 3 quality starters back. I look for continued improvement in the pass defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In their 0-12 season in 98 the Rainbow Warriors had the worst special teams in the country as they were poor in every category, especially the TD/blk area. Naturally, with the NCAA's biggest turnaround you would expect this unit to have been improved last year, and it was as UH finished #66. Their best areas were net punting and KR defense where they were among the tops in the country. The weakest area was the return game. All of the key returnmen are back including Jamal Garland who was the top KR/PR and should improve. Eric Hannum is back at K after hitting a solid 14 of 22 last year with a long of 50. Five of his misses were from 40+. They must replace solid P Chad Shrout. Special teams actually helped UH win some games last year but they were still a -2 in the TD/blk category. As long as a new P can be found, they should come close to last year's finish in the special teams rankings.

The swarming Hawaii defense made great strides last year.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Avion Weaver** | 132 | 763 | 34 | 729 | 4 | 5.5 |
| **Afatia Thompson** | 91 | 457 | 19 | 438 | 3 | 4.8 |
| **Craig Stutzmann** | 8 | 39 | 1 | 38 | 1 | 4.8 |
| Dan Robinson | 63 | 105 | 202 | -97 | 4 | -1.5 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dan Robinson | 596 | 311 | 52.2 | 4119 | 28 | 19 |
| **Mike Harrison** | 20 | 9 | 45.0 | 91 | 0 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dwight Carter | 81 | 1282 | 15.8 | 9 | 75 |
| **Craig Stutzmann** | 67 | 708 | 10.6 | 8 | 50 |
| **Channon Harris** | 61 | 941 | 15.4 | 8 | 48 |
| **Ashley Lelie** | 40 | 561 | 14.0 | 2 | 46 |
| **Afatia Thompson** | 26 | 212 | 8.2 | 0 | 25 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chad Shrout | 66 | 2738 | 41.5 | - | 37.6 | 1 | 12 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Eric Hannum** | 9-11 | 3-4 | 1-3 | 1-4 | 14-22 | 50 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeff Ulbrich | 178 | 9 | 16 | 1 | 2 |
| Yaphet Warren | 106 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| **Dedrick Miller** | 89 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Quincy LeJay | 84 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 7 |
| Matt Paul | 77 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| **Nate Jackson** | 74 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Robert Kemfort** | 57 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Joe Correia** | 50 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Tony Tuioti | 49 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Anthony Smith** | 47 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| **Shawndel Tucker** | 46 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| **Mike Iosua** | 36 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Phil Austin | 33 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jamal Garland** | 38 | 282 | 7.4 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jamal Garland** | 33 | 751 | 22.8 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**USC** +26' 7-62 **LOSS** USC simply dominated & led 41-0 at the half & finished with a 529-221 yd edge. UH's only score came on LeJay's 21 yd int ret for a TD.

**E ILLINOIS** NL 31-27 - Robinson passed for 452 yds & UH snapped a 12 game losing streak. EI had a 27-20 FD edge. UH fmbl'd the KO & EI got a 38 yd TD pass :09 in. Each team settled for short FG's. UH got an 80 yd TD pass. EI drove 74 yds for a TD, 17-10 at half. UH drove 29 & 64 yds for TD's. EI drove 64 yds to tie. UH led 31-24 after 3Q's. EI settled for a 19 yd FG. They were SOD at the UH 20 with 7:20 left & SOD at their 41.

**BOISE ST** +6' 34-19 **WIN** I used a 3★ Small College Play on UH & they delivered the outright upset. UH got a 54 yd int ret for a TD 2:00 in. Boise drove 37 yds for a TD, 7-7 after 1Q. Boise drove 57 yds foll an int for a TD (xp blk). Boise drove 80 yds with a 39 yd TD pass, 19-7 (2 pt ng). Boise, which had 13 FD's & 230 yds in the 1H, had just 4 FD's & 70 yds in the 2H & crossed the 50 once. UH scored on 4 of 5 poss as they went 51 yds for a TD & marched 83 yds for another TD, 20-19. UH drove 62 yds for a TD. After Boise was SOD at its own 26 with 6:15 left UH got a 1 play TD pass. UH had a 335-300 yd edge.

**AT SMU** +14 20-0 **WIN** UH ended a 26 game road losing streak. UH got a 2 play, 81 yd TD drive. SMU was SOD at the UH 20. On the 4th poss SMU switched to backup QB Luker after McCown hit 5 of 7. Luker hit just 11 of 27. Late in the half SMU fmbl'd at the UH 5. UH got a 50 yd FG on the final play of the half, 10-0. In the 3Q SMU got a 70 yd TD run called back on holding. SMU ret'd an int 28 yds for a TD but it was called back as well. UH got a 4Q 42 yd FG & a 13 yd TD pass. SMU had the ball for 36:22. UH had a 394-231 yd edge.

**UTEP** +5' 33-3 **WIN** I used a 4★ Late Phone Play on UH & they dominated. UH had a 269-63 yd edge at half but missed a 54 yd FG, fmbl'd at the 3, was int'd in the EZ and settled for 27 & 30 yd FG's, 13-3. UH missed a 41 yd FG in the 3Q but drove 86 & 56 yds for TD's, 27-3. UH was int'd in the EZ & then drove 63 yds for a TD w/ 5:20 left.

**RICE** +1 19-38 **LOSS** UH opened with a 74 yd drive but settled for a 35 yd FG. Rice drove 80 yds in 7 plays for a TD. UH rec'd a fmbl at the Rice 33 but was int'd in the EZ. Rice drove 39 yds in 10 plays for a 30 yd FG, 10-10. UH drove to the Rice 1 but missed an 18 yd FG on the final play of the half. UH had a 235-183 1H yd edge. Rice got a 60 yd TD run by Richardson. UH drove to the 3 but settled for another short FG. Rice got an 11 yd TD drive foll a fmbl & then an 80 yd, 14 play TD drive. Rice got a 29 yd TD drive after UH was SOD. UH got a 65 yd TD drive & was int'd deep in Rice terr to end the game.

**AT TULSA** -5' 35-21 **WIN** UT went 51 yds for a TD on its 1st drive but UH had a 281-85 yd edge in the 1H. UH led 14-7 & then went 71 yds for a TD w/ :10 left. UT got a 69 yd 3Q TD drive but was int'd on 2 consec poss & missed a 28 yd FG. UH got a 39 yd TD drive foll an int, 28-14. UH iced it with an 80 yd TD drive to open the 4Q. UT was SOD & int'd but got a 64 yd garbage drive for a TD with :15 left.

**TCU** +4' 14-34 **LOSS** UH a 23-17 FD edge, TCU had a 405-295 yd edge. TCU's front 4 put constant pressure on Robinson. They ret'd a fmbl in the EZ for a TD, 7-0. UH drove 63 yds for a TD, 7-6 (xpng). TCU drove 67 yds for a TD, 14-6 at half. UH got a 14 play 3Q drive but Robinson's pass went thru the TE's hands & was int'd & ret'd 52 yds. TCU got a 48 yd TD pass, 21-6. Batteaux added a 40 yd TD pass early 4Q. UH got a 59 yd TD drive but TCU rolled 92 yds in 14 plays eating up 7:49 for a TD with 2:02 left.

**AT SAN JOSE ST** +2' 62-41 **WIN** Misleading final. SJS had just 25 yds in the 1H & despite totaling 41 pts, had zero offensive points thru 3Q's. UH led 29-7 & SJS's only score was a 29 yd fumble ret for a TD. UH led **42-7 in the 4Q** but there were 61 4Q pts as UH played its backups & SJS tried 5 onside kicks.

**FRESNO ST (OT)** +3 31-24 **WIN** I used a 4★ Late Phone Play on UH. UH led 13-7 at the half. UH was SOD at the FSU 15 but FSU fmbl'd & UH drove 17 yds for a TD, 21-7 in the 4Q. FSU drove 77 yds for a TD. UH drove 83 yds for a 29 yd FG but missed with 4:01 left. FSU got a roughing the passer pen on 4th & 2 & went 80 yds for a TD with just 1:35 left, OT. Each got FG's in the 1st OT. UH got a TD & FSU's 4th & 22 pass fell inc.

**NAVY** +3 48-41 **WIN** UH accepted a bowl bid & Jones announced it to the crowd. UH got the only 1Q score, a 26 yd FG. Navy sandwiched 3 long scoring drives around a UH TD, 17-10. Each team drove 65 yds for a TD, 24-17. UH got a TD & a FG before the half, 27-24. UH drove 26 yds for a TD after Navy punted from its EZ. Navy got a 42 yd FG but UH drove 93 yds for a TD, 41-27. Navy got to the UH 41 & 38 but fmbl'd & punted. Navy rec'd a pair of fmbl's setting up 21 & 16 yd TD drives to tie it with 7:23 left. UH drove 73 yds for a TD & Navy was int'd at the UH 27. Robinson threw for 530 yds.

**WASHINGTON ST** -5 14-22 **LOSS** WSU led 3-0 at half with each team having just 7 FD's. WSU drove 80 yds for a 36 yd FG but UH got a 75 yd TD pass. WSU got a 1 play, 30 yd TD run foll an int, 12-7. UH ret'd a fmbl 38 yds for a TD, 14-12 after 3Q's. WSU got a 24 yd FG with 2:53 left for the lead. UH was SOD on its own 20 & WSU added a late TD.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Last spring I compiled a list of the most improved teams in the country and Hawaii was at the #1 spot. At the time UH held the nation's longest losing streak at 18 games but with 9 home games, a soft schedule and a plethora of returning talent plus a new attitude instilled by June Jones, I actually said in my forecast that they could end up with the biggest improvement in the win column of any team in the country. UH did not disappoint me as they went from 0-12 to a remarkable 9-4 record, the largest single season turnaround in NCAA history. The highlight came with their bowl win over PAC 10 member Oregon St. UH broke a 26 game road losing streak and got its first shutout in 7 years. QB Dan Robinson broke almost all of UH's passing records. UH went 3-0 in their road games, the first time since 1988 they swept all of their away tilts. Overall the team broke a total of 32 school records and tied 3. The offensive line had a pair of NFL caliber OT's who paved the way for a potent offense but both depart. No QB was really a front-runner after the spring so no one will get the bulk of the snaps until just before the opener. The defense must replace their coordinator but does have an improved D-line and DB's and will be more of an attack style unit. The Rainbows play a manageable non-conf slate (Texas did back out of a Sept meeting) and once again they have 8 home games on the docket. They play the 3 toughest teams in the WAC on the road so repeating last year's WAC title will be tough but they have a shot at matching last year's 8 regular season wins.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| QB | Timmy Chang | 6-2 190 PS#21 |
| P | Greg Kleidon | 6-1 190 PS#37JC |
| RB | Gerald Welch | 5-9 190 PS#107 |
| QB | Nick Rolovich | 6-2 210 PS#55JC |
| DB | Shaddrick Carter | 5-11 195 PS#57JC |
| OL | Jonathan Ekno | 6-6 280 PS#202 |
| DL | Houston Ala | 6-2 220 PS#163 |
| OL | William Jackson | 6-3 280 PS#220 |
| OL | Phil Kauffman | 6-1 275 PS#224 |
| OL | Ryan Santos | 6-5 292 PS#225 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Kevin Gilbride So.** 6-2 199 *PS#87 in 98, BYU trans. Nick Rolovich (PS#55) 2110 yds, 22-4 ratio at JC ly. Mike Harrison (6-1 206 So) PS#157, 91 yds ly.*
**RB AVION WEAVER SR.** 5-10 221 *4 sts, 162 yds (4.5) in 98, 729 yds (5.5) in 99, 24 rec (9.0). Afatia Thompson (5-10 212 Jr) 11 sts, 438 yds (4.8), 26 rec in 99.*
**WR ASHLEY LELIE SO.** 6-3 175 *10 sts as rFr in 99, #4 w/40 rec (14.0). Sean Butts (6-4 187 So) was HS track champ & 2 rec (7.0) as rFr.*
**WR CHANNON HARRIS JR.** 5-8 152 *4.28 speed. JC trans ly. 12 sts here & #3 w/ 61 rec (15.4). Scott Sims (5-11 166 Sr), 4.4 speed, 2 rec.*
**WR CRAIG STUTZMANN JR.** 5-10 189 *PS#213 in 98, 6 rec as true. 13 sts in 99, #2 with 67 rec (10.6). Ricky Lumford (5-7 176 Sr), 93 return yds ly.*
**WR Justin Colbert So.** 5-7 153 *PS#143 in 99. 4.5 spd. 1 st as true, 2 rec (3.5). Jamal Garland (5-9 172 Jr). JC ly, 4.5 speed. 1st tm WAC as KR returns.*
**C Brian Smith Jr.** 6-1 280 *Long snapper L/2Y, 11 gms; 2nd string C ly. Lyle Castro (5-10 267 So) PS#226. Dwight Zimmerman (6-2 284 Sr).*
**RG MANLY KANOA III JR.** 6-3 313 *13 sts at RG in 99, added 12 lbs. Shayne Kajioka (6-3 376 rFr) PS#256. 13 gms as 2nd string but reds.*
**LG Vince Manuwal So.** 6-2 249 *PS#338OL. Lettered in 99. Douglas Gosling (6-3 312 Sr) was PS#244JC, lettered in 99. Chris Hogge (6-3 283 So).*
**RT Lui Fuata So.** 6-2 306 *12 gms as 2nd string in 98 but RS. 13 gms in 99, lettered. Kynan Forney (6-3 284 Sr) PS#309JC. 5 sts here in 98.*
**LT Chris Pinkney So.** 6-2 255 *PS#213DL in 97. Added 20 lbs. Brian Tomihama (6-4 328 rFr) backup ly but RS. Jonathan Ekno is PS#202OL.*
**K ERIC HANNUM SR.** 6-3 188 *P in 96. Hit 15 of 24 FG's, long of 46 in 97. Med RS in 98. Hit 14 of 22 FG's in 99, long of 50, 2 of 7 from 40+.*

**DE JOSEPH CORREIA SR.** 6-2 260 *Signed at Okla in 92. 3 sts in 98, 24 tkls, 2 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 50 tkls, 6 tfl. Steve Dietschy (6-2 245 Sr) PS#127JC in 98.*
**DT DOUG SIMS SR.** 6-2 357 *JC trans in 99. 12 sts, 27 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Miles Garner (6-2 300 Sr) 18 tkls as true. 2 sts in 98, 35 tkls, 5 tfl. 9 tkls in 99.*
**DT LUI FUGA SO.** 6-2 326 *UNLV trans. 2 sts, 24 tkls, 3 tfl. Mike Iosua (6-3 271 Jr) 5 sts at TE as rFr. 9 sts ly, 36 tkls, 7 tfl. Olen Rosehill has 5 sts, 3Y.*
**DE Laanui Correa Jr.** 6-3 248 *10 tkls, 1 sk at UNLV in 98. Chris Brown (6-1 252 So), 8 tkls, 3 tfl in 99, 465 lb bench. Kevin Jackson (6-3 213 rFr) 1 tkl as true.*
**OLB Anthony Smith Sr.** 6-1 210 *PS#153WR. 7 sts at SS in 98 #1 w/103 tkls. 4 sts in 99, 47 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl at LB. Bo Espinoza (6-3 219 Jr) 16 tkls in 2 yrs.*
**ILB Pisa Tinoisamoa rFr.** 6-2 220 *PS#68RB, acad questions. Joaquin Avila (6-2 222 Sr) 3 sts in 98, 51 tkls. 20 tkls ly. Rinda Brooks PS#190JC, 3 sts, 30 tkls 97-98.*
**OLB ROBERT KEMFORT SR.** 6-2 202 *PS#180RB. 87 yds rush in 97 & 98. 9 sts at LB in 99, 57 tkls, 2 tfl. Lonnie Williams (6-0 208 Jr) 1 st, 12 tkls in 2 yrs.*
**CB Fejamma Armstrong Sr.** 5-7 165 *JC trans ly. 4.3 speed. 19 tkls here in 99. Tavis Campbell (5-11 199 Sr) PS#256JC in 99, 7 tkls, 1 pbu here. 4.5 speed.*
**CB SHAWNDEL TUCKER JR.** 5-9 170 *10.5 in 100m. JC trans ly. 10 sts in 99, 46 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu. Shaddrick Carter (5-11 195 Jr) PS#64 in 98. PS#57JC tyl*
**SS DEDRICK "DEE" MILLER SR.** 6-1 195 *PS#50JC in 99. 10 sts here ly, 89 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu, HM WAC, 2 tfl. Kevin Milhouse (6-1 190 Jr) is JC trans.*
**FS NATE JACKSON JR.** 5-10 164 *PS#364DB. 5 sts as true, 19 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 74 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. Jacob Espiau (5-10 190 Jr) 16 tkls ly.*
**P Greg Kleidon Jr.** 6-1 190 *PS#37JC this year. Was #2 among JC's in 99 with super 44.8 average per punt & also handled PK duties.*

# HAWAII RAINBOW WARRIORS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UH | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Warriors were 7-4 LY but are 23-40-2 ATS their last 65 lined games. UH is 7-18-1 (2-0 LY) ATS on grass since 1992. Hawaii is 5-14-1 ATS as more than a 2 TD underdog. Hawaii has covered 8 of 13 season openers since 1986. UH is 27-19-1 as a home dog despite a rough 1-4 mark in 1998. |
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Portland St runs a pass oriented offense & QB Jimmy Blanchard set a NCAA record for most passes w/o an int (342) in '99. |
| Sep. 9 | Portland St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Vikings play in the Big Sky and were 8-3 SU last year. PSU returns 19 starters from LY's team & have 29 returning seniors. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | at UTEP | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hawaii is 2-7 ATS since 1994 the week after a bye. Warriors are 16-30-1 ATS vs the WAC the L/6Y, but were 5-2 LY. |
| Sep. 30 | Tulsa | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UH is 2-9-1 ATS as a home favorite since 1994. Prior to this season UH was 10-18 ATS L/28 on artificial turf. |
| Oct. 7 | at TCU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite a 2-0 mark LY, UH is 6-16-1 ATS on grass the L7Y. Rainbow Warriors are 7-17-2 ATS L/26 October games. |
| Oct. 14 | SMU | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 0-2 SU & ATS in this series, getting shut out each time. Could apply here: UH is 9-19-3 ATS (2-0 LY) after a SU loss. |
| Oct. 21 | at Rice | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This will be UH's 2nd road game in a 3 week span against an option oriented team. LY's meeting was the first for the 2 school's since at least '76. |
| Oct. 28 | San Jose St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Strange but true: UH is 25-18-3 ATS at home after a road game. The above angle is in affect for TY's games vs Tulsa, SMU, SJS & Nevada. |
| Nov. 4 | at Fresno St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rainbows are 2-6 ATS their last 8 road finales. The home team is 7-1 ATS in this series. |
| Nov. 11 | Nevada | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hawaii is 4-0 SU, 3-0 ATS since 1981 vs current Big West teams. UH is 7-2 ATS since 1986 in the 1st game of a 2 (+) game homestand. |
| Nov. 18 | Louisiana Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This looks to be a high scoring game as both tms run wide open pass attacks. Hawaii has not played La Tech since at least 1976. |
| Nov. 25 | Wisconsin | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UH is 3-7 SU, 4-6 L/10 reg season games vs Big 10 teams. Badgers last trip here was a 10-59 loss for UH in 1996. |
| Dec. 2 | UNLV | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hawaii has played at least 12 games for the L/15 years. UH has dropped 6 straight home finales SU but are 3-3 ATS with those games. |

## STADIUM: ALOHA STADIUM (50,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-6 | 3-8-1 | 4-8 | 2-10 | 3-9 | 0-12 | 8-4 | 26-57-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 4-7-1 | 5-6 | 2-9-1 | 7-4 | 31-46-2 |
| Home Fav | 4-2 | 0-4 | 1-0 | 1-2-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 6-11-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 1-4 | 4-3 | 15-16 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 3-3 |
| Away Dog | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-4 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 1-4-1 | 1-0 | 7-16-1 |
| Favorite | 4-3 | 0-5 | 2-0 | 1-2-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 9-14-1 |
| Dog | 1-3 | 4-2 | 2-7 | 3-5 | 5-4 | 2-8-1 | 5-3 | 22-32-1 |
| Grass | 1-4 | 0-1 | 0-4 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 1-2-1 | 2-0 | 6-16-1 |
| Artificial | 4-2 | 4-6 | 4-3 | 3-4-1 | 4-4 | 1-7 | 5-4 | 25-30-1 |
| vs WAC | 4-4 | 2-6 | 3-6 | 2-5-1 | 3-5 | 1-6-1 | 5-2 | 20-34-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 11-12 |
| Off SU Win | 2-3 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 5-3 | 11-13 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-3 | 2-4 | 3-3 | 3-5-1 | 3-5 | 2-8-1 | 2-0 | 18-28-2 |

## Coach: JUNE JONES (Career 9-4)
### *Jones' records AT HAWAII*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Hawaii | | 0-1 | Home Favorite |
| 9-4 | Straight Up | 4-3 | Home Underdog |
| 7-4 | Vs The Spread | 2-0 | Away Favorite |
| 2-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-0 | Away Underdog |
| 5-2 | Vs WAC | 2-2 | Vs Non-WAC |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | Aloha | +7 | Michigan St | 13-33 | L |
| 92 | Holiday | E | Illinois | 27-17 | W |
| 99 | Oahu | +9 | Oregon St | 23-17 | W |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

# HAWAII (9-4)

*CONFERENCE:* **WAC**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 5**
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 43 (19,21,3)**
**Lost: 19 (8,10,1)**

## HAWAII'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 28.5 | 21 | 89 | 3.6 | 324 | 51.9 | 14.5 | +1 | 1999 | 8 | 26.8 | 21 | 185 | 4.0 | 196 | 57.5 | 14.2 |
| 7* | 12.4 | 15 | 109 | 3.0 | 184 | 44.1 | 23.7 | -10 | 1998 | 3 | 35.2 | 20 | 189 | 4.7 | 207 | 60.2 | 11.3 |
| 4 | 15.8 | 17 | 105 | 2.7 | 206 | 55.7 | 19.7 | -9 | 1997 | 9 | 25.7 | 17 | 148 | 3.7 | 182 | 49.9 | 12.9 |
| 8* | 13.4 | 14 | 136 | 3.5 | 120 | 50.7 | 19.1 | -7 | 1996 | 8 | 36.1 | 22 | 233 | 5.2 | 179 | 54.3 | 11.4 |
| 7* | 23.8 | 21 | 224 | 4.8 | 158 | 48.7 | 16.1 | -4 | 1995 | 6 | 33.4 | 25 | 218 | 5.2 | 214 | 57.2 | 12.9 |
| 3 | 21.7 | 20 | 199 | 4.6 | 164 | 46.8 | 16.7 | -12 | 1994 | 5 | 22.8 | 20 | 165 | 3.6 | 209 | 56.6 | 16.4 |

**1999 STATS BY GAME**

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| USC | 16 | 22-27 | 1.2 | 21-47 | 194 | 8 | 29 | 60-279 | 4.7 | 19-26 | 250 | 1 | -3 |
| E Illinois | 20 | 22-89 | 4.0 | 24-40 | 452 | 0 | 27 | 44-213 | 4.8 | 23-38 | 284 | 3 | -2 |
| Boise St | 17 | 30-74 | 2.5 | 20-39 | 261 | 3 | 17 | 48-83 | 1.7 | 19-32 | 217 | 5 | -1 |
| at SMU | 18 | 19-72 | 3.8 | 24-41 | 322 | 0 | 15 | 47-81 | 1.7 | 16-34 | 150 | 3 | 0 |
| UTEP | 24 | 25-160 | 6.4 | 31-51 | 372 | 0 | 11 | 39-84 | 2.2 | 9-19 | 89 | 6 | 0 |
| Rice | 16 | 15-24 | 1.6 | 25-53 | 400 | 1 | 22 | 66-354 | 5.4 | 3-5 | 28 | 1 | -2 |
| at Tulsa | 21 | 31-152 | 4.9 | 23-41 | 283 | 2 | 22 | 36-123 | 3.4 | 27-42 | 271 | 4 | +3 |
| TCU | 23 | 24-58 | 2.4 | 25-55 | 237 | 3 | 17 | 50-237 | 4.7 | 8-11 | 168 | 0 | -1 |
| at San Jose St | 33 | 42-174 | 4.1 | 27-48 | 371 | 4 | 21 | 18-(-37) | -2.1 | 29-53 | 379 | 7 | +4 |
| Fresno St | 19 | 29-129 | 4.4 | 21-48 | 268 | 2 | 27 | 41-150 | 3.7 | 34-52 | 235 | 1 | +4 |
| Navy | 29 | 16-27 | 1.7 | 37-63 | 530 | 2 | 26 | 69-451 | 6.5 | 5-14 | 71 | 2 | 0 |
| Washington St | 15 | 19-83 | 4.4 | 19-51 | 254 | 1 | 20 | 49-222 | 4.5 | 19-34 | 141 | 4 | 0 |
| Oregon St (Bowl) | 21 | 24-83 | 3.5 | 23-40 | 266 | 0 | 24 | 35-169 | 4.8 | 19-40 | 269 | 6 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 272 | 318-1152 | 3.6 | 320-617 | 4210 | 24 | 278 | 602-2409 | 4.0 | 230-400 | 2552 | 38 | +1 |
| AVERAGES | 20.9 | 24-89 | 3.6 | 25-47 | 324 | 1.8 | 21.4 | 46-185 | 4.0 | 18-31 | 196 | 2.9 | 0.1 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | +11 | 17-38 | L |
| at Wyoming | +7 | 6-52 | L |
| UTEP | -12 | 42-21 | W |
| at UNLV | -15' | 58-30 | W |
| at N Mexico | +7 | 10-24 | L |
| C Florida | NL | 45-14 | – |
| at BYU | +15 | 7-45 | L |
| Fresno St | +9 | 42-37 | W |
| at Colorado St | +17 | 0-22 | L |
| San Diego St | +9 | 10-49 | L |
| Air Force | +11 | 28-45 | L |
| Oklahoma St | +5 | 20-24 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston Coll | +13' | 21-24 | W |
| Ohio Univ | -16' | 10-21 | L |
| at Wyoming | +21 | 0-66 | L |
| Boise St | -5' | 20-14 | W |
| at Fresno St | +19 | 0-20 | L |
| Colorado St | +13 | 16-28 | W |
| at San Diego St | +31 | 8-56 | L |
| UNLV | -10 | 38-28 | T |
| at Air Force | +35 | 7-34 | W |
| San Jose St | -5 | 17-38 | L |
| BYU | +30 | 14-45 | L |
| Wisconsin | +28 | 10-59 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | +12' | 17-3 | W |
| CS Northridge | NL | 34-21 | – |
| Wyoming | +11 | 6-35 | L |
| at UNLV | +3' | 15-25 | L |
| at Colorado St | +30 | 0-63 | L |
| Fresno St | +11 | 28-16 | W |
| at BYU | +27' | 3-17 | W |
| San Diego St | +6' | 3-10 | L |
| Air Force | +11 | 27-34 | W |
| at San Jose St | -1' | 14-38 | L |
| NE Louisiana | -5' | 20-23 | L |
| Notre Dame | +28 | 22-23 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | +17 | 6-27 | L |
| at Utah | +24 | 21-30 | W |
| Arkansas St | -11 | 0-20 | L |
| SMU | +7' | 0-28 | L |
| at San Diego St | +22 | 13-35 | T |
| BYU | +21' | 9-31 | L |
| N Mexico | +6' | 20-30 | L |
| at UTEP | +15' | 13-30 | L |
| San Jose St | +7' | 17-45 | L |
| at Fresno St | +27' | 12-51 | L |
| Northwestern | +16' | 21-47 | L |
| Michigan | +38' | 17-48 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| USC | +26' | 7-62 | L |
| E Illinois | NL | 31-27 | – |
| Boise St | +6' | 34-19 | W |
| at SMU | +14 | 20-0 | W |
| UTEP | +5' | 33-3 | W |
| Rice | +1 | 19-38 | L |
| at Tulsa | -5' | 35-21 | W |
| TCU | +4' | 14-34 | L |
| at San Jose St | +2' | 62-41 | W |
| Fresno St | +3 | 31-24 | W |
| Navy | +3 | 48-41 | W |
| Washington St | -5 | 14-22 | L |

# HOUSTON COUGARS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year there were only 5 senior QB's that started since their freshmen season in the NCAA so it is a rarity. Houston has one of those QB's this year in Jason McKinley (PS#107). McKinley started the last 8 games his freshman year splitting the snaps and threw for 1,910 yards (53%) with a 9-11 ratio. In 1998 his numbers improved to 2,437 yards (56.5%) with an 18-13 ratio. Last year he was hampered when one of his top WR's went down in the preseason to injury and opponents were able to triple team Orlando Iglesias. McKinley dropped his weight to 210, his speed in the 40 to 4.4 seconds (from 4.6) and his body fat to 9.8% from 12 in the offseason. Helton also ran a more conservative offense and he threw for just 1,651 yards (57.6%). After having a great streak of 113 straight passes without an int, and beginning the year with a 3-0 ratio, he had just a 2-10 ratio in the final seven games. Dimel is moving to a more wide open offense with 4 WR sets at times so you can look for McKinley's senior year numbers to soar. Also in contention is Robert Stephenson, a transfer from Tulsa, who had 2 starts there in 98 and 25 pass attempts. Brian Thiebaud (6-2 209 Sr) was PS#148 and has 2 career pass attempts. Bubba Teague (6-2 167 rFr) is also on the roster. Depth concerns me here, but as long as McKinley stays healthy, he will have his best season yet.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Cougars had one of the best 1-2 RB combos in the country last year as Ketric Sanford rushed for 1,199 yards (5.4) and Mike Green (#7 DC of TEN) powered his way to 838 yards (5.9). They were the second most potent rush duo in the NCAA in 99. Sanford leaves as the all-time leading rusher at Houston. Those two will be tough to replace. Leif Penn did well when called upon rushing for 236 yards (6.2) in limited duty. Joffrey Reynolds (5-10 210 So) was PS#305 and had 49 yards. Last year's FB's Kairon Hill (5-9 228 Jr) and Tommie Baldwin (5-10 225 Jr) both return and will contend for carries in the one back offense. Coaches like their own recruits and 3 of Dimel's recruits are RB's. There is some talent available here, but this group looks far weaker than last year's super tandem.

**RECEIVERS** - No wonder Dimel wants to throw the ball. He inherits probably the top WR corps in CUSA. Last year Jerrian James, the #1 receiver in 1998 with 80 rec's (13.2), went down with a broken leg over the summer and did not play. That meant teams were able to double and triple team star WR Orlando Iglesias (PS#40). Helton was forced to use a couple of frosh at WR and this year everyone is back including James. As you can see by the two deep below, there are plenty of HT's in the group. They must replace TE Scott Regimbald who had 11 starts and 19 rec's but have 3 capable candidates. Helton also brings in 4 true frosh WR's to contend for time. This should be a solidly improved group and you can look for a huge increase in the receptions in the new offense.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Kim Helton made his mark in coaching on the offensive line in the NFL as his UH offensive lines were always solid. Last year he had one of his best as they had 8 of the top 10 returning including 4 starters and also their starting TE. The line helped pave the way for a powerful rush attack that averaged 5.0 ypc and also only allowed 17 sacks on the entire year. This year they lose 3 starters from the front wall in C Jeff Medford (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Justin Stille (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LG Greg Brown (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st tm CUSA). They also must replace backup OL Ryan Hendrickson and also lose their solid blocking TE. Also throw in the fact that this unit will have to undergo a change of schemes going from a predominantly run blocking unit to a pass blocking group. Dimel brings in 3 JUCO transfers, two of whom I project as starters. Clearly this unit will go through a transition year and looks weaker, but does average a solid 298 lbs per starter.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Cougars shifted from a 3 to a 4 man D-line and while having to replace two starters, had two returning plus a boatload of JC transfers. The Cougars allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing, their best defense in the 90's. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are DE Ahmard Charles (11 sts, 8 tfl), DT Adriano Belli (11 sts, 2 tfl), DE TJ Light (11 sts, 11 tfl), NT Mike Knepper (8 tfl) and NT Mike DeRouselle (19 tkls, 9 tfl). Only one player returns with starting experience and Dimel is relying heavily on JUCO's with five listed in the 2 deep below. If the JUCO transfers adapt quickly, this will still be a decent unit, but it is clearly weaker in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Cougars play a 4-2-5 defense but I list the weak safety (called stud safety here) in this unit. Last year everyone returned to the starting unit but this year they lose WS Mike James (11 sts, 1st tm CUSA, 7 int, 12 pbu, 113 tkls), MLB Jeremy Maxon (11 sts, 16 tfl, 81 tkls) and backup Junior Ioane (38 tkls, 4 tfl). Their top LB Wayne Rogers returns and both of the other projected starters have solid experience. Last year's group was top notch and this year's is not as experienced and looks weaker.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After finishing #106 and #100 in my pass defense rankings in 97 & 98, The Cougars returned 6 of 7 players who had started in 98 to this unit and made a dramatic improvement rising to #56 in my pass defense rankings. They allowed just 46.8% completions with an 18-16 ratio but did take on a very soft slate of opposing QB's (including 3 option opponents) which is why they are lower in my rankings than the NCAA's. This year they must replace SS Micah Malone (10 sts, 90 tkls, 12 tfl), CB William Fields (4 sts, 6 pbu) and FS Kenny Hill (11 sts, #1 w/140 tkls, 3 int, 15 pbu, 1st tm CUSA). They do have a couple of quality cover CB's and 2 JUCO transfers to fill the safety slots, but this group is not as experienced as last year and looks weaker.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Last year was not a great one for the Cougars' special teams as some bad snaps on punts, blocked punts and poor return coverage had them finish at #81 in my rankings. They switched punters at midseason with Mike Clark taking over both K & P duties. Clark hit a solid 14 of 21 last year on FG's with a long of 48 and averaged a nifty 42.9 punting over the second half of the season. As long as he is able to handle both duties, they should be improved. They lose their top KR man, Ketric Sanford, who averaged 30.8 on 9 returns as well as top PR man Kenny Hill. They blocked a lot of kicks in Helton's tenure, and Dimel is also known for blocked kicks on his special teams. Despite breaking in new returnmen, I'll call for this unit to improve in 2000.

QB Jason McKinley will shine in his 4th year as starter.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ketric Sanford | 224 | 1257 | 58 | 1199 | 12 | 5.4 |
| Mike Green | 142 | 864 | 26 | 838 | 8 | 5.9 |
| **Leif Penn** | **38** | **247** | **11** | **236** | **2** | **6.2** |
| **Joffrey Reynolds** | **7** | **52** | **3** | **49** | **0** | **7.0** |
| **Kairon Hill** | **12** | **46** | **0** | **46** | **0** | **3.8** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jason McKinley** | **257** | **148** | **57.6** | **1651** | **5** | **10** |
| Tyson Helton | 25 | 9 | 36.0 | 62 | 0 | 2 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Orlando Iglesias** | **59** | **750** | **12.7** | **2** | **39** |
| Scott Regimbald | 19 | 250 | 13.2 | 1 | 26 |
| **Brandon Middleton** | **18** | **222** | **12.3** | **1** | **45** |
| Ketric Sanford | 16 | 113 | 7.1 | 0 | 26 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mike Clark** | 32 | 1373 | 42.9 | - | - | 0 | 10 | 5 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mike Clark** | **5-5** | **7-13** | **2-3** | **0-0** | **14-21** | **48** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kenny Hill | 140 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 3 |
| **Wayne Rogers** | **114** | **6** | **19** | **4** | **0** |
| Mike James | 113 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 7 |
| Micah Malone | 90 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Jeremy Maxon | 81 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 0 |
| **William Pettis** | **45** | **0** | **2** | **20** | **3** |
| Junior Ioane | 38 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **Nikia Adderson** | **35** | **8** | **12** | **2** | **0** |
| **Emile White** | **29** | **1** | **1** | **6** | **0** |
| **Arthur Gissendanner** | **28** | **2** | **3** | **0** | **0** |
| TJ Light | 27 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| **Jason Parker** | **26** | **0** | **0** | **11** | **1** |
| Ahmad Charles | 25 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kenny Hill | 29 | 277 | 9.6 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ketric Sanford | 9 | 277 | 30.8 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**RICE -2' 28-3 WIN** I used a 4★ Key Selection on Houston in Power Sweep. Rice had a 16-8 FD edge but 6 TO's. Rice got a 52 yd FG but fmbl'd & UH drove 50 yds for a TD. Two plays later UH rec'd a fmbl in the EZ, 14-3 at half. In the 3Q Rice fmbl'd at their 8 setting up an UH TD. The Cougars ret'd a fmbl 66 yds for a TD for the final tally.

**AT ALABAMA +13' 10-37 LOSS** Bama led 10-3. A long UH drive ended in a missed FG. Bama went on an 80 yd TD drive & missed a 33 yd FG, 17-3 at half. UH opened the 3Q with a 77 yd TD drive. Bama got a 40 yd TD drive after a short punt. Bama went 50 yds for a TD on its next poss & after a fmbl drove 41 yds for a TD. Bama had a 505-274 yd edge.

**LOUISIANA-LFT -21 45-0 WIN** UH gained 300 yds rushing for the 1st time S/85 & got its 1st shutout S/89. Sanford rushed for 103 & Green 129 & UL had just 109 total yds. UH led 7-0 after 1Q & 17-0 at half. They added four 3Q TD's & had a 465-109 yd edge.

**AT UAB -7 16-29 LOSS** UH had 21-8 FD & 358-293 yd edges. Two TO's & 3 big passes sparked UAB. UAB ret'd a punt 53 yds setting up a TD & got a 55 yd TD pass. UH got a TD & settled for a 26 yd FG, 14-10. UH had a 31 yd FG blk'd. A UAB punt pinned UH at the 2 in the 3Q & UAB got a safety. UAB hit a 79 yd TD pass, 22-10 after 3Q's. McKinley was inj'd & Helton hit just 6 of 15 with 2 int's. UAB added a 31 yd TD pass.

**CINCINNATI -6' 23-20 LOSS** Big plays & a 4-2 TO edge kept UC in this. UH fmbl'd in UC terr but UC missed a FG. UH went 80 yds for a TD. UH took the opening 3Q drive 66 yds for a TD, 14-0. UC faced a 3rd & 14 on their 35 & got a 58 yd TD pass & then a 25 yd int ret for a TD, 14-14. UH drove 70 yds for a TD mid 4Q, 20-14 (xpng). UH had a FD at the UC 36 but was int'd & UC got a 59 yd TD pass, 20-20 (xp blk). UH was int'd at the UC 1. UC got 1 FD but a pass was int'd w/ :57 left. UH drove to a 1st & goal at the 1 & nailed a FG w/ :07 left.

**AT N CAROLINA +6' 20-12 WIN** UH had a 376-126 yd edge as well as a 20-8 FD edge. UH got a pair of 80 yd TD drives, 14-0. TO's kept NC in this. UH's P dropped a snap (safety). After a short UH punt, NC got a 39 yd TD pass. UH fmbl'd a punt setting up an NC 38 yd FG, 14-12 at half despite NC having just 5 FD's. It was NC QB Huard's first start & he hit just 1 of 7 in the 1H. UH had a pair of 44 yd drives (18 plays combined, all on the ground) that resulted in 37 & 30 yd FG's, 20-12. UH punted with :15 left but fmbl'd the snap at the UH 42. Two Hail Mary passes were incomplete & UH hung on.

**AT LOUISVILLE +4' 33-39 LOSS** Chilly & windy. Sanford got a 72 yd TD run on the 3rd play. UL got a 34 yd FG but UH's aggressive D-line forced Redman into 10 straight incompletions in the 1H & under duress he threw a 29 yd int ret for a TD, 14-3 after 1Q. Redman rebounded to hit an 18 yd TD pass (2 ptng). UH got a wind aided 48 yd FG & then a Green TD run & they led 24-9 late 1H. Redman hit a short pass that went 75 yds for a TD (xpng). After an int, UL got a 33 yd FG, 24-18 at half. UL got a 3Q TD, 25-24. UL blk'd a punt & drove 40 yds for a TD. UH got a 64 yd TD drive. UL got a 25 yd TD pass, 39-31 after 3Q's. With :05 left UH kicked a 35 yd FG but UL rec'd the onside.

**E CAROLINA +4' 3-19 LOSS** UH had a 363-223 yd edge in a misleading final. The game was played in conditions that ranged from muddy to windy to rainy. EC actually played 3Q's with the wind as it swirled. When the 2H rain arrived many of the 14,221 left. UH got a 35 yd FG after rec a fmbl but EC drove 72 yds for a TD. EC had a 31 yd FG blk'd. EC drove 50 yds for a TD, 13-3 (xp blk'd). UH drove 55 yds but had a 33 yd FG blk'd. UH had 5 TO's & EC 4. UH had a 33 yd FG blk'd. UH fmbl'd at the EC 26. UH drove to the EC 39 but punted. EC ret'd an int 55 yds for a TD & EC had just 80 yds in the final 3Q's.

**TULANE -13' 36-31 LOSS** Sanford rushed for 212 & Green 118. UH had just 3 FD's in the 2H. TU had a 531-393 yd edge & 31-13 FD edge but 5 TO's. UH drove 35 yds for a TD foll an int. TU got a 48 yd FG but UH got 5 runs for 83 yds (TD), 13-3. TU was int'd at the UH 8 but drove 45 yds for a TD. UH drove 65 yds for a TD with 3:55 left. A 3Q Sanford 63 yd run set up a TD, 27-10. TU drove 62 yds foll an int on a drive that incl a fake punt, 27-17. UH fmbl'd & TU drove 42 yds for a TD. UH got a big PR but was SOD at the 5. UH settled for a 43 yd FG after a fmbl. Hill ret'd an int 75 yds for a TD, 36-24. TU backup Joseph (Ramsey inj'd 3Q) led TU 71 yds for a TD. UH punted with 2:11 left but TU was SOD at the UH 27.

**AT LSU +3 20-7 WIN** LSU drove 84 yds for a TD on the 1st poss. LSU had 123 yds in the 1Q but just 23 in the 2Q. UH drove 60 yds to tie. UH got a 85 yd, 16 play drive but settled for a 22 yd FG. UH was int'd & ret'd for a TD but def holding gave them a FD & they got a 69 yd TD drive, 17-7 at half. UH had a 15-7 FD edge & 246-140 yd edge. UH got a 29 yd FG in the 3Q. UH faked a FG at the LSU 35 & was stopped but LSU fmbl'd at the UH 37. LSU QB Booty was inj'd & Davey QB'd the 4Q but had 2 int's, the 2nd coming at the UH 10.

**AT ARMY -4' 26-14 WIN** UH led 14-0 after 1Q. Army fmbl'd at the UH 30 & UH got a 30 yd FG, 17-0 at the half. UH added a 38 yd FG. UH was SOD at the Army 30. Army got a 5 yd TD run early 4Q. Army's next drive also went for a TD. Army's onside was rec'd by UH & Green ripped off a 46 yd TD run to ice it.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Kim Helton had done a fine job and his offseason firing surprised me. After having no spring practice and just 45 scholarship players in his second year (1-10), he guided them to a CUSA co-championship and Liberty Bowl berth in '96. Houston has taken on some killer non-conf slates including teams like UCLA, Tenn, Alabama, LSU and USC. Last year they were a solid 7-4 with 3 of the losses to bowl squads but he still was given the ax. They bring in a top notch replacement in Dana Dimel who guided Wyoming to a 23-12 record. Dimel inherits more talent than he had on hand at the Mt West school. This is a Houston program that from 1966-90 had 15 Top 25 finishes but only 2 winning seasons since then. In their heyday in the 70's, Houston ran the triple veer offense and in the late 80's it was the run & shoot offense of Jack Pardee & John Jenkins. When Houston hired Helton, they wanted anything but the run & shoot & Helton delivered a team based on the running game and defense. Dimel brings in Offensive Coordinator Phil Davis from Nevada whose offense is part run & shoot and part West Coast featuring 4 WR sets. Thanks to new DC Dick Bumpas's more aggressive schemes and a powerful ground attack on offense that helped control the clock, Houston had one of the top defenses in the country last year allowing just 19 ppg, 2.9 ypc rushing and 46.8% completions. This year they must replace 7 starters and while the schemes remain the same, the fact that the offense is going to the more wide open attack means the defense will probably spend a lot more time on the field. Those two factors should mean much weaker defensive numbers. The Cougars have just 4 home games. They have 4 road games in CUSA and the non-conf slate is tough once again. With the big change in schemes on offense and large graduation losses, this will be a rebuilding year.


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|---|---|---|
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| OL | Josh Demarr 6-6 300 PS#84JC | |
| OL | Tyrone Green 6-2 315 PS#118JC | |
| DL | Bryan Hill 6-1 270 PS#149JC | |
| LB | Hanik Milligan 6-3 195 PS#202JC | |
| DL | Mike Jackson 6-1 255 PS#240JC | |
| DL | Dy'lan Moore 6-0 280 PS#240JC | |
| RB | Jermain Woodard 6-0 190 PS#318 | |
| DL | Travis Griffith 6-5 220 PS#247 | |
| LB | Ronnie Braxton 6-3 200 PS#296JC | |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JASON McKINLEY SR.** 6-3 210 *PS#107. 8 sts as rFr, 1910 yds (53%), 9-11 ratio. 2437 yds (56%), 18-13 ratio in 11 sts in 98. 1651 yds (58%), 5-10 ratio in 99.*

**RB Leif Penn Jr.** 5-9 198 *PS#308 in 98. 168 yds (3.9) as true. 236 yds (6.2) in 99. Kairon Hill (5-9 228 Jr) had 7 sts at FB in 2 yrs, 180 total yds.*

**WR BRANDON MIDDLETON SO.** 5-11 178 *7 sts as true in 99, 18 rec, (12.3). CUSA frosh team. Brian Robinson (6-3 193 So) was PS#82, 3 rec as rFr.*

**WR ORLANDO IGLESIAS SR.** 6-2 212 *PS#40. 10 sts as true, 33 rec (16.0), 11 sts in 98, 63 rec (12.3). 11 sts in 99, 59 rec (12.7). Jeremy McCardell (6-0 215), 4 sts as true.*

**WR JERRIAN JAMES SR.** 6-0 180 *PS#193JC. 11 sts here & #1 w/60 rec (13.2), 5 TD's. Inj RS in 99. Kendall Williams (5-8 181 Sr) was PS#75, 1st in 99.*

**TE Jonathan Pritchett Jr.** 6-3 232 *PS#116TE in 98. 4 sts as true, 6 rec. 5 sts in 99, 5 rec (10.4). Stephen Cucci was PS#56, 1 rec in 11 gms as true.*

**C Al James rFr.** 6-0 273 *PS#286OL, 420 lb bench, 600 squat. Patrick Boatner (6-1 297 Jr) PS#212DL in 97, 1 gm, lettered in 98, 2nd string ly.*

**RG JOSH LOVELADY SR.** 6-3 320 *PS#153. 8 sts in 97. 11 sts in 98. 11 sts at LT in 99. 2nd tm CUSA. Chris Wheeler (6-1 303 So) PS#118, 2nd string ly.*

**LG Darnerius Watson Jr.** 6-2 300 *PS#298JC, in for spg. Rex Hadnot (6-1 322 rFr), #1LG in spring. Tyrone Green (6-2 315 Jr) PS#118JUCO.*

**RT JABARI BEAUFORD JR.** 6-4 300 *PS#78. 2 sts, 9 gms at LT as rFr. 10 sts til inj in 99. Grover Thompson (6-4 288 Jr) PS#42JC, RS in 99.*

**LT Josh Demarr Jr.** 6-6 300 *PS#84JC in for spring. Drew Lowery (6-5 273 Jr), 2nd string in 98 & lettered. 1 st in 99, 10 gms, lettered.*

**K MIKE CLARK SR.** 6-2 200 *PS#127JC in 99. Hit solid 14 of 21 FG's with long of 48 here. Joey Saavedra (5-8 177 Jr) 69 punts (37.0) in 98.*

**DE Sam Hairston Sr.** 6-1 240 *PS#195LB, 4.6 spd. 10 tkls as true. 2 sts in 98. 12 tkls, 3 tfl, 9 tkls, 5 tfl ly. Mike Jackson (6-1 255) PS#240JC, 11.5 tfl at JC ly.*

**DT NIKIA ADDERSON SR.** 5-10 285 *PS#120 in 96, 5 sks at JC in 98. 11 sts here in 99, 35 tkls, 8 sks, 12 tfl, **2nd tm CUSA**. Rufus Williams (6-4 290 Jr) PS#51.*

**DT Bryan Hill Jr.** 6-1 270 *PS#149JC, in for spring. Josh Tubbs (6-1 283 rFr) was PS#278DL. Dy'Lan Moore (6-0 280 Jr) was PS#240JC.*

**DE Nate Williams Sr.** 6-5 251 *PS#223JC. 2 rec at TE in 99. Moves to DE. Ryan Alvey (6-3 240 Jr). Adrian Lee (6-3 225 Jr) had 9 sks at JC ly.*

**WLB Arthur Gissendanner Jr.** 6-1 212 *PS#130LB, 33 tkls, 5 tfl as true. 5 gms in 99 til inj. 28 tkls, 5 tfl. Ronnie Braxton (6-3 200 Jr) PS#296JC.*

**MLB WAYNE ROGERS SR.** 6-1 233 *PS#64. 11 sts in 98, 69 tkls, 13 tfl, 4 pbu, 11 sts in 99, 114 tkls, 25 tfl, **2nd tm CUSA**. Percy Forman (5-11 220 Jr) 10 tkls in 2Y.*

**WS Emile White Sr.** 6-0 217 *5 sts in 98, 30 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. 1 st at CB & 1 at SS ly, 29 tkls, 6 pbu. Waymond Ervin (5-11 214 Jr) PS#132, 30 tkls, 2 pbu 2Y.*

**CB JASON PARKER JR.** 5-9 180 *PS#279. 5 sts as true, 1 int, 3 pbu. 7 sts in 99, 26 tkls, 1 int, 11 pbu. Bachie McGruder (5-10 170 Jr) PS#168, 6 gms ly.*

**CB WILLIAM PETTIS SR.** 6-1 181 *PS#312JC. 10 sts here in 99, 45 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 int, **20 pbu**, 1 rec (37.0). David Williams (5-9 169 Sr) 70 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 2 yrs.*

**SS Hamin Milligan Jr.** 6-2 181 *PS#62JC in 99, reds. Greg Holte (5-10 185 So) PS#336DB, 5 tkls as true. Jesse Grove is PS#93DB.*

**FS Hanik Milligan Jr.** 6-3 195 *PS#202JC this year. Antoine Johnson (6-1 203 So) 1 tkl as true. Marcus Smith (5-9 178 Sr) PS#57, 27 tkls, 1 st, 2 yrs.*

**P MIKE CLARK SR.** 6-2 200 *Took over P duties at midyear, 32 punts, solid 42.9 avg. Jeff Patterson (6-1 191 Sr) had 35 punts, 36.5 avg ly.*

# HOUSTON COUGARS

Houston, Texas
Weather (713) 529-4444

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score HOU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Cougars had only 3 winning SU seasons in the 90's. Since 1991 Houston is -85 in turnovers and LY was their only positive T/O ratio in that span. Houston is 4-9 ATS L/13 in the 1st of B2B home games. |
| Sep. 2 | at Rice | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Houston is 7-3 ATS their L/10 meetings with the Owls. This is 1 of 7 AG's TY for UH, the most AG's they've played in over 20 yrs. |
| Sep. 9 | at LSU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | May apply here: UH is 12-8 ATS after a SU win the L/5Y. Houston is 16-9 ATS the L/5 seasons as an away dog. |
| Sep. 16 | Army | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UH is 4-15 ATS in home openers since 1979. Cougars are 7-12 ATS the L/7 years as a favorite. |
| Sep. 23 | at Texas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Houston is 12-20 ATS L/6Y as a double digit dog, 2-7 L/3Y. Cougars are 3-13 ATS in sandwiched away games since 1989. |
| Sep. 30 | SMU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This is the first meeting for the 2 since the SWC disbanded. The underdog is 4-1 ATS in the L/5 series meetings. |
| Oct. 7 | at Cincinnati | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Each series meeting the L/3Y has been decided by 3 or less. UH is 4-10 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1992. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | at Memphis | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cougars are 6-2 ATS after a bye the last five years. Home team and the favorite are 3-0 SU & ATS in this short series. |
| Oct. 28 | S Mississippi (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Houston is 7-3 ATS L/4Y as a home dog. The home team is 2-1 SU & 3-0 ATS since 1996. |
| Nov. 4 | at Tulane | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UH was 12-20 ATS in November in the 90's. Cougars are 7-1 ATS in the first of B2B road games. |
| Nov. 11 | at E Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Houston is 3-8-1 ATS L/12 in the 2nd of B2B road games. UH is 3-6 ATS their L/9Y in their final road contest. |
| Nov. 18 | Louisville | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UH is 2-1 SU & ATS vs the Cards & were dogs of 4' or less each time. Cougars are 7-16 ATS their last 23 home finales. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 1-9-1 | 1-10 | 2-9 | 7-4 | 3-8 | 3-8 | 7-4 | 24-52-1 |
| ATS | 2-9 | 1-9 | 8-3 | 8-2 | 4-7 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 34-41 |
| Home Fav | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 5-9 |
| Home Dog | 1-2 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 9-11 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-3 |
| Away Dog | 1-5 | 1-4 | 6-0 | 4-1 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 18-18 |
| Favorite | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 2-3 | 3-3 | 7-12 |
| Dog | 2-7 | 1-8 | 7-2 | 7-2 | 4-5 | 4-2 | 2-3 | 27-29 |
| Grass | 1-2 | 0-2 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 2-5 | 5-3 | 4-6 | 18-19 |
| Artificial | 1-7 | 1-7 | 5-2 | 5-2 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 16-22 |
| vs Conf | 1-6 | 1-5 | 5-2 | 4-1 | 3-3 | 3-3 | 1-5 | 18-25 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 0-4 | 3-1 | 4-1 | 1-4 | 3-2 | 4-1 | 16-16 |
| Off SU Win | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 5-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 3-3 | 12-10 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-7 | 1-7 | 6-3 | 3-1 | 3-4 | 2-4 | 1-3 | 18-29 |

## Coach: DANA DIMEL (Career 23-12)
### *Dimel's records AT HOUSTON*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year at Houston | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 0-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs CUSA | 0-0 | Vs CUSA |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | Garden | -5' | Navy | 35-0 | W |
| 81 | Sun | +2' | Oklahoma | 14-40 | L |
| 85 | Cotton | +7 | Boston College | 28-45 | L |
| 88 | Aloha | -4' | Washington St | 22-24 | L |
| 96 | Liberty | +17 | Syracuse | 17-30 | W |

# HOUSTON (7-4)

CONFERENCE: **USA**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 6***
**DEFENSE: 4**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 51 (25,23,3)**
**Lost: 19 (8,11,0)**

## HOUSTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 23.1 | 18 | 210 | 5.0 | 160 | 55.2 | 16.0 | +9 | 1999 | 9 | 19.0 | 18 | 109 | 2.9 | 210 | 46.8 | 16.8 |
| 7* | 23.1 | 20 | 143 | 3.8 | 225 | 55.6 | 15.9 | -7 | 1998 | 3 | 28.8 | 20 | 142 | 3.6 | 226 | 56.6 | 12.8 |
| 5 | 19.6 | 18 | 121 | 3.3 | 208 | 51.1 | 16.8 | -1 | 1997 | 9 | 37.3 | 21 | 153 | 3.9 | 260 | 62.4 | 11.1 |
| 8* | 30.1 | 21 | 176 | 5.0 | 223 | 62.0 | 13.3 | -3 | 1996 | 7 | 28.4 | 21 | 188 | 4.4 | 213 | 53.1 | 14.1 |
| 6* | 17.1 | 19 | 106 | 3.4 | 243 | 56.0 | 20.4 | -5 | 1995 | 6 | 32.7 | 24 | 226 | 5.2 | 229 | 55.4 | 13.9 |
| 5 | 10.5 | 15 | 95 | 3.2 | 186 | 55.2 | 26.9 | -16 | 1994 | 4 | 36.5 | 26 | 254 | 4.9 | 196 | 62.2 | 12.3 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Rice | 8 | 30-96 | 3.2 | 10-13 | 107 | 1 | 16 | 59-162 | 2.7 | 3-15 | 67 | 3 | +6 |
| at Alabama | 16 | 30-103 | 3.4 | 14-29 | 171 | 3 | 24 | 49-275 | 5.6 | 11-25 | 230 | 2 | 0 |
| Louisiana-Lft | 21 | 41-350 | 8.5 | 10-21 | 115 | 0 | 12 | 44-42 | 1.0 | 10-20 | 67 | 3 | 0 |
| at Ala-Birm | 21 | 43-178 | 4.1 | 15-38 | 180 | 2 | 8 | 35-84 | 2.4 | 7-14 | 209 | 1 | -2 |
| Cincinnati | 22 | 48-248 | 5.2 | 13-24 | 194 | 1 | 15 | 27-74 | 2.7 | 17-31 | 260 | 2 | -2 |
| at N Carolina | 20 | 55-257 | 4.7 | 11-19 | 119 | 1 | 8 | 30-39 | 1.3 | 6-17 | 87 | 4 | -1 |
| at Louisville | 22 | 38-181 | 4.8 | 20-39 | 255 | 2 | 30 | 31-88 | 2.8 | 27-53 | 397 | 1 | +1 |
| E Carolina | 19 | 34-147 | 4.3 | 23-41 | 216 | 3 | 13 | 38-67 | 1.8 | 12-23 | 156 | 3 | -1 |
| Tulane | 14 | 47-317 | 6.7 | 11-18 | 76 | 0 | 31 | 31-103 | 3.3 | 31-66 | 428 | 2 | +3 |
| at LSU | 20 | 50-172 | 3.4 | 19-27 | 203 | 2 | 18 | 17-31 | 1.8 | 24-43 | 296 | 4 | +5 |
| at Army | 21 | 49-257 | 5.2 | 12-17 | 122 | 2 | 21 | 57-235 | 4.1 | 6-22 | 113 | 5 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 204 | 465-2306 | 5.0 | 158-286 | 1758 | 17 | 196 | 418-1200 | 2.9 | 154-329 | 2310 | 30 | +9 |
| AVERAGES | 18.4 | 42-210 | 5.0 | 14-26 | 160 | 1.5 | 17.8 | 38-109 | 2.9 | 14-30 | 210 | 2.7 | 0.8 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Florida | +46' | 21-45 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | -2' | 7-19 | L |
| at USC | +37' | 10-45 | W |
| at Kansas | +23 | 13-20 | W |
| at TCU | +17 | 21-31 | W |
| Baylor | +17 | 7-47 | L |
| SMU | -2 | 38-15 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +28 | 7-31 | W |
| Texas | +21 | 20-52 | L |
| Texas Tech | +19 | 26-38 | W |
| at Rice | +8 | 18-17 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sam Houston St | NL | 43-25 | – |
| at LSU | +23 | 34-35 | W |
| at Pittsburgh | +4' | 42-35 | W |
| USC | +20' | 9-26 | W |
| at SW Louisiana | +1' | 31-24 | W |
| Memphis | -3 | 37-20 | W |
| at Cincinnati | +2' | 20-31 | L |
| N Carolina | +22 | 14-42 | L |
| at Tulane | +1 | 20-17 | W |
| S Mississippi | +7 | 56-49 | W |
| Louisville | +1' | 38-7 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Alabama | +14' | 17-42 | L |
| California | -2' | 3-35 | L |
| Pittsburgh | -3 | 24-35 | L |
| at Minnesota | +8' | 45-43 | W |
| at UCLA | +26 | 10-66 | L |
| Cincinnati | +7' | 41-38 | W |
| at Louisville | +3 | 36-22 | W |
| at Memphis | +1' | 3-24 | L |
| E Carolina | +2 | 27-28 | W |
| at S Mississippi | +19' | 0-33 | L |
| Tulane | +10 | 10-44 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at California | +14 | 10-14 | W |
| Minnesota | -3 | 7-14 | L |
| UCLA | +27' | 24-42 | W |
| at Tennessee | +27' | 7-42 | L |
| Memphis | -2 | 35-14 | W |
| Army | -7 | 28-38 | L |
| at N Texas | -3' | 31-9 | W |
| at E Carolina | +6 | 34-31 | W |
| S Mississippi | +9 | 15-21 | W |
| at Cincinnati | -10 | 43-44 | L |
| at Tulane | +15' | 20-48 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rice | -2' | 28-3 | W |
| at Alabama | +13' | 10-37 | L |
| Louisiana-Lft | -21 | 45-0 | W |
| at Alabama-Birm | -7 | 10-29 | L |
| Cincinnati | -6' | 23-20 | L |
| at N Carolina | +6' | 20-12 | W |
| at Louisville | +4' | 33-39 | L |
| E Carolina | +4' | 3-19 | L |
| Tulane | -13' | 36-31 | L |
| at LSU | +3 | 20-7 | W |
| at Army | -4' | 26-14 | W |

# ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In Ron Turner's first two seasons at the helm, a big part of the Illini's offensive struggles was the fact that he played musical QB's. Despite having some promising prospects, he constantly shuffled them and the Illini completed just 42.7% and 46.5% of their passes in 97 and 98. Last year he finally gave Kurt Kittner (PS#24), complete control. Kittner in turn broke the school record for most TD passes in a season as he threw for 24 with just 5 int's. This was in stark contrast to his true frosh year when he had a 1-7 ratio. Also surprising is that despite the great ratio he ranked just 9th in the Big 10 in pass efficiency because he only averaged 6.5 yards per attempt. On the season he threw for 2,702 yards (54.5%) and showed some mobility, rushing for 226 yards. He looked even stronger this spring. Walter Young (6-5 217 So) was PS#51 and played WR in 99 and should continue to see action there in the fall. Dustin Ward (6-3 175 rFr) was PS#92 and will contend for the backup slot. As long as Kittner remains healthy, he should continue to improve.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Illini alternated RB's Steve Havard and Rocky Harvey and the two had similar numbers for carries and yards for the year. They combined for 1,564 yards (4.9) with each getting over 100 carries. This year Havard, their leading rusher (PS#47), departs while the other half of the tandem, Harvey (PS#55), is back. Harvey not only has 1,408 career yards rushing in 2 years, but also has 918 receiving and return yards. He figures to split time once again with VHT Antoineo Harris (PS#14). Harris had 214 yards as a rFr and is a bigger back. Jameel Cook moved from TB to FB and started the last 5 there in 99. He returns. The depth concerns me a little in this unit but two of this year's top 10 recruits are RB's (see Top Newcomers). Also gone are FB Elmer Hickman (4 sts, 329 yds) who was the #2 receiver last year with 34 and FB Chris Hoffman (2 sts, 23 yds). SS Carlos Lattimore was moved to FB late spring to add depth. I like the talent that is available here and even with the losses, this group should come close to equalling last year's numbers.

**RECEIVERS** - Ron Turner most likely has had enough of JUCO's. In 98 it looked like the starting WR's would be JUCO's but unfortunately they didn't qualify. More were expected to contribute last year but once again they did not make the grade so to speak. This year Turner has recruited two VHT frosh WR's who could step in and play immediately (see Top Newcomers) and there is nary a JUCO in the bunch. If you look at the 2 deep below you will see plenty of HT WR's and TE is also well stocked. There are a lot of rFr coming in and I list 7 WR's below in the two deep. Walter Young should blossom in his 2nd year at this position. Also in the mix at TE is Kenny Boyle (6-5 246 rFr). Although they lose their leading WR in Michael Dean (45 rec), everyone else is back and with the quality incoming frosh (both rFr and true) I look for this unit to be improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In each of the last two years the Illini have had to replace 3 starters from the offensive front but this year should have by far IU's best offensive line in Turner's tenure. The 5 players that started all 12 games together last year return and if you look at the 2 deep I list below, no less than six players were rated among the top 50 OL's when they came out of high school. Last year they allowed just 27 sacks in 413 pass attempts and paved the way for Illinois' best ypc rushing (4.3) of the 90's. Marques Sullivan struggled early after a switch from RT to LT but he is a VHT that should blossom in his second year at the crucial LT spot and is an AA candidate. OG Ray Redziniak did break his leg late in the spring but should be 100% for the fall. This line has good size, pedigree and experience and I'll call them the best in the Big 10.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Illini had to replace one starter and 2 backups but got two key players who were banged up in 98 back to full health and that aided the Illini's improved defense. However, they still allowed 4.1 ypc rushing. This year the losses are a little heavier as they must replace two starters and two backups. Gone are DE Rameel Connor (12 sts, 10 tfl), DT Mike McGee (8 sts, 7 sks), DT Matt Carlton (16 tkls, 2 sks) and DT Seth Tesdall (16 tkls, 2 tfl). I list the two deep below and it is solid. Turner also recruited two of the top 100 DL's out of high school this year and has Jeff Ruffin (6-4 280 So) who was PS#158 and Shaheed Richardson (6-3 238 rFr) who was PS#160. This group could be just as effective as last season.

**LINEBACKERS** - This school was developing the reputation of "Linebacker U" with two Butkus award winners in three years from 94-96. After a dropoff the next few years, they fielded one of their stronger LB corps last year with almost everyone back. This year the group does suffer some losses. Gone are OLB Danny Clark (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, #7DC of JAX) and MLB Eric Guenther (12 sts, #2 tkl'r). I list the two deep below and there are still VHT's in the group including two who have been full-time starters at one time or another. A good group, but weaker.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Illini ranked #79 in my pass efficiency defense ratings in 97 but improved to 26th in 98. Last year they lost their starting FS to graduation and then lost perhaps their top DB in SS Bobby Jackson to injury prior to the season. They still finished a solid #33, allowing 53.2% with only 15 TD's and 15 int's. Jackson's return this year is a big plus and he looked even better than his '98 form during the spring. They must replace three starters in CB Johnny Rogers (12 sts, 5 pbu), CB Tony Francis (11 sts, HM Big 10, 4 int's, 5 pbu) and SS Asim Pleas (11 sts, 1 int, #4 tkl'r). This team looks loaded at the safety position with VHT Marc Jackson contending for time and has good height at the CB's. With Jackson's return, the Illini could come close to last year's pass defense ranking.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - After ranking #35 in my special teams rankings in Tepper's final season, Turner's groups have ranked #68 twice and last year improved to #51. The net punting showed solid improvement as Steve Fitts, in his second year, raised his net to 36.1. The KR game was poor with the team averaging just 16.3 per KR in 99 but with the plethora of incoming frosh WR's I expect that number to go up. The PR and KR defenses were solid and overall I look for Illinois to improve on their special teams ranking with Fitts back. As far as FG kicking goes, it will be tough to replace Neil Rackers (#6DC of CIN) who hit a super 20 of 26 including 9 of 12 from 40+ and 2 of 3 from 50+. He also had an outstanding 40 touchbacks last season on kickoffs. Turner does have 3 HT K's to choose from but FG accuracy will definitely decrease with the loss of Rackers. Fitts was leading the K race after spring and if he does both duties, his P numbers may drop some.

QB Kurt Kittner had an amazing 24-5 TD/int ratio in 1999.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Steve Havard | 179 | 806 | 16 | 790 | 10 | 4.4 |
| **Rocky Harvey** | 143 | 814 | 40 | 774 | 7 | 5.4 |
| **Antoineo Harris** | 37 | 226 | 12 | 214 | 1 | 5.8 |
| **Jameel Cook** | 19 | 125 | 4 | 121 | 0 | 6.4 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Kurt Kittner** | 396 | 216 | 54.5 | 2702 | 24 | 5 |
| Kirk Johnson | 11 | 5 | 45.5 | 37 | 0 | 1 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Michael Dean | | 45 | 608 | 13.5 | 4 | 40 |
| Elmer Hickman | | 34 | 243 | 7.1 | 2 | 25 |
| **Brandon Lloyd** | | 30 | 511 | 17.0 | 2 | 49 |
| **Jameel Cook** | | 26 | 288 | 11.1 | 5 | 61 |
| **Josh Whitman** | | 20 | 189 | 9.5 | 3 | 33 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Steve Fitts** | 65 | 2749 | 42.3 | - | 36.1 | 0 | 15 | 8 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Neil Rackers | 6-7 | 5-7 | 7-9 | 2-3 | 20-26 | 50 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Danny Clark | 119 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 1 |
| Eric Guenther | 83 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Muhammed Abdullah | 79 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Asim Pleas | 74 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| Tony Francis | 54 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| **Mike Young** | 48 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Brandon Moore** | 46 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Rameel Connor | 45 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Fred Wakefield** | 43 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnny Rogers | 41 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| **Robert Franklin** | 37 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Mike McGee | 30 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **Trayvon Waller** | 29 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Eugene Wilson** | 31 | 304 | 9.8 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rocky Harvey** | 11 | 193 | 17.5 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**ARKANSAS ST -14' 41-3 WIN** ASU opened with a 32 yd FG but had just 121 yds the rest of game. UI got a TD late 1Q & then after a blk'd punt had a 7 play drive for a TD. Wilson ret'd a punt 65 yds for a TD & UI got a FG, 24-3 at half. UI added 17 3Q pts & had a 23-8 FD edge.

**SAN DIEGO ST +3' 38-10 WIN** I used the Illini as the Top Weekly Late Phone Play. After a scoreless 1Q the Illini got a 54 yd TD pass, 64 yd TD drive & 26 yd FG & had a 255-103 yd edge at half. An Illini 56 yd PR set up a 2 yd TD early 3Q, 24-0. An early 4Q 33 yd TD drive put the Illini up 31-3 & each team added a TD.

**AT LOUISVILLE +11' 41-36 WIN** I used UI as the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep. They allowed a long drive for a 31 yd FG & then fmbl'd the KO & UL got a 26 yd TD drive, 10-0 before UI had an offensive play! Long TD drives consumed the rest of the half & UI pulled to 17-14. UL was int'd with :18 left & UI got a 24 yd FG to tie. UL got a 30 yd FG, 20-17. UI hit a 67 yd TD pass, 24-20. After an exchange of TD's UL got a 23 yd FG, 31-30. UI got a 41 yd FG & UL was SOD. UI drove 65 yds for a TD with 2:13 left, 41-30. UL drove 72 yds for a TD in the final seconds but UI rec'd the onside kick.

**MICHIGAN ST +7 10-27 LOSS** MSU got a 45 yd TD drive. UI got a 45 yd FG but MSU drove 80 yds for a TD, 14-3. UI drove to the 25 but lost 10 yds & had a 52 yd FG bounce off the uprights. MSU hit a 45 yd FG & had a 4Q, 6 yd TD drive foll an int. UI was SOD at the MSU 40 & the Spartans drove for a TD. UI drove 80 yds for a TD but fmbl'd on their next poss at the MSU 31 setting up an MSU 54 yd FG. UI was SOD at the MSU 2. MSU ran out the clock holding UI to 42 yds rushing although UI had a 365-315 yd edge.

**AT INDIANA (OT) +2 31-34 LOSS** Indy QB Randle El had a monster day. Ill opened with a 15 play drive and missed a FG but came back with a 53 yd drive for a TD & added a FG, 10-0. Indy went 50 yds for a TD, 10-7. Indy fmbl'd to open the 3Q & the Illini hit a 42 yd FG. Ill drove 23 yds foll a fmbl for a TD, 21-7. Ill drove 52 yds for a TD with 4:58 left 3Q, 28-7. Indy got an 80 yd TD drive. Ill fmbl'd & Indy got a 37 yd TD drive, 28-21. Indy drove 70 yds for a TD with 2:21 left, OT. Ill got a 36 yd FG but on Indy's 1st play Randle El hit a 25 yd TD pass.

**MINNESOTA +1 7-37 LOSS** UI dropped its 6th consecutive HC game. The crowd of 49,152 on a rainy day started to leave in the 3Q. UI's opening drive got to the UM 16 but they missed a 31 yd FG. UM drove to the UI 8 but fmbl'd. UM ret'd a punt 74 yds for a TD & had a 44 yd TD drive & a 50 yd drive for a 26 yd FG, 17-0. UI got a 48 yd TD drive w/ :54 left & trailed 17-7 at half. UM was int'd at the UI 20 but the Illini fmbl'd & UM got a 24 yd FG. UI was SOD & UM drove for a 60 yd TD. UI punted from the UM 39 & UM got a 20 yd FG. UI was SOD at the UM 27 & UM got a late TD.

**AT MICHIGAN +24' 35-29 WIN** UI got a 50 yd TD drive but UM dominated the rest of the half w/ 3 long TD drives, 20-7. UM had a 236-138 1H yd edge. UM drove 89 yds in 15 plays, **27-7**. UI drove 80 yds for a TD & had an amazing 78 yd, 20 play TD drive, 27-21 with 6:24 left. On 3rd & 4 Kittner hit a short pass to Harvey for a 59 yd TD w/ 2:43 left, 28-27! UM was int'd on 4th & 30 but UI w/ 1:15 left got a 54 yd TD run by Harvey giving UM life as they trailed by 8 but had the ball. UM drove to the UI 16 but was int'd & the ball was fmbl'd into the EZ for a safety with :09 left. Kittner hit 24 of 33 for 280 yds with 4 TD's & 0 int's.

**PENN ST +16 7-27 LOSS** PSU started slowly but finished with a 440-248 yd edge. UI got an 89 yd TD drive, 7-0 but punted on their next 10 poss. PSU got an 84 yd TD drive to tie but with 1:10 left in the half were int'd at the Illini 12. PSU got a 44 yd FG to open the 3Q but were int'd at the UI 26. PSU drove 55 yds for a TD & then after a short punt Casey eluded the rush & raced 34 yds for a TD, 24-7. Ill missed a FG & PSU added a FG.

**AT IOWA -6' 40-24 WIN** Ill got 2 FG's, 6-3. The Illini faked a FG & P Fitts hit K Rackers for a 17 yd TD pass, 13-3. Betts got a 47 yd TD run, 13-10. Ill got a 37 yd FG w/ :32 left, 16-10. The Illini drove 80 yds for a TD to open the 3Q & 15 yds for a TD after Iowa fmbl'd the KO. Iowa drove 75 yds for a TD & then early 4Q got an 80 yd TD drive, 26-24. The Illini drove 80 yds for a TD & Iowa was SOD at the Illini 34. Illinois went 3 & out but Iowa roughed the P & Illinois continued for a TD.

**AT OHIO ST +10' 46-20 WIN** UI jumped out to a 19-0 lead before a Wiley TD run but added a late 1H FG. OSU fmbl'd the KO at the 1 & the Illini added a TD, 29-7 at half. Each team got a long TD drive in the 3Q & UI drove 18 yds foll an int for a TD. OSU was SOD at the Illini 10 & drove 67 yds for a TD with 11:17 left.

**NORTHWESTERN -13' 29-7 WIN** Kittner was only 16 of 30 with 2 int's after having thrown 2 in the first 10 gms. UI drove to the NU 4 but settled for a FG. NU got a TD, 7-3. UI was int'd in the EZ. NU lost 3 fmbl's in the 1H & a 35 yd PR by UI set up a 20 yd TD drive. UI added a 21 yd TD run by Harvey & 31 yd FG but missed a 42 yd FG before half, 20-7. UI didn't punt in the 1H. UI added a 27 yd FG & a 34 yd TD run & each team finished with 24 FD's but the Illini had a 452-377 yd edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

The last Big 10 team to go into Columbus and Ann Arbor and come out with wins was Michigan St back in 1951 but the Illini accomplished that last season. Ron Turner, who went 0-11 and 3-8 in his first two years, guided the Illini to an 8-4 record including a 63-21 blowout of Virginia in their bowl game and they finished #24 in the polls. The Illini jumped out to a 3-0 record last year but after 3 straight losses bowl chances appeared to be out the window until they pulled their upsets of the Big 10 powers on the road. Including their bowl game, Illinois won 5 games away from their home stadium last year, their most since 1989. Turner's first two offenses averaged just 10.8 and 13.5 ppg. They showed remarkable improvement last year going up to 32.3 ppg (highest scoring offense in school history) and 4.3 ypc rushing. That coincided with Turner finally sticking with one QB and that QB having a great year with a 24-5 ratio. The offense returns almost entirely intact with all 5 starters back from a super O-line and talent added at WR. It could be another record breaking year on that side of the ball. The defense has definitely gotten better, going from 33.5 ppg to 29.6 and 22.8 ppg last year. While they had 7 starters back last year, they must replace 7 this year. They do have 2 guys who were full time starters in past years available so they should be close to last year in terms of production. I look for a 3-0 start this year in non conf games and they avoid both Wisky and Purdue in Big 10 play so they have the talent and schedule for another winning season and a bowl game. Matching last year's 8 win total will be tough as will duplicating last year's astounding +19 ratio (see Turnovers = Turnaround on page 239).


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| | |
|---|---|
| WR | Jamaal Clark 6-3 190 PS#23 |
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| RB | Kenny Rogers 6-0 174 PS#49 |
| DL | Derrick Strong 6-4 215 PS#71 |
| QB | Mark Kornfeld 6-1 190 PS#58 |
| OL | Clark Collins 6-5 260 PS#100 |
| LB | Joe Bevis 5-11 203 PS#92 |
| DL | Mike Maloney 6-5 255 PS#91 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB KURT KITTNER JR.** 6-3 205 *PS#24QB in 98. 5 sts as true, 782 yds (44%), 1-7 ratio. 12 sts in 99, 2702 yds (54.5%), 24-5 ratio, 226 rush.*

**RB Rocky Harvey Jr.** 5-9 180 *PS#55, 5 sts as true, 634 yds (4.7). 5 sts in 99, 774 yds (5.4), 16 rec (15.2). Antoineo Harris (6-1 220 So) PS#14, 214 yds.*

**RB Jameel Cook Jr.** 6-0 220 *PS#101. 190 yds (4.0) as HB as true. FB in 99, 5 sts, 121 rush (6.4), 26 rec (11.1). Carey Davis (6-0 233 rFr) PS#323.*

**WR Walter Young So.** 6-5 217 *was PS #51QB, 14 rec (19.1). Jamaal Clark (6-3 190 Fr) PS#23. Dwayne Smith (6-2 185 rFr) PS#58. Nick Plazza PS#58.*

**WR BRANDON LLOYD SO.** 6-2 176 *PS#47DB, 7 sts as true, 30 rec (17.0). Greg Lewis (6-0 175 So), 4 sts, 12 rec (12.4). Eric McGoey (6-3 191 rFr) PS#97.*

**TE JOSH WHITMAN JR.** 6-4 245 *4 sts as true, 9 rec. 2 sts in 98, 10 rec (12.1). 12 sts in 99, 20 rec. Brian Hodges (PS#65QB). 11 sts in 98, 16 rec. 2 yrs.*

**C LUKE BUTKUS JR.** 6-4 285 *PS#34OL in 97. 8 gms as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 46 knockdowns, Dick's nephew. James Brown (6-4 275 So) 1 gm ly 2nd string.*

**RG RAY REDZINIAK SR.** 6-3 290 *PS#49OL, 7 sts as true. 11 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99, 2nd tm Big 10. Top OL here. Aaron Hodges (6-5 273 rFr) PS#18OL.*

**LG JAY KULAGA JR.** 6-5 300 *9 gms in 98 & lettered. 12 sts in 99, 45 knockdowns. David Diehl (6-5 290 So) PS#36OL in 98, 33 plays in 99.*

**RT TONY PASHOS SO.** 6-6 310 *PS#148 in 98. 12 sts in 99, 41 knockdowns. Dan Cutter (6-7 305 Jr) PS#187 in 97. 3 gms as rFr, 56 plays in 99.*

**LT MARQUES SULLIVAN SR.** 6-5 310 *PS#5OL in 96. 22 sts at RT in 97 & 98. 12 sts at LT in 99, 2nd tm Big 10. Sean Bubin (6-7 310 rFr) PS#39.*

**K Patrick King Fr.** 6-0 185 *PS#20. 45.6 avg on punts in HS in 99, 48 yd FG. Peter Christofilakos (5-9 161) PS#29. Steve Fitts hit 20 of 29 FG's in HS.*

**DE FRED WAKEFIELD SR.** 6-7 267 *2 sts as rFr, 25 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl in inj plagued 98. 12 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 10 tfl. Robby Long (6-3 255 Jr) 5 tkls, 2Y.*

**DT BRANDON MOORE JR.** 6-3 270 *PS#217, 2 sts as true, 13 tkls. 11 sts in 99, 46 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl. Brett Kautter (6-3 260 So) PS#261, 7 tkls, 1 sk ly.*

**DT Jason Eberhart Sr.** 6-3 263 *PS#48OL, 25 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 9 sts in 98, 25 tkls, 4 tfl. 5 sts at DE in 99, 26 tkls, 4 tfl. Karleton Thomas (6-5 276 Sr) 9 sts, 3 yrs.*

**DE Terrell Washington Sr.** 6-4 230 *PS#108LB in 97. PS#147JC. 22 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl here in 99. Mike O'Brien (6-6 215 So) PS#208DL in 99, 7 tkls as true.*

**OLB MICHAEL YOUNG SR.** 6-2 227 *PS#18. 11 sts as rFr, 85 tkls, 5 tfl, 9 sts in 98, 49 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 48 tkls, 4 tfl. Eric Garrett (6-2 235 Sr) PS#33.*

**MLB Robert Franklin Sr.** 6-2 218 *PS#30. 36 tkls as rFr. 9 sts in 98, 86 tkls, 4 tfl. 37 tkls in 99, 3 tfl. Aaron Nobles (6-2 226 rFr), Marcus Hood (6-2 233 Jr) PS#39.*

**OLB Mon Long Sr.** 6-2 218 *PS#160, 2 tkls as true. 27 tkls in 98. 17 tkls, 1 sk in 99. Ty Myers (6-4 200 rFr) PS#130. Jerry Schumacher PS#195, 19 tkls ly.*

**CB Trayvon Waller Sr.** 6-3 166 *PS#73JC. 2 sts here, 29 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu. Courtney Miller (6-2 195 rFr) PS#109QB. Bobie Singleton (6-1 200 Sr) PS#29.*

**CB Eugene Wilson So.** 6-0 176 *PS#141 in 99, 3 tkls in 10 gms as true, 31 PR (9.8). Anthony Hurd (5-10 180 Jr) PS#111, 3 sts in 98, 1 int, 5 pbu.*

**SS BOBBY JACKSON JR.** 6-1 210 *PS#10DB. 5 sts as true, 1 int, 4 pbu. 11 sts in 98, 51 tkls, 6 pbu. Inj in 99. Carlos Lattimore (6-1 225 So) 4 tkls as true.*

**FS MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH JR.** 6-1 200 *4 sts as true, 26 tkls. 12 sts in 99, 5 int, 5 pbu, 79 tkls. Marc Jackson (6-1 195 So) was PS#26, 1 st in 99, 11 tkls, 2 tfl.*

**P STEVE FITTS JR.** 6-0 190 *77 punts as true, 41.3 average, 36.0 net. 65 punts in 99, 42.3 avg, net of 36.1 inside 20, 3 punts of 70+.*

# ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score IL | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Illinois is just 7-21-1 ATS at home the last 5 years. The Illini had been held to single digits 22 times in the last 5 seasons, but only twice last year. |
| Sep. 2 | Mid Tenn St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fighting Illini have covered 3 of their last 4 openers. MTSU was 3-8 SU, 3-4 ATS LY, their first in Div 1A. |
| Sep. 9 | at San Diego St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Illinois is 2-4 SU but 5-1 ATS L/6Y in their road opener. Illini are 2-0-1 SU, 2-1 ATS vs current MWC schools since '80. |
| Sep. 16 | California | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pac 10 teams have outscored Illinois 151-38 combined the L/4Y (IU is 1-3 ATS). Illinois is 8-14-1 ATS (5-9-1 at home) vs non Big 10 teams S/91. |
| Sep. 23 | Michigan | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fighting Illini **won SU as 24' pt dogs** LY at The Big House. Illinois is 14-6-1 ATS in their first Big 10 game, but 1-4-1 L6Y. |
| Sep. 30 | at Minnesota | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Illinois is 3-7-1 ATS the week prior to a bye. IU is 2-4 ATS last 6 vs Golden Gophers. |
| Oct. 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: The visitor is 9-1-1 ATS L/11 Iowa/Ill matchups. |
| Oct. 14 | Iowa (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Illinois is 2-7 ATS the week after a bye. Fighting Illini are 8-16-2 ATS as a home favorite, but were 2-0 LY. |
| Oct. 21 | at Penn St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY's 20 pt loss was the closest margin in 3 years in this series... however, that was the only ATS loss for IU in that span. |
| Oct. 28 | at Michigan St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Coming into 2000 Illinois was 5-13 ATS L/5Y in October. Illini are 6-3 ATS in their 2nd straight road game. |
| Nov. 4 | Indiana | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Under Turner, Illinois is 7-2 ATS in the final 3 games of the season. The favorite is 9-2 ATS in this series since 1981. |
| Nov. 11 | Ohio St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Illinois is 11-4 ATS in their L/15 meetings with the Buckeyes. Fighting Illini is 3-16 ATS the L/19 as a home dog, 1-3 LY. |
| Nov. 18 | at Northwestern | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visiting team has covered 7 of 8 and 10 of 12 in this series. Illinois is 13-6-1 ATS since 1993 on grass. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (70,900)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 6-5 | 5-5-1 | 2-9 | 0-11 | 3-8 | 7-4 | 28-48-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 5-6 | 5-5-1 | 4-7 | 2-8-1 | 4-6 | 7-4 | 32-42-2 |
| Home Fav | 0-2 | 2-2 | 1-3-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 6-9-1 |
| Home Dog | 2-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-4 | 1-5 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 6-19 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3-2 |
| Away Dog | 3-2 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 3-2 | 1-3-1 | 3-2 | 3-1 | 17-12-1 |
| Favorite | 0-2 | 3-4 | 2-3-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 9-11-1 |
| Dog | 5-4 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 3-6 | 2-8-1 | 4-5 | 4-4 | 23-31-1 |
| Grass | 3-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-0-1 | 2-1 | 4-1 | 13-6-1 |
| Artificial | 2-5 | 4-5 | 4-4-1 | 3-6 | 1-8 | 2-5 | 3-3 | 19-36-1 |
| vs BIG 10 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 2-5-1 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 24-31-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-1-1 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 8-11-1 |
| Off SU Win | 2-3 | 2-4 | 2-2-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 4-2 | 10-16-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-2 | 3-1 | 3-2 | 3-5 | 2-7-1 | 3-3 | 2-2 | 19-22-1 |

## Coach: RON TURNER (Career 18-27)
### *Turner's records AT ILLINOIS*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Illinois | | 2-1 | Home Favorite |
| 11-23 | Straight Up | 3-11 | Home Underdog |
| 13-18-1 | Vs The Spread | 1-0 | Away Favorite |
| 7-12-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 7-6-1 | Away Underdog |
| 9-14-1 | Vs BIG 10 | 4-4 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 90 | Hall of Fame | +3 | Clemson | 0-30 | L |
| 91 | John Hancock | +6' | UCLA | 3-6 | W |
| 92 | Holiday | E | Hawaii | 17-27 | L |
| 94 | Liberty | -7 | E Carolina | 30-0 | W |
| 99 | MicronPC | +2' | Virginia | 63-21 | W |

# ILLINOIS (8-4)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 9***
**DEFENSE: 4**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 41 (18,22,1)**
**Lost: 20 (8,11,1)**

## ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 32.3 | 21 | 174 | 4.3 | 234 | 54.2 | 12.6 | +13 | 1999 | 8 | 22.8 | 21 | 170 | 4.1 | 218 | 53.2 | 17.0 |
| 6* | 13.5 | 15 | 142 | 3.8 | 146 | 46.5 | 21.3 | -11 | 1998 | 8 | 29.6 | 21 | 154 | 3.7 | 217 | 55.7 | 12.5 |
| 6 | 10.8 | 15 | 125 | 3.6 | 162 | 42.7 | 26.5 | -10 | 1997 | 6 | 33.5 | 20 | 211 | 4.7 | 207 | 59.7 | 12.5 |
| 7 | 17.3 | 18 | 133 | 3.5 | 178 | 55.0 | 18.0 | -10 | 1996 | 5 | 33.8 | 19 | 213 | 4.8 | 194 | 57.7 | 11.4 |
| 6* | 17.5 | 15 | 119 | 2.9 | 158 | 50.8 | 15.8 | +4 | 1995 | 5 | 18.0 | 16 | 136 | 3.3 | 180 | 52.6 | 17.6 |
| 8* | 25.8 | 20 | 131 | 3.4 | 249 | 59.3 | 14.8 | +2 | 1994 | 10 | 13.0 | 15 | 122 | 3.3 | 162 | 54.0 | 22.0 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | OFFENSE Rush-YDS | OFFENSE AVG | OFFENSE CO-ATT | OFFENSE YDS | OFFENSE SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | DEFENSE Rush-YDS | DEFENSE AVG | DEFENSE CO-ATT | DEFENSE YDS | DEFENSE SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arkansas St | 23 | 44-190 | 4.3 | 20-32 | 237 | 2 | 8 | 30-29 | 1.0 | 14-27 | 149 | 3 | 0 |
| San Diego St | 19 | 39-143 | 3.7 | 16-26 | 230 | 3 | 15 | 35-80 | 2.3 | 17-40 | 179 | 4 | -2 |
| at Louisville | 21 | 38-222 | 5.8 | 17-24 | 244 | 1 | 33 | 28-128 | 4.6 | 39-60 | 450 | 2 | +1 |
| Michigan St | 20 | 34-42 | 1.2 | 30-55 | 323 | 5 | 17 | 41-163 | 4.0 | 12-25 | 152 | 3 | +2 |
| at Indiana | 17 | 40-144 | 3.6 | 15-35 | 181 | 4 | 25 | 49-202 | 4.1 | 17-30 | 265 | 2 | +2 |
| Minnesota | 18 | 29-145 | 5.0 | 19-45 | 180 | 3 | 27 | 67-367 | 5.5 | 9-16 | 95 | 1 | 0 |
| at Michigan | 21 | 33-157 | 4.8 | 24-33 | 280 | 0 | 27 | 42-110 | 2.6 | 25-41 | 315 | 4 | +1 |
| Penn St | 12 | 38-141 | 3.7 | 8-31 | 107 | 7 | 20 | 43-215 | 5.0 | 19-33 | 225 | 1 | +2 |
| at Iowa | 25 | 44-155 | 3.5 | 25-42 | 307 | 0 | 18 | 29-154 | 5.3 | 19-37 | 235 | 3 | +2 |
| at Ohio St | 23 | 47-157 | 3.3 | 18-33 | 239 | 0 | 23 | 42-216 | 5.1 | 12-29 | 168 | 3 | +3 |
| Northwestern | 24 | 49-261 | 5.3 | 16-31 | 191 | 0 | 24 | 51-198 | 3.9 | 16-33 | 179 | 3 | +2 |
| Virginia (Bowl) | 26 | 48-325 | 6.8 | 16-26 | 286 | 1 | 20 | 36-172 | 4.8 | 17-35 | 208 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 249 | 483-2082 | 4.3 | 224-413 | 2805 | 27 | 257 | 493-2034 | 4.1 | 216-406 | 2620 | 32 | +13 |
| AVERAGES | 20.8 | 40-174 | 4.3 | 19-34 | 234 | 2.1 | 21.4 | 41-170 | 4.1 | 18-34 | 218 | 2.5 | 1.1 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Michigan | +1 | 14-38 | L |
| at Oregon | +4' | 31-34 | W |
| Arizona | -3' | 9-7 | L |
| E Carolina | -7 | 7-0 | T |
| at Indiana | -6' | 17-10 | W |
| Michigan St | -6' | 21-27 | L |
| Northwestern | -1 | 14-17 | L |
| at Iowa | +5' | 26-7 | W |
| at Ohio St | +18 | 3-41 | L |
| Minnesota | -7 | 48-14 | W |
| at Wisconsin | +1' | 3-3 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Michigan | +12' | 8-20 | W |
| USC | +3 | 3-55 | L |
| at Arizona | +8 | 0-41 | L |
| Akron | -27 | 38-7 | W |
| Indiana | -5' | 46-43 | L |
| at Michigan St | +8' | 14-42 | L |
| at Northwestern | +12' | 24-27 | W |
| Iowa | +9' | 21-31 | L |
| Ohio St | +29 | 0-48 | L |
| at Minnesota | +3' | 21-23 | W |
| Wisconsin | +7 | 15-35 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| S Mississippi | +4 | 7-24 | L |
| at Louisville | +6 | 14-26 | L |
| Washington St | +12 | 22-35 | L |
| at Iowa | +28 | 10-38 | T |
| Penn St | +26 | 6-41 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +13 | 7-31 | L |
| Purdue | +10' | 3-48 | L |
| at Indiana | +4' | 6-23 | L |
| Northwestern | +12' | 21-34 | L |
| at Ohio St | +39' | 6-41 | W |
| Michigan St | +24 | 17-27 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Washington St | +12' | 13-20 | W |
| Mid Tenn St | NL | 48-20 | – |
| Louisville | -6' | 9-35 | L |
| Iowa | +10 | 14-37 | L |
| at Northwestern | +14 | 13-10 | W |
| Ohio St | +36' | 0-41 | L |
| Wisconsin | +21' | 3-37 | L |
| at Purdue | +24 | 9-42 | L |
| at Penn St | +33' | 0-27 | W |
| Indiana | +13' | 31-16 | W |
| at Michigan St | +20' | 9-41 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arkansas St | -14' | 41-3 | W |
| San Diego St | +3' | 38-10 | W |
| at Louisville | +11' | 41-36 | W |
| Michigan St | +7 | 10-27 | L |
| at Indiana | +2 | 31-34 | L |
| Minnesota | +1 | 7-37 | L |
| at Michigan | +24' | 35-29 | W |
| Penn St | +16 | 7-27 | L |
| at Iowa | -6' | 40-24 | W |
| at Ohio St | +10' | 46-20 | W |
| Northwestern | -13' | 29-7 | W |

# INDIANA HOOSIERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Antwaan Randle El almost lost his starting QB job prior to last season but held on & had another spectacular year. He compiled 3,065 total yds offense & passed for 17 TD's & ran for an additional 13. He had 1,500 yds rushing after his 19th game, faster than any QB in NCAA Div IA history. He became the 1st sophomore in Big 10 history to reach 5,000 career total yds, finishing the season with 5,633. Heading into the regular season last year Cameron said there was a possibility Randle El would be replaced with Tommy Jones (6-3 240 So, PS#48) who was also impressive, leaving Randle El free to move to WR. It was a good thing Cameron reconsidered. This year Randle El decided to bypass basketball & baseball seasons so his legs would be fresher after playing those sports in 99. Jones had 85 total yds in 3 games in 99. Jones had a big spring game & Cameron has talked about putting the best 11 athletes on the field & Randle El seems open to the possibility of also playing WR. Third string figures to be Gibran Hamdan (6-5 225 So) who is a pocket passer. This is a strong deep group of QB's & Cameron is an outstanding QB coach.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Hoosiers have had some great RB's over the years including RB Coach Anthony Thompson who is the 2nd leading rusher in Big 10 history. When Indy signed Levron Williams (PS#7) I immediately projected him as a starting TB & said he could become the next great Indy RB. He did not qualify in 1997 but in 1998 he moved to WR where he had 5 starts & 15 rec's. He added enough weight last year to finally move to TB & was very effective on the option pitch. He had 168 yds vs N Carolina, 241 vs Northwestern & 123 vs Minnesota. If teams keyed on Williams then Randle El piled up the yds in the running game. Williams 6.9 ypc set an IU record. Williams bulked up even more in the offseason & I look for him to top 1,000 yds this year. The top 2 FB's return & they may be the best duo at that spot in the Big 10. Jeremi Johnson could be the biggest FB in the country at **275 lbs** but still has 4.7 speed & solid blocking & receiving skills. DeWayne Hogan has 14 career starts & benched 225 lbs 31 times in the spring! TB Frankie Franklin departs but I like the talent waiting in the wings. Brian Lewis (5-7 203 rFr) was PS#58 & had he not suffered an injury in August, probably would have been the backup last season. AC Carter (5-8 188 So) was PS#218 & has 4.38 speed. Glynn Johnson (5-9 200 Sr) was PS#41 & is one of the team's fastest players. He had 162 yds in 1997. This unit looks to be solidly improved in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - This unit appeared to be a veteran group heading into the 1999 season but Levron Williams moved to RB & Tyrone Browning, who was their leading receiver in 1998, transferred. QB Randle El had 1 TD reception in 98 & that was one more than all of the returning WR's combined coming into '99. This year all the WR's return. Jerry Dorsey had 83 rec's at JUCO in 98 & 31 rec's. Versie Gaddis, who has 4.4 speed & set an Indy record in the pro agility drill, led the team with 35 rec's & a super 18.1 ypc. They moved HM Big 10 TE Craig Osika to C but have some quality players to take over there (see two deep). Dropped passes became a problem in spring & Randle El may see time here. This is a much more experienced group & I look for Cameron to open up the offense because of it.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Hoosiers' O-line returned all 5 starters but Cameron made some changes & Enoch Demar & Jamarkus Gorman both ended up with starting jobs as underclassmen. The IU offense allowed just 19 sacks & paved the way for a solid 4.4 ypc rushing. This year the losses are extremely heavy. Gone are LT Pita Elisara (11 sts, 2 yr st'r, HM Big 10), RT Craig Robeen (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), C Chad Miller (5 sts, 2 yr st'r), C Matt Snyder (7 sts, 2 yr st'r) & RG James Broyles (1st 4 sts). Backups OG Patrick Mallory, OT Nick Abruzzo & LT Doug Baumgarten also depart. Basically 2 starters return to the front in Gorman & Demar. Cameron shifted TE Osika to the starting C slot while also moving 2 DL to the open OL spots. He also recruited 2 HT JUCO's, one of whom was in for the spring. I like the talent & athleticism of this group but it may take some time to meld together.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - This appeared to be one of the better Big 10 D-lines heading into the 99 season but starting DE Damian Gregory left the team prior to the season & then their star DE Adewale Ogunleye, who could have been an NFL draft choice, got injured at midseason. The Hoosiers' defense went from allowing 3.9 ypc in 98 to 4.7 & only registered 23 sacks. This year they must replace Ogunleye (8 sks) who was 2nd Team Big 10 despite getting just 6 starts. Also gone from the front is DT Jason Czap (11 sts, 7 tfl, 46 tkls) & backup DT AC Myler who moves to the OL. No less than 7 players return with starting experience & they add a VHT true frosh. Cameron has plenty of HT's in this group & I think it will be a much improved unit in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Hoosiers were very young in this area last year as they had to replace their leading tackler while their other 2 returning starters both lost their jobs. They moved starting SS Justin Smith to SLB & he struggled early but finished as the team's #1 tackler. Joslin Goodman & Devin Schaffer switched positions last year & should be more comfortable in 2000. This year the only losses are OLB Brad Gecina (12 tkls) & OLB Patrick Kraft (5 tkls). Basically all 3 starters return, & 4 players overall have starting experience. They also have a couple of HT newcomers who will contend. This is a much more experienced LB corps than the 99 version & should show a lot of improvement.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Hoosiers ranked #61 in my pass defense rankings in 98 & appeared to return all 4 starters in 99 until injuries & position changes took their toll. CB OJ Spencer lost his starter's job as he was hobbled by a hip pointer. CB Curtis Randle El missed the spring after he was stabbed in the abdomen in the offseason. He never completely recovered & did not regain his starting job until the final 3 games. SS Justin Smith moved to LB so basically only 1 starter held on to his job. Indy finished #86 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 60% with a 14-10 ratio but held Purdue to 197 yds passing in the season finale. This year they must replace FS Mike McGrath (11 sts, HM Big 10, 3 int, 4 pbu) & Randle El (3 sts, 44 tkls). This is a more veteran secondary & should move up in the rankings this season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - IU has one of the nation's most accurate FG K's in Andy Payne who has hit 24 of 27 inside the 40 in his career. Derin Graham was the top PR & KR last year & everyone who returned a kick in 99 is back. The big loss is 1st Tm Big 10 P Drew Hagan, who led the Big 10 with a 44.8 avg. Indy only had a 34.8 net partially because Hagan outkicked the coverage with his powerful leg. The Hoosiers ranked just 91st & 99th in 1997-98 in my special teams rankings & moved up slightly to #90 last year. As long as an adequate P emerges, they could move up more this year but that is a big if.

QB Antwaan Randle El is a solid passer & runner & may see WR time in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Levron Williams | 118 | 862 | 45 | 817 | 4 | 6.9 |
| Antwaan Randle El | 224 | 991 | 203 | 788 | 13 | 3.5 |
| Jeremi Johnson | 69 | 286 | 4 | 282 | 2 | 4.1 |
| De'Wayne Hogan | 30 | 120 | 1 | 119 | 1 | 4.0 |
| Frankie Franklin | 17 | 60 | 8 | 52 | 0 | 3.1 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antwaan Randle El | 279 | 150 | 53.8 | 2277 | 17 | 7 |
| Tommy Jones | 9 | 4 | 44.4 | 77 | 0 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Versie Gaddis | 35 | 633 | 18.1 | 3 | 81 |
| Levron Williams | 33 | 360 | 10.9 | 3 | 49 |
| Jerry Dorsey | 31 | 602 | 19.4 | 6 | 70 |
| Derin Graham | 19 | 405 | 21.3 | 1 | 47 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Drew Hagan | 44 | 1971 | 44.8 | - | - | 0 | 8 | 2 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andy Payne | 4-4 | 4-5 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 9-12 | 40 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Justin Smith | 89 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Michael McGrath | 77 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Devin Schaffer | 63 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Greg Yeldell | 61 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Sharrod Wallace | 51 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| Jason Czap | 46 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Curtis Randle El | 44 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kemp Rasmussen | 42 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Paul Mandina | 40 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| OJ Spencer | 30 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Joslin Goodman | 30 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Maurice Tucker | 23 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Adewale Ogunleye | 22 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Derin Graham | 14 | 116 | 8.3 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Derin Graham | 25 | 548 | 21.9 | 1 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**BALL ST -24 21-9 LOSS** IU played conservative due to their young WR's & RB's. 44 of their 46 plays were rushes. Indy led 14-0 in the 2Q when Randle El eluded pressure & hit Gaddis for an 81 yd TD pass, 21-0. BSU got a 34 yd FG in the 3Q & then a 19 yd TD drive after an int. IU fmbl'd but BSU was picked off in the EZ.

**N CAROLINA -1' 30-42 LOSS** IU RB Williams rushed for 168 yds. Indy led 10-7 but NC got a pair of 2Q TD's, 21-10. NC missed a 32 yd FG & Indy drove 80 yds for a TD with :16 left in the half, 21-16 (2 ptng). Indy missed a 53 yd FG. The teams combined for 5 straight long TD drives with NC getting 3. Indy's last gasp was SOD at the NC 33.

**KENTUCKY -8 35-44 LOSS** UK hit a 44 yd TD pass but IU ret'd the kickoff 90 yds for a TD. IU got a 58 yd TD drive, 14-7. UK had two 80 yd TD drives & a 23 yd drive foll a bad snap on a punt, 28-14 at half with a 277-120 yd edge. IU drove 65 yds for a TD to open the 3Q but UK faked a punt for a FD & added a 4th & 7 conv leading to a 44 yd FG then had a 70 yd TD drive 38-21. IU got a 76 yd TD drive & UK was SOD at midfield. IU fmbl'd to set up a UK 31 yd FG. IU drove 82 yds for a TD, 41-35 with 3:17 left. UK fmbl'd but IU was int'd & UK got a 24 yd FG with 1:30 left. UI's final drive ended on an int.

**AT PENN ST +27 24-45 WIN** PSU held QB Randle El to 7 yds total off in the 1H but he had 264 in the 2H. IU got a 40 yd FG after a 17 yd PR. PSU got a 37 yd int ret for a TD. PSU fmbl'd at the IU 5. PSU went 53 yds for a TD. Each team got an 80 yd TD drive, 17-10. PSU ret'd a punt 90 yds for a TD. IU fmbl'd a punt & Casey ran 31 yds for a TD, 31-10. IU drove 80 yds for a TD but PSU answered with a 74 yd TD drive, 38-17. IU drove 60 yds for a TD, 38-24 with 10:54 left. Casey guided PSU 80 yds for a TD & IU was SOD. PSU was at the IU 3 when the game ended.

**ILLINOIS (OT) -2 34-31 WIN** Randle El had a career high 157 rush & 265 passing yards. IL missed an early 29 yd FG but got 53 & 57 yd drives for a TD & FG, 10-0. Indy faced a 3rd & goal from the 3 & Randle El was tkl'd but an incorrect facemask pen was called as Randle El was taken down by the shoulder pad. Indy got a TD the next play, 10-7 at half. IL got a 41 yd FG & drove 23 yds foll a fmbl, 21-7. IL drove 52 yds for a TD with 4:58 left in the 3Q, 28-7. Indy drove 80 yds for a TD. They fmbl'd at the IL 18 but IL fmbl'd it back & Indy drove 7 yds for a TD. Indy then drove 70 yds for a TD with 2:21 left. In OT IL got a 36 yd FG but Randle El hit a 25 yd TD pass.

**NORTHWESTERN -8 34-17 WIN** NU keyed on Randle El, leaving Williams open on the pitch (241 yds) on a rainy day. NU got a 75 yd TD drive, 7-0. NU ret'd an int 75 yds for a TD, 14-0. NU's final 4 poss of the half resulted in -25 yds offense. Indy got a 56 yd run & 55 yd pass to set up TD's. Williams ran 4 times for 44 yds to set up a TD, 21-14. Indy settled for a 26 yd 3Q FG. NU ret'd the KO 64 yds & nailed a 30 yd FG but Indy added a FG & a TD in the 4Q. The Hoosiers had a 543-194 yd edge.

**AT WISCONSIN +14' 0-59 LOSS** IU lost star DL Ogunleye prior to this to a season ending inj. UW's OL overpowered IU as they rolled to 705 yds total offense & did not punt. It was 14-0 after 1Q, 38-0 at half & 52-0 after 3Q's. UW's starters played just the 1H.

**AT IOWA -2' 38-31 WIN** Indy controlled it early, leading 24-7 with 3:28 left 1H. Iowa drove 71 yds for a TD, 24-14. Indy extended the lead to 38-21 after 3Q's but Iowa got a 67 yd TD drive & 75 yd drive for a 22 yd FG. They were int'd at the Indy 25 & then drove 76 yds on their final poss but Mullen was tkl'd at the Indy 4 as time ran out.

**MICHIGAN +16' 31-34 WIN** UM's 1st 2 drives covered 141 yds & IU's 1st 2 poss went for -4 yds as UM led 10-0. UM blk'd a punt but IU rec'd & got a FD but UM blk'd the next punt & got a TD, 17-0. IU drove 80 yds for a TD & then 88 yds for a 23 yd FG on the final play of the half, 17-10. IU went on a 70 yd drive for a TD early in the 4Q, 17-17. UM fmbl'd the KO & IU got a 9 yd TD drive. UM drove 65 & 67 yds for TD's on its next 2 poss. IU got a 70 yd TD pass to tie it with 4:59 left. UM got a 20 yd FG w/ :18 left.

**AT MINNESOTA +14 20-44 LOSS** I used a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on UM. IU led 14-10. IU added a 32 yd FG foll the 1st of 3 Cockerham int's but UM drove 80 & 48 yds for TD's, 24-17 with :29 left in the half. IU got a 30 yd FG foll a fmbl & UM was int'd in the EZ. IU missed a 33 yd FG. UM drove 68 yds for a FG & then Wyrick ret'd an int 61 yds for a TD. IU fmbl'd the KO & UM got a 24 yd FG, 37-20 with 8:37 left. IU was SOD & UM drove 60 yds for a TD with 1:12 left. UM had 213 yds rushing.

**PURDUE +13 24-30 WIN** IU held Pur QB Brees to a season low 15 of 24 for 197 yds while Randle El hit 22 of 33 for 329 yds. IU had a 446-351 yd edge. IU led 14-7 when Pur got a safety. Pur drove 94 yds in 14 plays for a TD. IU drove 85 yds but settled for a 24 yd FG with :15 left, 17-17. Pur got a 41 yd FG to open the 3Q. IU drove 60 yds for a TD, 24-20. Pur drove 73 yds but settled for a 19 yd FG. Pur's Sutherland ret'd a punt 66 yds for a TD, 30-24. IU's final 2 drives were SOD at the Pur 6 & 27.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1986 to 1993 the Hoosiers participated in six bowl games. Since a 7-4 season in 1994, they have accumulated 5 straight losing seasons. Cam Cameron has gone 2-9, 4-7 and 4-7 in his 3 years at the helm. In 1998 the Hoosiers had just 4 seniors on the entire team and suffered four losses by a total of 25 points. Last year's Hoosiers squad had 27 seniors and was loaded with experience and expectations of a bowl bid were raised. The Hoosiers did defeat bowl bound Illinois during the season and lost to powers Michigan and Purdue by a total of 9 points. The key to their season came early when they lost to rebuilding N Carolina and Kentucky at home. Although the result was the same record-wise, the team made solid strides on offense, averaging almost 5 ppg more than 1998 and 406 ypg. The defense surprisingly slipped. They allowed 4.7 ypc rushing, 60% completions and 35.1 ppg, their worst mark of the 90's. Losing their top DL Adewale Ogunleye to injury at midseason was a big factor. The offense does return the bulk of the skill position players including exciting QB Antwaan Randle El, RB Levron Williams and WR Jerry Dorsey. Cameron stressed the need to become a tougher football team in 2000. The big question mark will be the offensive line which must replace four starters. The Hoosiers got a big addition during the offseason bringing in George Bell, the DC from Wake Forest, who took that unit from ranking 100th in '97 all the way up to 25th last year. He inherits 9 returning starters and they look stronger at every position and will be a much tougher defense. This team should chalk up a winning September and do avoid Ohio St and Mich St in Big 10 play. Unfortunately, most of their winnable conference games take place on the road after Sept and that means improving on last years 4 wins will be tough even with a much stronger team.


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|---|---|
| LB | Stephen Williams 6-3 275 PS#12 |
| DL | John Lumpkin 6-3 255 PS#35 |
| DB | Rico Lloyd 6-0 175 PS#42 |
| LB | Brandonn Baker 6-1 228 PS#75 |
| RB | Rashon Myles 6-0 220 PS#95 |
| QB | Marques Hagans 5-10 175 PS#70 |
| WR | David Lewis 6-1 175 PS#59 |
| OL | Antoine Grant 6-3 340 PS#44JC |
| RB | Prince Pack 5-10 185 PS#112 |
| OL | Chris Jahnke 6-5 300 PS#117 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB ANTWAAN RANDLE EL JR.** 5-10 185 *PS#11, 11 sts in 98, 1745 yds (46.5%), 1074 yds rush, 6-11 ratio, 11 sts ly, 2277 yds (53.8%), 17-7 ratio, 991 yds rush.* ***2nd tm All B10.***

**RB LEVRON WILLIAMS JR.** 6-3 215 *PS#7 in 97, 5 sts as rFr at WR & RB, 15 rec (21.5), 56 yds rush. 8 sts in 99 at RB, 817 yds, super 6.9 ypc, 33 rec (10.9).*

**FB JEREMI JOHNSON SO.** 5-11 275 *PS#73. 282 yds (4.1) as true. De'Wayne Hogan (5-11 220 Sr) PS#62 in 97. 506 yds as true, 802 career yds (3.7), 18 rec.*

**WR VERSIE GADDIS SR.** 5-10 190 *PS#153. 7 rec in 96. 5 rec in 98. 11 sts ly, 35 rec, solid 18.1 ypc. 4.4 spd. Derin Graham (5-9 182 Jr) had 19 rec (21.3), top PR & KR.*

**WR JERRY DORSEY SR.** 6-1 177 *PS#36JC. 10 sts here in 99, 31 rec (19.4). OJ Conner (6-2 175 Sr) PS#99, 10 sts, 28 rec in 97. LJ Parker (6-0 210 rFr) PS#100.*

**TE Bobby Brandt So.** 6-7 275 *PS#68 in 98. Limited by inj's in 99. Ken Gipson (6-7 262 rFr) PS#69. Aaron Halterman (6-4 240 Fr) is PS#38.*

**C CRAIG OSIKA JR.** 6-4 280 *PS#28TE. 6 sts, 5 rec as true. 11 sts at TE in 99, 11 rec (9.1). HM Big 10. Moves to C. Sione Ohuafi (6-2 295 rFr) PS#415.*

**RG JAMARKUS GORMAN JR.** 6-4 305 *PS#78 in 98. Started 6 of L/7 at RG in 99. Limited in spg ty. Colin Christopher (6-1 271 rFr) PS#120LB, moves to OG.*

**LG ENOCH DEMAR SO.** 6-4 310 *PS#178 in 98. 11 sts at LG in 99. +14 lbs. Anthony Oakley (6-2 282 rFr) 455 bench. Jay Cantwell PS#176.*

**RT Antonine Grant Jr.** 6-3 340 *PS#44JC & huge. Brett Taylor (6-8 320 So) 2nd string in 99. Trevor Abbs (6-6 295 So) PS#95OL in 98.*

**LT AC Myler So.** 6-4 317 *PS#181DL in 98. 2 tkls as true, RS. 10 tkls in 99, 1 sk, 1 tfl. Matt Geriasci (6-5 285 Jr) PS#171JC in for spg.*

**K ANDY PAYNE SR.** 5-10 190 *PS#24. Hit 15/22 FG's in 97, long 48. Hit 10/12 in 98, long of 49. Hit 9/12 in 99, long 40. 24/27 inside 40 in career.*

**DE Derek Barnett So.** 6-4 247 *PS#28 in 98. 1 st as rFr, 11 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int. Kris Dielman (6-4 272 So) PS#119LB, 1 st at TE as true in 99, 5 rec (21.8).*

**DT PAUL MANDINA SR.** 6-3 300 *PS#105. 2 sts in 98, 15 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 3 sks.* ***Stephen Williams*** *is PS#12. Jamil Frink (6-3 256 So) PS#133.*

**DT Dominque Smith Sr.** 6-3 290 *PS#270JC in 99. 1 st, 8 gms, 14 tkls, 3 tfl ly. 4.6 spd. Sean Nelson (6-3 272 So) PS#71DL, 3 sts in 99, 19 tkls, 2 tfl.*

**DE KEMP RASMUSSEN JR.** 6-3 265 *PS#260, 12 tkls in 98, 1 tfl. 11 sts in 99. 42 tkls, 7 sks, 5 tfl. Stephen Anthony (6-3 267 So) was PS#32TE, 2 sts in 99, 6 tkls.*

**WLB JOSLIN GOODMAN SR.** 6-4 220 *PS#93DB. 3 sts in 97, 15 tkls. 14 tkls in 98. 8 sts ly, 30 tkls, 2 tfl.* ***Robert Brown*** *(6-1 233) PS#56. Jason McWilliams (6-1 210) PS#74.*

**MLB DEVIN SCHAFFER JR.** 6-0 241 *PS#170. 3 sts in 98, 45 tkls, 4 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 63 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int. Herman Fowler (6-1 255 Jr) PS#279. Started L/2 in 99, 17 tkls.*

**SLB JUSTIN SMITH JR.** 6-0 213 *9 sts as rFr at SS, 64 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts at SLB in 99, 89 tkls, 4 tfl, 4.5 spd. Shane Moat (6-0 220 So) PS#125, 425 bench, 4.8 spd.*

**CB MAURICE TUCKER JR.** 5-11 190 *PS#163, 4 sts as true, 11 tkls. 7 sts ly, 23 tkls, 3 pbu. 4.3 spd.* ***OJ Spencer*** *(5-11 195 Sr) PS#99, 12 sts, 3 yrs, 116 tkls, 4 int.*

**CB SHARROD WALLACE JR.** 5-9 183 *PS#329. 2 sts in 98, 18 tkls. 11 sts in 99, 51 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu, 4.4 spd. 225 bench 21x's. Michael Hanley (5-11 178 So) PS#179, 17 tkls ly.*

**SS GREG YELDELL JR.** 5-10 190 *PS#244. 3 sts in 98, 41 tkls, 5 int. 2 pbu as true. 11 sts ly, 61 tkls, 5 tfl. #1 B10 triple jumper. Johnny Anderson (5-10 188 Sr) JC, 22 tkls ly.*

**FS Joe Gonzalez So.** 6-0 200 *PS#84DB. 11 gms, 16 tkls as true, 4.4 spd. Ron Bethel (6-3 210 Jr) PS#61WR, moved to DB ly, 4 tkls. Rico Lloyd is PS#42.*

**P Ryan Hamre Fr.** 6-3 225 *PS#125K. 45.7 average as a HS Sr in 99, 4.8 speed. Tyson Picken (6-2 244 Fr) will contend for the job.*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score IU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | N Carolina St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Indiana is 12-3 ATS the L/15 season openers, but only 3-2 L/5Y. The Hoosiers are 21-10 ATS on grass the L 7 years. |
| Sep. 16 | at Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Indiana is 9-5 ATS L/2Y vs tms that were in a bowl the prior year. The home team is 3-8 ATS L/11 in this series. UK has won 5 in a row SU. |
| Sep. 23 | Cincinnati | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IU is 5-7 SU after playing Kentucky but 3-0 ATS under Cameron. Despite a 7-5 mark the L2Y, IU is 13-22-1 ATS L/6 yrs at home. |
| Sep. 30 | Iowa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The favorite is 11-4 ATS the last 15 meetings. Indiana is 4-7 ATS in conference home openers. |
| Oct. 7 | at Northwestern | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The SU winner is an amazing 15-0 ATS in this series. Indiana is 8-2 ATS in October the last two years. |
| Oct. 14 | at Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 7-1 ATS in this series. Indiana is 16-10 ATS as an away dog since 1993. |
| Oct. 21 | Minnesota | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hoosiers are 1-8 ATS after playing the physical Wolverines. The home team is 6-2 ATS the last 8 in this series. |
| Oct. 28 | Penn St (RCA Dome) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IU is 7-17 ATS as a home dog since 1989, but 2-0 LY!! This game will be played in the RCA Dome, home of the NFL's Colts. |
| Nov. 4 | at Illinois | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Indiana is 8-20-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1995. The Hoosiers are 6-10 ATS L/16 versus the Illini. |
| Nov. 11 | Wisconsin | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Indiana is 4-15-1 ATS prior to playing Purdue. Hoosiers are 1-9 ATS in home finales that are NOT against Purdue. |
| Nov. 18 | at Purdue | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Purdue has outscored IU 138-38 the last 3 years, 30-24 last year. The visitor is 8-2-1 ATS the L/11 in the *Old Oaken Bucket* battle. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,354)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 6-5 | 2-9 | 3-8 | 2-9 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 29-48 |
| ATS | 7-4 | 7-4 | 1-10 | 5-5-1 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 38-38-1 |
| Home Fav | 3-3 | 2-2 | 0-3 | 0-0-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 11-13-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-4 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 6-12 |
| Away Fav | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 5-3 |
| Away Dog | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 3-2 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 16-10 |
| Favorite | 4-4 | 3-2 | 0-3 | 1-1-1 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 3-3 | 16-16-1 |
| Dog | 3-0 | 4-2 | 1-7 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 4-2 | 3-2 | 22-22 |
| Grass | 2-0 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 5-3 | 6-3 | 21-10 |
| Artificial | 5-4 | 4-4 | 0-8 | 3-4-1 | 3-5 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 17-28-1 |
| vs BIG 10 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 1-7 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 6-2 | 28-28 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 1-1-1 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 0-3 | 10-10-1 |
| Off SU Win | 5-2 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 0-1-1 | 0-2 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 12-13-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-2 | 4-1 | 1-7 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-3 | 4-2 | 21-23 |

## Coach: CAM CAMERON (Career 10-23)
### *Cameron's records AT INDIANA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Indiana | | 6-5 | Home Favorite |
| 10-23 | Straight Up | 3-5 | Home Underdog |
| 18-15 | Vs The Spread | 2-1 | Away Favorite |
| 11-9 | Off A S/U Loss | 7-5 | Away Underdog |
| 13-11 | Vs BIG 10 | 5-4 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 87 | Peach | +6' | Tennessee | 22-27 | W |
| 88 | Liberty | -3 | S Carolina | 34-10 | W |
| 90 | Peach | +9' | Auburn | 23-27 | W |
| 91 | Copper | +3' | Baylor | 24-0 | W |
| 93 | Independence | +3 | Virginia Tech | 20-45 | L |

# INDIANA (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 35 (13,20,2)**
**Lost: 13 (7,5,1)**

## INDIANA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 26.5 | 21 | 191 | 4.4 | 215 | 53.6 | 15.3 | +1 | 1999 | 8 | 35.1 | 23 | 211 | 4.7 | 219 | 60.0 | 12.3 |
| 7* | 21.7 | 19 | 196 | 4.3 | 169 | 47.0 | 16.3 | +3 | 1998 | 6 | 27.7 | 21 | 154 | 3.9 | 243 | 63.3 | 14.3 |
| 5 | 10.9 | 15 | 91 | 2.6 | 214 | 56.9 | 27.9 | -9 | 1997 | 6 | 32.6 | 21 | 181 | 4.5 | 232 | 50.0 | 12.7 |
| 10* | 22.0 | 15 | 142 | 3.3 | 149 | 51.1 | 13.2 | +1 | 1996 | 7 | 26.5 | 19 | 158 | 3.6 | 197 | 51.8 | 13.4 |
| 6* | 14.5 | 19 | 131 | 3.0 | 171 | 50.9 | 20.9 | -19 | 1995 | 6 | 29.6 | 17 | 197 | 4.5 | 140 | 57.3 | 11.4 |
| 6* | 26.7 | 21 | 223 | 4.8 | 149 | 54.6 | 13.9 | +8 | 1994 | 3 | 25.9 | 20 | 197 | 4.9 | 194 | 56.4 | 15.1 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | OFFENSE Rush-YDS | OFFENSE AVG | OFFENSE CO-ATT | OFFENSE YDS | OFFENSE SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | DEFENSE Rush-YDS | DEFENSE AVG | DEFENSE CO-ATT | DEFENSE YDS | DEFENSE SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ball St | 18 | 44-217 | 4.9 | 9-12 | 154 | 0 | 18 | 38-120 | 3.2 | 17-30 | 149 | 4 | 0 |
| N Carolina | 26 | 40-254 | 6.4 | 17-29 | 159 | 1 | 29 | 55-215 | 3.9 | 20-26 | 252 | 2 | +1 |
| Kentucky | 20 | 35-179 | 5.1 | 16-32 | 201 | 1 | 26 | 46-180 | 3.9 | 24-31 | 304 | 2 | -2 |
| at Penn St | 19 | 44-181 | 4.1 | 11-23 | 204 | 0 | 24 | 44-207 | 4.7 | 20-27 | 282 | 4 | -1 |
| Illinois | 25 | 49-202 | 4.1 | 17-30 | 265 | 2 | 17 | 40-144 | 3.6 | 15-35 | 181 | 4 | -2 |
| Northwestern | 27 | 75-429 | 5.7 | 6-8 | 114 | 0 | 10 | 34-169 | 5.0 | 3-17 | 25 | 4 | 0 |
| at Wisconsin | 16 | 34-66 | 1.9 | 12-32 | 212 | 6 | 31 | 56-461 | 8.2 | 15-19 | 244 | 0 | +1 |
| at Iowa | 13 | 38-110 | 2.9 | 12-23 | 247 | 1 | 29 | 38-126 | 3.3 | 36-61 | 426 | 1 | +2 |
| Michigan | 22 | 40-148 | 3.7 | 18-34 | 290 | 2 | 25 | 46-213 | 4.6 | 17-29 | 226 | 0 | 0 |
| at Minnesota | 25 | 43-202 | 4.7 | 15-33 | 185 | 5 | 28 | 59-333 | 5.6 | 7-16 | 123 | 1 | +2 |
| Purdue | 23 | 40-117 | 2.9 | 22-33 | 329 | 1 | 19 | 41-154 | 3.8 | 15-24 | 197 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 234 | 482-2105 | 4.4 | 155-289 | 2360 | 19 | 256 | 497-2322 | 4.7 | 189-315 | 2409 | 23 | +1 |
| AVERAGES | 21.3 | 44-191 | 4.4 | 14-26 | 215 | 1.7 | 23.3 | 45-211 | 4.7 | 17-29 | 219 | 2.1 | 0.1 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| W Michigan | -19 | 24-10 | L |
| Kentucky | -14 | 10-17 | L |
| S Mississippi | -2 | 27-26 | L |
| at Northwestern | +3' | 7-31 | L |
| Illinois | +6' | 10-17 | L |
| at Iowa | +19 | 13-22 | W |
| Michigan | +15 | 17-34 | L |
| at Penn St | +23 | 21-45 | L |
| Michigan St | +1' | 13-31 | L |
| at Ohio St | +33 | 3-42 | L |
| Purdue | +4 | 14-54 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Toledo | -2 | 40-6 | W |
| Miami (Oh) | -7 | 21-14 | T |
| at Kentucky | -3' | 0-3 | L |
| Northwestern | +4 | 17-35 | L |
| at Illinois | +5' | 43-46 | W |
| Iowa | +6' | 10-31 | L |
| at Michigan | +24 | 20-27 | W |
| Penn St | +14 | 26-48 | L |
| at Michigan St | +15 | 15-38 | L |
| Ohio St | +35 | 17-27 | W |
| at Purdue | +7 | 33-16 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Carolina | +30 | 6-23 | W |
| Ball St | -13' | 33-6 | W |
| Kentucky | -2' | 7-49 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +14 | 26-27 | W |
| Michigan | +20 | 0-37 | L |
| Michigan St | +19 | 6-38 | L |
| at Ohio St | +34 | 0-31 | W |
| at Iowa | +26 | 0-62 | L |
| Illinois | -4' | 23-6 | W |
| at Minnesota | +7' | 12-24 | L |
| Purdue | +14 | 7-56 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| W Michigan | -4' | 45-30 | W |
| at Kentucky | +21 | 27-31 | W |
| at Cincinnati | -3 | 48-14 | W |
| Wisconsin | +9' | 20-24 | W |
| at Michigan St | +9' | 31-38 | W |
| Iowa | -3 | 14-7 | W |
| at Michigan | +13' | 10-21 | W |
| Ohio St | +24 | 7-38 | L |
| at Illinois | -13' | 16-31 | L |
| Minnesota | -3 | 20-19 | L |
| at Purdue | +16' | 7-52 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ball St | -24 | 21-9 | L |
| N Carolina | -1' | 30-42 | L |
| Kentucky | -8 | 35-44 | L |
| at Penn St | +27 | 24-45 | W |
| Illinois | -2 | 34-31 | W |
| Northwestern | -8 | 34-17 | W |
| at Wisconsin | +14' | 0-59 | L |
| at Iowa | -2 | 38-31 | W |
| Michigan | +16' | 31-34 | W |
| at Minnesota | +14 | 20-44 | L |
| Purdue | +13 | 24-30 | W |

# IOWA HAWKEYES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Hawkeyes had plenty of talent at this position last year but playing behind a shuffled O-line did not help statistically. Kyle McCann (6-5 210 Jr) was PS#28. He showed a lot of promise in 98 with 5 starts and 1,179 yards (54%). He began last year as the starter and threw for 280 yards (44.6%). He was replaced in week 3 by senior Randy Reiners who had 580 yards passing (54.8%) in the next 4 starts. The offense struggled in the first six but took off in the final five games when Scott Mullen was inserted at QB. Mullen, with NFL prototype size (6-6 220), had 311 yards passing in 2 starts in 98. Starting only the last 5 in 99, he finished #6 in the Big 10 in total offense throwing for 1,415 yards (56%) with a 5-7 ratio while also rushing for 156 yards, the team's second highest total. John Beutjer (6-5 190 rFr) was PS#27 and as a Ferentz recruit will be given a shot at the starting job provided he adds a little bulk. As a senior in HS he threw for 3,939 yards (65%). Nick Whisler (6-3 205 So) was PS#88 and is just now getting over back surgery from 98. Mullen did miss the spring with injury, but will be the starter. In the 2nd year of Ferentz's system, I look for this position to be solidly improved and it has added talent.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Iowa has had a long line of outstanding RB's and Ladell Betts has 2 years of eligibility left and could end up ranking with the best of them. In his first 2 years playing behind very poor and shuffled offensive lines, Betts has managed 1,536 yards. Last year after 8 games he had 567 yards and was avg'g 4.1 ypc. He finished the year in the final 3 games avg'g 96.6 ypg and 5.7 ypc as the OL became more stable. This should be a huge year for him. Betts received the bulk of the carries in 99 with the next leading RB having just 53 yards. He should get plenty of help this season as Ferentz had 2 HT frosh on hand last year, recruited another and this year brings in a VHT true frosh (see Top Newcomers). Siaka Massaquoi (5-11 200 So) was PS#22 but did not get a rush attempt as a rFr. Aaron Greving (5-11 201 rFr) was PS#37 and one of Ferentz's recruits. Another solid addition is Fred Russell (5-9 177 Fr) who has 4.28 speed, was PS #47 and originally signed at Michigan last year! I list the top 3 FB's below. The only loss from this unit is FB Rob Thein (11 sts, 260 total yds). I look for Betts to establish himself as one of the best backs in the Big 10 this year.

**RECEIVERS** - Iowa returned all 3 starters last year but took a big hit prior to the year when their game breaker Kahlil Hill was suspended for the season. TE Zeron Flemister also missed 4 starts due to injury. Ex walk-on Kevin Kasper ended up leading the team in receiving. He had just 14 rec's after the first 6 games but 46 in the final 5. TE Flemister departs after having 9 rec's and 7 starts as does #2 rec SE Bashir Yamini (26 rec, 13.4, 11 sts). TE looks a little thin as they also lose backup TE's Austin Wheatley (9 rec, 3 sts, #5DC of NO), Jedd Dull (1 st, 2 rec) and Eric Steinbach moved to OG prior to last season. WR is in good hands as Hill's return is a huge plus and both Oliver and Barton have seen plenty of action. Hill was even bigger, stronger and faster than he was in '98 and should have a big year. Even with the losses, the return of Hill means this position is improved in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 98 this was a trouble spot as they allowed 52 sacks and only had a 2.2 ypc. Eight different players started that year. Ferentz was an NFL offensive line coach for 6 years and was here at Iowa during many of its best years. That means this position is a priority. Last year he was dealt a tough hand prior to the season as two projected starters and a backup were lost just prior to the year. In the opener they had 4 new starters on the offensive line, three of whom were playing their first game ever for Iowa. The young O-line, which featured 3 frosh for most of the year, improved as the season went on. The team had just 227 ypg the first 6 outings but avg'd 388.2 ypg over the last five. They also improved upon the 98 numbers, allowing 29 sacks and gaining 3.0 ypc. The only losses are C Chad Deal (8 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LG Jay Bickford (5 sts). They get Ben Sobieski (a 98 starter) back after he missed 99 with injury. There are 4 VHT's in the two deep below. There is a chance that some of this year's signees could contribute (see Top Newcomers). This is a much deeper, more experienced group and with added talent should be solidly improved.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Hawks used to play a 5-2 alignment but last year switched to a more traditional 4-3. They only had 2 players returning with starting experience and had to replace 3 starters including a 2nd team All American. This year they lose DT Corey Brown (11 sts, 52 tkls, 7 tfl), DT Ed Saidat (6 sts, 15 tkls) and DT Scott Pospisil (6 sts, 70 tkls, 9 tfl). This year they move star LB Aaron Kampman to a DE slot and with his addition, there are basically 3 starters returning (including 2 VHT's) plus a super JC transfer who I list as a projected starter below. The 2nd string is not as strong but is adequate and overall this unit clearly looks more experienced and should have much better results in the second year of the new system.

**LINEBACKERS** - As I mentioned in Phil's Forecast, when I wrote last year's magazine, the Hawks appeared in great shape at LB but ended up with basically zero returning starters after departures over the summer. This year the only losses are Aaron Kampman who moves to the D-line and Tariq Peterson (17 tkls, 2 tfl). Three players return with starting experience and the new starting slot should be filled by a VHT in Mike Dolezal. This is not an overwhelming unit with the transfer of Kampman but is clearly more experienced and should be much tougher in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - This unit was usually a strength under Fry as they finished 31st, 16th and 7th from 95-97 but slipped to 52nd in 98 having to replace 3 starters. Last year they were a veteran unit with 3 starters back, but with much less help from the front 7 they dropped to 108th in my pass efficiency defense rankings. The Hawks allowed 218 ypg (56.4%) with an alarming 23 TD's and just 6 int's. This year they must replace CB Tariq Holman (11 sts, 11 pbu, 58 tkls), CB Joe Slattery (8 sts, 8 pbu) and SS Matt Bowen (11 sts, 109 tkls, 7 tfl, 2nd tm Big 10, #6DC of St Louis). Three players return with starting experience and they get speedy WR Tim Dodge transferring into the secondary. Dodge is a member of the Iowa track team. I list the two deep below and while this group is not as experienced as last year, there is some talent available and they can only improve upon last year's abysmal ranking.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This was also an area of strength under Fry as they finished 28th, 17th and 32nd in my special teams rankings in his final 3 years. Last year this group took a big hit prior to the season when super returnman Kahlil Hill was suspended. The unit still was solid, blocking 5 kicks and finished #30. The Hawkeyes should be a top 20 contender this year. P Jason Baker is back for his 4th year and he had his best net punting last season at 37.6. Chris Oliver and Tim Dodge proved to be dangerous returnmen and will be joined by Hill, making them very deep in the return game. They do lose K Tim Douglas who hit 6 of 11 FG's with a career long of 58 two years ago. Ferentz brings in frosh recruit Nate Kaeding who avg'd 45.3 ypp in 99 in HS and hit 10 FG's and all 63 of his xp's.

DE Anthony Herron is one of only 3 senior starters projected on the defense.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ladell Betts** | 189 | 915 | 58 | 857 | 5 | 4.5 |
| **Scott Mullen** | 48 | 156 | 42 | 114 | 4 | 2.4 |
| Rob Thein | 19 | 56 | 3 | 53 | 0 | 2.8 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Scott Mullen** | 226 | 126 | 55.8 | 1415 | 5 | 7 |
| Randy Reiners | 93 | 51 | 54.8 | 580 | 1 | 1 |
| **Kyle McCann** | 56 | 25 | 44.6 | 280 | 0 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kevin Kasper** | 60 | 664 | 11.1 | 3 | 33 |
| Bashir Yamini | 26 | 348 | 13.4 | 1 | 42 |
| **Chris Oliver** | 26 | 309 | 11.9 | 0 | 52 |
| Rob Thein | 24 | 207 | 8.6 | 1 | 40 |
| **Ladell Betts** | 20 | 195 | 9.8 | 1 | 22 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jason Baker** | 70 | 2962 | 42.3 | - | 37.6 | 0 | 14 | 6 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tim Douglas | 1-1 | 3-5 | 2-4 | 0-1 | 6-11 | 47 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matt Bowen | 109 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| **Aaron Kampman** | 103 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Fred Barr** | 74 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Scott Pospisil | 70 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Anthony Herron** | 65 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Tariq Holman | 58 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 3 |
| **LeVar Woods** | 54 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| **Shane Hall** | 53 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Corey Brown | 52 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Jerry Montgomery** | 49 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Derrick Davison** | 42 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Slattery | 36 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| **Mike Dolezal** | 34 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Oliver** | 18 | 147 | 8.2 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tim Dodge** | 25 | 583 | 23.3 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**NEBRASKA +22 7-42 LOSS** Aided by NU turnovers, UI kept it close in the 1H but NU finished with a 543-169 yd edge. NU was SOD at the UI 22, int'd at the 27 & fmbl'd at the UI 17. NU did get a 28 yd TD run by Crouch, 7-0 at half. UI got its 1st FD of the game with 2:20 left 1H & NU had a 203-63 yd halftime edge. NU got 59, 29 and 73 yd TD drives on their 1st 3 poss of the 2H. They added 69 & 89 yd TD drives in the 4Q. UI's only score came on a blk'd punt for a TD with 2:30 left.

**AT IOWA ST +4 10-17 LOSS** ISU's opening drive was kept alive with a 15 yd face mask pen on 3rd & 20 & they drove 75 yds in 10 plays for a TD. UI's opening drive netted 4 of their 5 1H FD's but they missed a 37 yd FG. ISU got an 80 yd TD pass to Groce. ISU was int'd in the EZ & had a 35 yd FG blk'd, 14-0 at half with a 297-116 yd edge. UI drove 35 yds for a TD early 3Q. Early in the 4Q ISU got a 39 yd FG, 17-7. UI got a 47 yd FG w/6:36 left. UI's last drive was SOD & ISU had a commanding 444-230 yd edge.

**N ILLINOIS -14' 24-0 WIN** UI had a sloppy 1H missing a 33 yd FG, losing a fmbl & putting punts into the EZ from the 35 & 38. Iowa led just 3-0 at the break & left the field to a cascade of boos after letting the last :15 of half run out at the NI 41. Late 3Q UI drove 99 yds in 17 plays for a TD. NI settled for a FG which was blk'd & UI ret'd it 87 yds for a TD. With 7:03 UI got a TD. NI had a late TD run called back on holding.

**AT MICHIGAN ST +21' 3-49 LOSS** MSU scored on 5 of their 1st 6 poss and they had 6 TD passes. At half MSU had 345-26 yd & 19-1 FD edges. MSU led 49-3 after 3Q's.

**PENN ST +28 7-31 WIN** PSU got a 68 yd reverse for a TD but was int'd at the UI 10 & 17. UI had a 44 yd FG bounce off the upright. PSU got a 63 yd drive for a TD with :09 left, 14-0. At half PSU had a 255-102 yd edge. PSU missed a 40 yd FG to open the 3Q & UI got a 40 yd TD pass, 14-7. PSU RB McCoo got a 47 yd TD run. UI blk'd a punt & drove to the PSU 2 but was SOD. PSU went 98 yds in 13 plays for a TD & then added a 26 yd FG with 4:23 left.

**AT NORTHWESTERN +4' 21-23 WIN** NU dominated the 1Q but settled for 3 short FG's. They added a 40 yd drive for a TD with 1:57 left in the half, 16-0 & had a 205-31 yd edge. NU fmbl'd a punt at their own 5 setting up an IU 3Q TD. UI went 80 yds in 15 plays for a TD late in the 3Q, 16-14. NU was SOD at the IU 29. Betts got a 74 yd TD run, 21-16 with 11:13 left. NU took over with 2:30 left. On 3rd & 13 NU fmbl'd but it was ruled down although replays showed it was a fmbl. That set up a 4th & 2 & NU conv. They needed another 4th & 2 conv & this time Kustok's 2 yd TD run with :04 left gave them the win.

**INDIANA +2' 31-38 LOSS** Indy controlled it early leading 24-7 with 3:28 left in the half. Iowa drove 71 yds for a TD, 24-14. Indy led 38-21 after 3Q's but Iowa got a 67 yd TD drive & 75 yd drive for a 22 yd FG. They were int'd at the Indy 25 & then drove 76 yds for their final poss but Mullen was tkl'd at the Indy 4 as the clock expired.

**AT OHIO ST +22' 11-41 LOSS** UI took its opening drive 57 yds for a TD, their 1st 1Q score all year. OSU scored on 71, 78 & 75 yd TD drives on its 1st 3 poss, the last after UI was SOD at the OSU 25. Late 1H UI was SOD at the OSU 30. OSU drove 80 yds for a TD to open the 3Q. UI got a 38 yd FG. UI was int'd at the OSU 38 & 3 plays later OSU had a 40 yd TD pass, 35-11. UI was SOD at its own 41 & after driving to the OSU 4 got int'd in the EZ. OSU drove 80 yds for a TD & their final drive ended at the UI 3, taking a knee.

**ILLINOIS +6' 24-40 LOSS** Iowa got a 33 yd FG. The Illini answered w/50 and 49 yd FG's, 6-3. The Illini faked a FG & P Fitts hit K Rackers for a 17 yd TD pass, 13-3. Betts got a 48 yd TD run, 13-10. Iowa punted from its own EZ late 1H and a 21 yd PR set up the Illini at the 39 & they nailed a 37 yd FG w/ :32 left in the half, 16-10. The Illini drove 80 yds for a TD to open the 3Q & 15 yds for a TD after Iowa fmbl'd the KO. Iowa drove 75 yds for a TD & then early 4Q capped an 80 yd drive w/ a TD, 26-24 w/ 14:30 left. The Illini drove 80 yds for a TD & Iowa was SOD at the Illini 34. Illinois went 3 & out but Iowa roughed the P & Illinois continued on for a TD w/ just 1:51 left.

**AT WISCONSIN +31' 3-41 LOSS** PSU had lost earlier that day & UW's win clinched the Rose Bowl Big 10 Title. Ron Dayne's 216 yds on 27 carries crushed Ricky Williams' NCAA rushing record. UW dominated the 1H with a 340-126 yd edge & had 80, 73, 78 and 84 yd TD drives, 27-3. UW was SOD at the UI 1 but drove 43 & 68 yds for TD's on its next 2 poss. UI fmbl'd at the UW 10 & the Badgers drove 87 yds ending the game at the UI 3.

**MINNESOTA +20 21-25 WIN** UM had a 98 yd TD drive but Iowa drove 60 yds for a TD. UM drove 74 yds for a 24 yd FG. Iowa went 66 yds for a TD with 2:27 left & a 37 yd PR set up a TD with :40 left 1H, 21-10. UM got a 37 yd FG in the 3Q & added a safety. UM got a 73 yd TD run, 22-21 & added a 41 yd FG with just 3:35 left. Iowa drove 78 yds to the UM 3 but a 4th down pass with :07 left fell inc & UM escaped. Iowa had a 22-17 FD edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

In order for this magazine to be in bookstores by July, I have to write it following spring practices. A lot happened to Iowa over the course of last summer after the magazine was written that would have drastically changed my outlook on their team. In August three starting defensive players were either injured or left the team. Their O-line was also hit hard by injuries losing 2 starters and then WR and top return specialist Kahlil Hill was suspended. Iowa faced one of the tougher schedules in the country and lost 3 of its 10 games on virtually the final play (see Game by Game), which accounted for their 0-8 last place finish in the conference. Iowa's offense struggled in the first six games averaging just 227 ypg. The O-line, which many times played 3 frosh, got better and when QB Mullen was inserted into the lineup in Week 7 the team avg'd 388.2 ypg in their final 5 outings. With the O-line much stronger, Hill's return and an experienced QB they should continue that improvement and be potent. The defense had an abysmal year ranking 111th in the NCAA in total defense giving up 463.4 ypg, the Hawks' worst numbers in more than 50 years. They do have 6 starters back on that side of the ball and will be improved but look like one of the weakest defenses in the Big 10. Iowa was 4-0 in 1997 when they travelled to Columbus to face Ohio St, since then they are just 7-23 SU. Having Nebraska and Kansas St on the non-conf docket does not help achieve wins. The Big 10 has 7 teams that I rank in the top 25 in terms of talent and while they do avoid 2 from their conference, they have 7 top 25 teams overall on the schedule. This should be an exciting team with lots of high scoring games. While a winning record may only happen with a lot of breaks, they should easily bag 3 or more wins this year.


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| | |
|---|---|
| RB | Jermelle Lewis 5-11 175 PS#15 |
| DL | Derreck Robinson 6-5 260 PS#69 |
| OL | Michael Allen 6-3 320 PS#23JC |
| DL | Derrick Pickens 6-2 280 PS#50JC |
| K | Nate Kaeding 6-0 165 PS#16 |
| WR | Warren Holloway 5-10 175 PS#100 |
| DB | Demond Sanders 5-8 200 PS#173 |
| LB | Kevin Worthy 6-2 240 PS#200 |
| LB | George Lewis 6-2 230 PS#214 |
| TE | Andy Thorn 6-5 255 PS#82 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB SCOTT MULLEN SR.** 6-6 220 *PS#46 in 96. 1 st in 97. 2 sts in 98, 311 yds (50%) til inj. St'd L/5 in 99, 1415 yds (56%), 5-7 ratio. Jon Beutjer was PS#27.*
**RB LADELL BETTS JR.** 5-11 210 *PS#14 in 97. 8 sts as rFr, 679 yds (3.6), 20 rec (12.0). 11 sts in 99, **2nd tm B10**, 857 yds (4.5), 20 rec (9.8).*
**FB Jeremy Allen Jr.** 6-1 240 *Had 106 yds as #2 FB ly. Henry Pollio was PS#134. Robbie Crockett (6-0 207 Jr) was PS#82, 95 total yds, 2 yrs.*
**WR KAHLIL HILL JR.** 6-3 185 *PS#18 in 97. 11 sts as rFr, #1 w/35 rec (12.3), 642 rel yds. Susp in 99. Ryan Barton (6-1 184 Sr) has 33 rec (16.2), 2 yrs.*
**WR KEVIN KASPER SR.** 6-1 190 *Walk-on, 14 rec (20.1) in 98. 60 rec (11.1), 9 sts ly, 46 rec in L/5. HM B10. Chris Oliver (6-2 205 Jr) PS#27, 2 sts, 26 rec (11.9) ly.*
**TE Robert Gallery rFr.** 6-7 275 *PS#51 TE in 99. Kyle Trippeer (6-4 255 Sr) 3 rec in 98. Erik Jensen (6-3 242 rFr) PS#73RB moves to TE.*
**C A.J. Blazek Sr.** 6-2 284 *PS#65JUCO was in for spring in 99. Started 5 gms at C, splitting time w/Deal. Pete Traynor (6-3 276 So).*
**RG ANDY LIGHTFOOT SO.** 6-6 284 *PS#25. 2 sts as rFr & lettered. **BJ Van Briesen** (6-3 300 So) walk-on, 9 sts in 99. Christopher Trappe (6-3 285 Jr) PS#211.*
**LG Michael Allen Jr.** 6-3 320 *PS#23JC. **Eric Steinbach** (6-7 255 So) PS#23TE, L/4 sts at OG in 99. **Sam Aiello** (6-5 310 rFr) PS#31.*
**RT ALONZO CUNNINGHAM JR.** 6-4 305 *PS#278. 6 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 99, +10 lbs. Adam Densmore (6-4 290 rFr) PS#84. David Porter (6-7 305 Jr) PS#145.*
**LT BRUCE NELSON SO.** 6-4 275 *PS#179, 11 sts in 99 as rFr. **Ben Sobieski** (6-5 305 Jr) PS#27DL, 1 st as true, **11 sts** at LT in 98, inj'd ly.*
**K Greg McLaughlin Sr.** 5-10 190 *PS#20 in 96. 1 of 2 FG's in 99. 53 yd FG in HS. Nate Kaeding is PS#16. Hit 10 of 19 FG's in HS ly. long 50.*

**DE ANTHONY HERRON SR.** 6-5 280 *PS#50. 3 sts in 98, 34 tkls, 7 tfl. 11 sts ly, 65 tkls, 5 tfl. Jory Helms (6-2 255 rFr) PS#231. Howard Hodges (6-2 225 rFr).*
**DT Derrick Pickens Jr.** 6-2 280 *PS#50JC. 9 sks, 25 tfl at JC in 9 gms ly. Colin Cole (6-2 300 So) PS#230, 25 tkls, 7 tfl in 99. Jared Clauss (6-5 280 rFr) PS#144DL.*
**DT JERRY MONTGOMERY JR.** 6-3 300 *PS#139, 10 tkls as true. 10 sts, 49 tkls, 4 tfl. Kory Borchers (6-6 280 rFr) PS#63. Scott Webb (6-2 280 So) is JC trans.*
**DE AARON KAMPMAN JR.** 6-4 260 *PS#5, 2 sts as true LB, 49 tkls, 14 tfl. 11 sts at MLB in 99, 103 tkls (#2), 1 tfl. Cody O'Hare (6-4 275 Jr) PS#117, 12 tkls, 3 tfl ly.*
**OLB LeVAR WOODS SR.** 6-3 245 *PS#119. 1 tkl in 97. 13 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. 11 sts in 99, 54 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Jon Omotola (6-4 230 So) PS#271DL, inj ly.*
**WLB FRED BARR SO.** 6-2 230 *PS#282, started L/6 as true, #3 w/74 tkls, 4 tfl. Derrick Davison (6-2 230 Sr) PS#229JC. 5 sts here in 99, 42 tkls, 3 tfl.*
**MLB Mike Dolezal Jr.** 6-3 240 *PS#31, 10 tkls as rFr. 34 tkls, 1 pbu in 99. Roger Meyer (6-3 255 Jr) PS#114, 4 sts as rFr, 44 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 tkls in 99.*
**CB D.J. Johnson Jr.** 5-10 185 *PS#71RB. 1 st as true, 18 tkls, 3 pbu. 3 sts in 99, 21 tkls, 3 pbu. Cameron Smith (5-11 180 Sr) PS#186JC, 5 tkls here in 99.*
**CB Mikkel Brown Jr.** 5-10 190 *PS#45, 7 tkls as rFr. 9 tkls in 99. Tim Dodge (5-10 180 Jr) Big 10 track champ. 3 rec at WR in 99, 646 return yds.*
**SS Ryan Hansen Sr.** 6-1 195 *PS#76QB. Moved to FS in 97. 3 tkls in 98. 13 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu in 99. Vincent Wilson (5-10 185 So) PS#146RB, 10 tkls as rFr.*
**FS SHANE HALL JR.** 5-11 190 *PS#80, 10 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. 8 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 1 tfl. Matt Stockdale (5-10 190 Jr) PS#187, 5 sts, 43 tkls, 1 pbu, 2 yrs.*
**P JASON BAKER SR.** 6-1 195 *52 punts in 97, 41.8 avg as true. 76 punts in 98, 39.6 avg. 70 punts in 99, 42.3 avg & super net of 37.6.*

# IOWA HAWKEYES

Iowa City, Iowa
Weather (319) 393-0500

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score IOWA | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | For the 2nd straight year the Hawks do not play either Purdue or Michigan. They are 8-3 & 10-4 ATS respectively vs these clubs. Iowa is 10-2-1 L/13 when favored by more than 21 points |
| Aug. 26 | † Kansas St (Kansas City) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hawkeyes are 3-8 ATS as an underdog of 20 or more. LY IU lost 42-7 to another Big 12 powerhouse, Nebraska. |
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | W Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Iowa is 7-4 ATS L/11 lined non-conf home games. WMU is a MAC school, and Iowa's only win LY was vs the MAC. |
| Sep. 16 | Iowa St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Iowa is 12-5 ATS and 15-2 SU in this in state rivalry. The Hawkeyes have lost 2 in a row SU to the Cyclones. |
| Sep. 23 | at Nebraska | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tim Dwight's alma mater is 13-6 SU & 11-8 ATS in non-conf games. Hawks are 1-4 ATS their L/5 artificial turf games. |
| Sep. 30 | at Indiana | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Iowa is 2-6-1 ATS in Big 10 openers. The favorite is 10-5 ATS the last 15 in this series. |
| Oct. 7 | Michigan St (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ferentz guided Iowa to a 0-8 SU & 3-5 ATS record in Big 10 play LY. Iowa is 7-12 L/19 as a home underdog. |
| Oct. 14 | at Illinois | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hawkeyes are 5-11 ATS after a SU loss the last two years. The visiting team is 9-1-1 ATS in this series. |
| Oct. 21 | Ohio St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hawkeyes are 2-8 ATS L/10 vs the Buckeyes. OSU has dominated, leading by a combined 129-28 at half the L/4 games. |
| Oct. 28 | Wisconsin | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hawkeyes are 4-2 L/6 in their second straight home game. Iowa has scored only 3 total points the L/2 games vs UW. |
| Nov. 4 | at Penn St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hawkeyes are 27-19 ATS as a Big 10 away dog, but 1-6 L/2Y. Iowa is 2-7 ATS L/3Y in the final 3 games of the season. |
| Nov. 11 | Northwestern | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Black & Gold have been black & blue in Nov, with a 2-6 ATS mark L/8 games. Hawkeyes are 8-2 ATS L/10 home finales. |
| Nov. 18 | at Minnesota | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Iowa is 5-2 SU & 6-1 ATS in this series. Hawkeyes are 1-4 ATS the L/3Y & on artificial turf. |

## STADIUM: KINNICK STADIUM (70,397)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 5-5-1 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 3-8 | 1-10 | 37-39-1 |
| ATS | 7-4 | 7-4 | 5-5 | 7-4 | 6-3-1 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 39-35-1 |
| Home Fav | 3-2 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 4-0-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 16-10-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 6-7 |
| Away Fav | 2-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 9-3 |
| Away Dog | 2-1 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-4 | 1-4 | 8-15 |
| Favorite | 5-2 | 3-1 | 4-2 | 5-4 | 5-2-1 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 25-13-1 |
| Dog | 2-2 | 4-3 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-6 | 3-7 | 14-22 |
| Grass | 4-3 | 6-2 | 2-4 | 4-3 | 6-2-1 | 2-7 | 4-5 | 28-26-1 |
| Artificial | 3-1 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 11-9 |
| vs BIG 10 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 6-2 | 4-3-1 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 28-27-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 11-8 |
| Off SU Win | 4-1 | 3-1 | 4-2 | 5-2 | 3-2-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 20-11-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-2 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 1-6 | 4-5 | 12-21 |

## Coach: KIRK FERENTZ (Career 13-31)
### *Ferentz's records AT IOWA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Iowa | | 1-0 | Home Favorite |
| 1-10 | Straight Up | 2-3 | Home Underdog |
| 4-7 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 4-5 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-4 | Away Underdog |
| 3-5 | Vs BIG 10 | 1-2 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | Holiday | -3' | BYU | 13-13 | L |
| 93 | Alamo | +11' | California | 3-37 | L |
| 95 | Sun | +5' | Washington | 38-18 | W |
| 96 | Alamo | -3' | Texas Tech | 27-0 | W |
| 97 | Sun | -6' | Arizona St | 7-17 | L |

# IOWA (1-10)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 38 (16,21,1)**
**Lost: 17 (9,7,1)**

## IOWA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 14.7 | 16 | 94 | 3.0 | 207 | 53.7 | 20.4 | -5 | 1999 | 4 | 31.5 | 23 | 245 | 5.0 | 218 | 56.4 | 14.7 |
| 4 | 15.6 | 16 | 81 | 2.2 | 186 | 50.5 | 17.1 | -1 | 1998 | 6 | 26.1 | 19 | 187 | 4.4 | 212 | 53.4 | 15.3 |
| 7* | 34.3 | 18 | 217 | 5.0 | 189 | 52.8 | 11.8 | +8 | 1997 | 7 | 13.3 | 15 | 119 | 3.0 | 156 | 44.9 | 20.8 |
| 7* | 28.3 | 18 | 180 | 4.1 | 177 | 57.3 | 12.6 | +10 | 1996 | 7 | 20.3 | 17 | 141 | 3.6 | 167 | 45.5 | 16.0 |
| 5 | 30.7 | 22 | 199 | 4.3 | 218 | 57.0 | 13.6 | 0 | 1995 | 8 | 21.6 | 18 | 128 | 3.4 | 208 | 52.5 | 15.6 |
| 8 | 27.9 | 20 | 221 | 5.1 | 186 | 53.8 | 14.6 | -6 | 1994 | 4 | 29.5 | 21 | 220 | 4.7 | 162 | 52.2 | 12.9 |

**1999 STATS BY GAME**

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | OFF Rush-YDS | OFF AVG | OFF CO-ATT | OFF YDS | OFF SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | DEF Rush-YDS | DEF AVG | DEF CO-ATT | DEF YDS | DEF SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nebraska | 8 | 26-57 | 2.2 | 11-30 | 112 | 3 | 24 | 62-347 | 5.6 | 10-15 | 196 | 1 | 0 |
| at Iowa St | 11 | 28-62 | 2.2 | 14-28 | 168 | 1 | 20 | 55-310 | 5.6 | 6-13 | 134 | 4 | +2 |
| N Illinois | 22 | 48-192 | 4.0 | 13-18 | 145 | 3 | 20 | 35-107 | 3.1 | 20-42 | 214 | 2 | 0 |
| at Michigan St | 6 | 26-7 | 0.3 | 9-17 | 100 | 5 | 30 | 49-214 | 4.4 | 20-27 | 297 | 1 | 0 |
| Penn St | 14 | 31-48 | 1.5 | 18-31 | 192 | 4 | 29 | 51-341 | 6.7 | 16-33 | 159 | 2 | +2 |
| at Northwestern | 12 | 27-136 | 5.0 | 11-28 | 143 | 1 | 21 | 55-180 | 3.3 | 17-36 | 169 | 1 | -1 |
| Indiana | 29 | 38-126 | 3.3 | 36-61 | 426 | 3 | 13 | 38-110 | 2.9 | 12-23 | 247 | 3 | -2 |
| at Ohio St | 21 | 26-53 | 2.0 | 29-45 | 283 | 1 | 25 | 51-217 | 4.3 | 16-25 | 317 | 2 | -2 |
| Illinois | 18 | 29-154 | 5.3 | 19-37 | 235 | 3 | 25 | 44-155 | 3.5 | 25-42 | 307 | 0 | -2 |
| at Wisconsin | 14 | 28-116 | 4.1 | 14-30 | 131 | 1 | 29 | 60-420 | 7.0 | 11-16 | 184 | 2 | -1 |
| Minnesota | 22 | 32-77 | 2.4 | 28-51 | 340 | 4 | 17 | 45-297 | 6.6 | 14-24 | 175 | 2 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 177 | 339-1028 | 3.0 | 202-376 | 2275 | 29 | 253 | 545-2698 | 5.0 | 167-296 | 2399 | 20 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 16.1 | 31-93 | 3.0 | 18-34 | 207 | 2.6 | 23.0 | 50-245 | 5.0 | 15-27 | 218 | 1.8 | -0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Iowa | NL | 34-13 | – |
| at Iowa St | -13' | 27-10 | W |
| N Mexico St | -27 | 59-21 | W |
| at Michigan St | -1 | 21-7 | W |
| Indiana | -19 | 22-13 | L |
| Penn St | +4' | 27-41 | L |
| at Ohio St | +17 | 35-56 | L |
| Illinois | -5' | 7-26 | L |
| at Northwestern | +9 | 20-31 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +6' | 33-20 | W |
| Minnesota | -11 | 45-3 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | -6' | 21-20 | L |
| Iowa St | -17' | 38-13 | W |
| at Tulsa | -18 | 20-27 | L |
| Michigan St | -8 | 37-30 | L |
| at Indiana | -6' | 31-10 | W |
| at Penn St | +10 | 21-20 | W |
| Ohio St | +14' | 26-38 | W |
| at Illinois | -9' | 31-21 | W |
| Northwestern | -6 | 13-40 | L |
| Wisconsin | -2' | 31-0 | W |
| at Minnesota | -11 | 43-24 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Iowa | NL | 66-0 | – |
| Tulsa | -26 | 54-16 | W |
| at Iowa St | -27 | 63-20 | W |
| Illinois | -28 | 38-10 | T |
| at Ohio St | +3' | 7-23 | L |
| at Michigan | +6' | 24-28 | W |
| Indiana | -26 | 62-0 | W |
| Purdue | -10' | 35-17 | W |
| at Wisconsin | -8' | 10-13 | L |
| at Northwestern | -11 | 14-15 | L |
| Minnesota | -21 | 31-0 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| C Michigan | -34 | 38-0 | W |
| Iowa St | -28 | 9-27 | L |
| at Arizona | +12 | 11-35 | L |
| at Illinois | -10 | 37-14 | W |
| Michigan | +9 | 9-12 | W |
| Northwestern | -10 | 26-24 | L |
| at Indiana | +3 | 7-14 | L |
| Wisconsin | +7 | 0-31 | L |
| at Purdue | +14 | 14-36 | L |
| Ohio St | +25 | 14-45 | L |
| at Minnesota | +7 | 7-49 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nebraska | +27 | 7-42 | L |
| at Iowa St | +4 | 10-17 | L |
| N Illinois | -14' | 24-0 | W |
| at Michigan St | +21' | 3-49 | L |
| Penn St | +28 | 7-31 | W |
| at Northwestern | +4' | 21-23 | W |
| Indiana | +2' | 31-38 | L |
| at Ohio St | +22' | 11-41 | L |
| Illinois | +6' | 24-40 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +31' | 3-41 | L |
| Minnesota | +20 | 21-25 | W |

# IOWA ST CYCLONES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year the Cyclones had to replace the 2nd leading career passer in ISU history in Todd Bandhauer. Then Ben Dougherty, a HT rFr, left the team in the summer. McCarney went into the year saying that Sage Rosenfels and Derrick Walker would split time. Rosenfels had 85 yards passing and 54 yards rushing in two years coming into the season. He ended up starting all 11 games, throwing for 1,781 yards (54%) with a 10-11 ratio and also rushed for 359 yards. His performance was 6th best in ISU single season history. Walker (6-2 220 Sr) has 4.5 speed and was PS#94JC. He saw action in 5 games and threw for 106 yards while rushing for 83. He moved to LB in the spring. Gerrin Scott (6-0 209 rFr) was PS#199 and looks like the backup. Dan Salmen (6-1 187 rFr, PS #221) and Brylan Alexander (5-10 180 Jr) are also in the mix. There are no potential 1st round NFL DC's in this group, but it is far more experienced than it was heading into last year and should be solidly improved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Troy Davis set a slew of records in his stay in Ames, including a couple of 2,000 yard seasons. His brother Darren (PS#17) took over and rushed for 3,763 yards in his career. He saved his best season for his senior year where he rushed for 1,388 yards (4.8) and was 1st team All Big 12. A 3rd Davis brother, Jason (PS#70), was signed in 98 but did not meet NCAA academic requirements and is still trying to work his way into school. Darren Davis had an amazing streak of 874 touches without a fumble which ended vs Texas Tech last season. Ennis Haywood rushed for 172 yards in the opener vs Indiana St but was injured and saw little action the rest of the year. This could be his season to shine. Mike Wagner (5-7 182 rFr) was PS#57 and played in one game last year with 30 yds rushing but was able to redshirt after an elbow injury. He has sprinter's speed. They also lose part-time starting FB Hez Jackson. They do add JUCO Larry Anglin (5-9 190 Jr) who originally signed at UNLV. This has the makings of a decent group but without the elusiveness of the Davis brothers, it clearly looks weaker this year.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Cyclones had a very experienced group having to replace just one starter (TE). They lost starting WR Damien Groce after 5 games to a broken arm. Mike Brantley replaced him as a starter and the two combined for 25 rec's and a super 20.6 ypc but both depart. Chris Anthony more than doubled the rec's of any other WR and he is back for his 3rd year as a starter. JJ Moses moved to WR from RB last year and was the team's #3 receiver with 18 rec's and a solid 16.4. McCarney also signed an HT true frosh WR this year (see Top Newcomers) as well as Devin Green (5-10 185 Jr) who is PS#232 JUCO and had 47 rec (19.2) at JC in 99. The top 3 TE's are back and are listed below. Overall I do not see any NFL caliber players in this group, but it should be improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This unit was hurt by injuries last year as they lost starting RT Marcel Howard at midseason and used 3 different C's. Injuries are still a question mark heading into this season as Howard, Josh Rank and Ben Beaudet missed portions of 99 with concussion complications and all sat out spring. Their returns are questionable. This year they must replace RG Ryan Gerke (11 sts) and LT Bill Marsau (11 sts, 3 yr st'r). Six players return with starting experience and McCarney brings in 3 solid JUCO's this year including Kerry Carlson who I project as a starter. Last year's banged up O-line ended up doing a great job allowing just 12 sacks on the season and paving the way for 4.5 ypc rushing. This year's has the talent to equal those numbers especially if those injured players are able to return.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - I was excited about the prospects for the ISU D-line in 99 but they were hit hard by injury with 5 DL's gone by midseason including 3 lost prior to the year. They lose two players in DE Robert Brannon (8 sts, 69 tkls, 5 tfl) and DE James Elmore (2 sts, 31 tkls). NG Ryan Harklau was playing at an All Big 12 pace but broke his foot after 4 games. The Cyclones put little pressure on opposing QB's with just 20 sacks and allowed 4.9 ypc rushing. Despite those numbers, I like the talent available here as the starting 4 are each all conference caliber. Five of the players listed in the 2 deep have starting experience and McCarney brings in a top notch JUCO, 2 HT true frosh and a HT rFr including VHT newcomer Casey Shelton. The addition of Shelton actually gives the Cyclones a pair of VHT's at DE. I'll call this the most improved defensive line in the Big 12 this year.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Cyclones had 5 of their top 6 LB's returning losing just one starter to graduation but OLB Ab Turner was suspended prior to the season and did not regain his starter's job until the final 2 games. This year they must replace two starters in OLB Jesse Beckom (10 sts, 61 tkls, 5 tfl) and MLB Dave Brcka (8 sts, 48 tkls, 1 sk). Three players do return with starting experience and they add some excellent newcomers. Derrick Walker moves over from QB and is a solid athlete at 6-2 220. I expect him to win a starter's job. Tyrone Tucker is another HT JUCO transfer that was in for the spring. They add a HT rFr in Joe Woodley (5-10 233, PS#126), another HT JUCO in Justin Eilers (6-2 225 Jr, PS#76) and 2 true frosh including a VHT in Tyson Smith (PS#26). Two true frosh saw action last year. Despite the loss of the starters, this unit has added talent and I'll call it stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - ISU's highest finish in my pass defense rankings prior to last season had been #86 and in 97 they finished at #109 and in 98, #102. Last year they returned all 4 starters but lost both starting CB's to injury and started a walk-on at one CB slot over the last 7 games. Despite that fact, they still managed to rise to #54 in my pass defense rankings allowing just 54.4% with only 10 TD's and 7 int's. This year they are in much better shape. The only loss is FS Jeff Waters (11 sts, HM Big 12, #1 tkl'r). They have an HT and a VHT at the FS positions and true frosh Billups is another VHT newcomer who could play immediately. They also return 2 starting CB's from 98 and have 2 intriguing prospects at SS in Ronald Veal (6-1 191 rFr) and Stevie Johnson (6-4 225 Sr). Veal moves over from RB and Johnson has been on the basketball team the last 4 years and will compete. There are also a couple of rFr who I do not list below in Scott Home (6-2 212, PS#259) and Julian Cummings (5-8 167, PS#249). This is a very experienced group with good talent and they should achieve their highest finish in the 7 years of my pass defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - McCarney has to work on this unit. After ranking #34 in 96, a high number of blocked punts and opposing TD's saw them drop to #109 in 97. After rising to 51st in 98, they slipped back down to #101 last year, with once again a -5 in the TD/blk category being the main culprit. As long as McCarney shores up the kick protection, this unit should be solidly improved as all of the key performers are back. P Carl Gomez slipped a notch last year but should have a fine senior season. JJ Moses was the top returnman and is back. Mike McKnight, in his first year at K, hit a respectable 7 of 13 including 4 of 6 from 40+. They also signed Tony Yelk, a VHT K who will contend. I think this unit has a chance at breaking into the upper half of the rankings.

RB Ennis Haywood will carry on without any of the Davis brothers on the roster.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Darren Davis | 287 | 1471 | 83 | 1388 | 14 | 4.8 |
| **Ennis Haywood** | 55 | 283 | 5 | 278 | 3 | 5.1 |
| **Sage Rosenfels** | 80 | 359 | 134 | 225 | 4 | 2.8 |
| **JJ Moses** | 17 | 133 | 13 | 120 | 1 | 7.1 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| **Sage Rosenfels** | 235 | 127 | 54.0 | 1781 | 10 | 11 |
| **Derrick Walker** | 18 | 9 | 50.0 | 106 | 0 | 2 |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| **Chris Anthony** | | 37 | 432 | 11.7 | 1 | 35 |
| Darren Davis | | 21 | 160 | 7.6 | 2 | 42 |
| **JJ Moses** | | 18 | 296 | 16.4 | 2 | 28 |
| Mike Brantley | | 16 | 289 | 18.1 | 2 | 59 |
| **Ennis Haywood** | | 10 | 176 | 17.6 | 0 | 34 |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| **Carl Gomez** | 47 | 1821 | 38.7 | - | 34.1 | 0 | 13 |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **BLK** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| **Mike McKnight** | 0-2 | 3-5 | 4-6 | 0-0 | 3 | 7-13 | 43 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeff Walers | 107 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| **James Reed** | 88 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| **Dustin Avey** | 83 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Robert Brannon | 69 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Reggie Hayward** | 68 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| **Eric Welford** | 67 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Jesse Beckom | 61 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| **Ryan Sloth** | 49 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| Dave Brcka | 48 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| **Ab Turner** | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Atif Austin** | 39 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| **Kevin DeRonde** | 36 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Nigel Tharpe** | 33 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **JJ Moses** | 21 | 146 | 7.0 | 0 |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **JJ Moses** | 21 | 480 | 22.9 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**INDIANA ST NL 33-7 WIN** Cyclones had 2 rushers top 100 yds for the 1st time since '95 (Haywood 172 & Davis 112). On the 2nd play QB Rosenfels ran 52 yds for a TD. It was 20-0 at half. The Cyclones fmbl'd at the 11, 15 & 14 in the 2H but had 80 & 27 yd TD drives. Ind St got a TD w/6:42 left to avert the shutout. The 231 yds Iowa St allowed was a team best since '90. The Cyclones had 442 yds rushing & a 29-13 FD edge.

**IOWA -4 17-10 WIN** ISU's opening drive was kept alive with a 15 yd face mask pen on 3rd & 20 & they drove 75 yds in 10 plays for a TD. IU's opening drive got 4 FD's but they missed a 37 yd FG & got just 1 FD the rest of the half. ISU got an 80 yd TD pass to Groce. ISU was int'd in the EZ & had a 35 yd FG blk'd. ISU led 14-0 at half with a 297-116 yd edge. Iowa drove 35 yds for a TD foll a punt early 3Q. Early 4Q ISU got a 39 yd FG, 17-7. Iowa hit a 47 yd FG w/6:36 left. Iowa started on its own 28 w/1:58 left but was SOD & ISU had a commanding 444-230 yd edge.

**AT UNLV -3' 24-0 WIN** ISU had 19-7 FD & 337-106 yd edges. It was ISU's 1st road shutout since 1978 & 1st win outside the state of Iowa since 1991. ISU took its opening KO 80 yds using 11 straight runs. Davis had 208 yds. UNLV missed a 46 yd FG & ISU then went on a 10:00, 44 yd, 17 play drive which was SOD at the 1. ISU got a 30 yd FG. ISU drove 19 yds for a TD foll a bad snap on a punt, 17-0 at half. ISU missed a 3Q FG but got a 5 yd TD pass midway thru the 3Q to close the scoring.

**KANSAS ST +15 28-35 WIN** ISU had 332-102 1H yd & 18-5 FD edges & led 28-7. ISU could have led by more but was int'd in the EZ & had a 27 yd FG blk'd. KSU went 80 yds for an early 3Q TD. Allen then ret'd a punt 94 yds for a TD, 28-21. ISU drove 48 yds but missed a 42 yd FG. KSU drove 75 yds for a TD to tie with 10:01 left & 62 yds for a TD with 2:34 left for its first lead. ISU was SOD and KSU escaped.

**AT NEBRASKA +29' 14-49 LOSS** ISU made a solid opening drive to the NU 19 but fmbl'd. NU got a 63 yd TD drive, blk'd a punt for a TD, went 82 yds for a TD, missed a 42 yd FG & drove 80 yds for a TD, 28-0 at half. NU added an 80 yd TD drive, 24 yd drive foll a blk'd punt, 42-0. NU fmbl'd at the ISU 8 but had a 37 yd fmbl ret for a TD w/13:32 left, 49-0. ISU got 74 & 61 yd TD drives vs the Huskers backups. NU finished with 439 yds rushing.

**AT MISSOURI +7' 24-21 WIN** After a fmbl at ISU's 5 on their 1st drive, MO went 80 & 24 yds for TD's. ISU had a pair of 47 yd TD drives, 14-14 at half. MO fmbl'd on its opening 3Q poss & ISU drove 32 yds for a TD, 21-14. After ISU was int'd, MO was SOD at the 2. ISU had a 72 yd drive for a 43 yd FG with 5:05 left. MO went 17 plays for a TD with 2:04 left. ISU rec'd the onside kick & punted. MO started at their own 10 with :54 left but only got to midfield.

**COLORADO -3 12-16 LOSS** CU was w/o QB Moschetti. ISU had a 25 mph wind at its back in the 1Q but settled for 42 & 35 yd FG's, 6-0. CU got 10 points with the wind. ISU drove 60 yds for a TD, 14-10. CU got a TD pass w/:11 left 2Q, 16-12. ISU had four long 2H poss & had a 208-110 yd edge in 2H. ISU was SOD at the CU 26, int in the EZ, int again and on their final drive missed a 41 yd FG with 4:18 left (wind at back). CU ran out the final 4:18.

**TEXAS +10' 41-44 WIN** UT was out to stop RB Davis & held him to just 67 yds but Rosenfels had a career high 291 yds passing. In the 1H ISU opened up a 20-10 lead with TD drives of 63, 42 and 76 yds. UT got a TD with 1:22 left 1H, 20-17. UT drove 31 yds foll a fmbl early 3Q for a TD & ISU drove 86 yds for a TD, 27-24. UT appeared to take control with an 80 yd TD drive & then rec'd the fmbl on the KO for a TD, 38-27. UT added a 35 yd FG with 9:38 left, 41-27. ISU got an 80 yd KR to set up a short TD and then drove 66 yds to tie with 3:20 left. Applewhite led UT 71 yds for an 18 yd FG with :04 left for the win.

**AT TEXAS TECH +2' 16-28 LOSS** ISU was w/o LB Brcka. ISU opened with a 62 yd TD drive, 6-0 (xpng). ISU fmbl'd a punt at their own 9 to set up a TT TD. ISU's P fmbl'd the snap & TT drove 23 yds for a TD, 14-6. ISU drove 82 yds to the 1 but was SOD & TT responded with a 93 yd TD drive, 21-6. ISU got a 40 yd FG just before half, 21-9. ISU drove 83 yds for a TD in the 3Q, 21-16. ISU got an int ret to the TT 7. ISU RB Davis had his amazing fumble streak end with 9:00 left as he fmbl'd in the EZ. TT drove 80 yds for a TD, 28-16.

**OKLAHOMA +7 10-31 LOSS** 77°. ISU was missing 2 OL starters. ISU's defense was geared to stop the pass but OU was able to run the ball with 301 yds on 39 carries (7.7 ypc). OU led 17-3 at half. OU got a 3Q TD & then ISU got a 40 yd TD pass in the 4Q. OU closed the scoring with a 26 yd TD pass & finished with a 481-244 yd edge.

**AT KANSAS +3 28-31 TIE** KU blew numerous opportunities but still led 14-7. ISU got a 48 yd TD pass on its 3rd play of the 2Q. KU drove 75 yds for a TD & then foll an ISU fmbl drove 8 yds for a TD, 28-14 with 13:31 left. ISU drove 80 yds for a TD. KU drove for a FD at the ISU 16 but settled for a 29 yd FG with 4:52 left. ISU drove 80 yds for the backdoor push. KU rec'd the onside but fmbl'd & ISU had a 34 yd FG blk'd.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

In each of the last two years McCarney has had his Cyclones poised to finally to gain a winning season. In 1998 they snapped a 31 game losing streak on the road and a 15 game losing streak to Iowa. Last year they also ended a 28 game Big 12 road winless streak with their win at Missouri. In addition they got their first shutout road victory since 1978 and first victory outside the state of Iowa since 1991. The Cyclones started off 3-0 and led Kansas St 28-7 but let that lead slip away and also had close losses to Colorado, Texas, Texas Tech and Kansas. When the dust cleared they were just 4-7, although the four wins represent the team's best mark in seven years. Injuries, departures and suspensions did not help as the O-line was banged up most of the year especially at the C position where they used 3 different starters. They also lost both of their starting CB's to injury by midseason. Five DL's were gone by midseason, three prior to the year including possibly their best DL Clyde Sanders. Their top WR Damien Groce broke his arm vs Nebraska. LB Dave Brcka, one of the top tacklers, missed the final 3 due to injury. ISU's defense allowed just 351.7 ypg, their best mark since 1992. They have steadily improved after allowing 44.8 ppg in 1997 as they reduced that total to just 29.8 and 24.7 the last two seasons. McCarney's contract was not extended after the season and has just 2 years left on it. He really needs a breakthrough year to get a vote of confidence from the athletic director. He finally had some solid numbers in the spring with 105 players including 40 walk-ons and 25 seniors on the roster. In his first year here he had just 9. The offense could be more potent even without a Davis at RB but QB Rosenfels must stay healthy. The defense looks to be the best I can remember here led by the most underrated D-line in the country. This team came oh so close to that breakthrough year last season. They have a soft non-conf slate and also host their 2 beatable opponents from the North. They have a shot at a winning year if everything falls into place.

QB Sage Rosenfels is poised for big senior year.
JJ Moses earned HM Big 12 as a return specialist - also RB & WR.

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

LB Tyson Smith 6-4 210 PS#26
DB JaMaine Billups 6-0 192 PS#43
OL Kerry Carlson 6-3 305 PS#42JC
K Tony Yelk 6-1 190 PS#9
LB Brett Kellogg 6-3 235 PS#100
LB Justin Eilers 6-2 225 PS#76JC
WR Steve Pfaller 6-3 195 PS#90
RB Todd Miller 5-9 160 PS#156
DL Luke VanderSanden 6-3 275 PS#136
LB Tyrone Tucker 6-3 230 PS#123JC

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB SAGE ROSENFELS SR.** 6-4 221 *PS#174. 85 yds pass in 97 & 98, 54 yds rush. 1 sts ly, 1761 yds (54%), 10-11 ratio, 359 rush. Gerrin Scott (6-0 209 rFr) PS#199.*
**RB Ennis Haywood Jr.** 5-11 206 *PS#106. 178 yds (5.9) as true. 172 yds in opener ly, 278 yds (5.1), 2 sts , 10 rec (17.6). Mike Wagner (5-7 182 rFr) was PS#57.*
**FB Robert Lewis Sr.** 5-9 233 *PS#193LB in 96. 12 gms in 3 yrs. 2 rushes, 4 yds in 2 gms in 99. Frank Garcia (5-9 225 rFr) was PS#215RB in 99.*
**WR CHRIS ANTHONY SR.** 6-3 204 *11 sts in 98, 42 rec (11.7). HM B12. 10 sts in 99, 37 recs (11.7). Craig Campbell (5-11 185 Jr) PS#78JC, 5 rec (10.6) & 1 st ly.*
**WR J.J. MOSES SR.** 5-6 170 *PS#143RB in 97, 52 yds (3.5) as true. 80 yds in 98, 13 rec (11.9). WR in 99, 9 sts, 18 rec (16.4), 626 ret yds. Jamaul Montgomery PS#205.*
**TE MIKE BANKS JR.** 6-4 254 *7 sts ly, 9 rec (11.0). Andy Stensrud (6-7 270 Sr) has 4 sts, 31 rec (15.2), 3 letters in 3 yrs. Josh Stensrud (6-3 241 So).*
**C BEN BRUNS SR.** 6-3 307 *PS#172, 2nd string in 97, 10 sts in 98. 8 sts in 99 (inj'd in 3). Brian Donahue (6-5 273 Jr) PS#216, Josh Rank (6-4 273 Sr) 2 sts in 98.*
**RG Kerry Carlson Jr.** 6-3 305 *PS#42JC in for spg. Zach Butler (6-4 285 So) PS#120, 4 sts at C in 99. Mitch Ehrenfelt (6-4 300 rFr) PS#244.*
**LG SCOTT RICKARD SR.** 6-3 274 *PS#95JC. Started 5 of L/6 at LG in 99. Adam Sansale (6-2 286 Jr) PS#119OL in 97. Lorenzo White (6-5 340 Jr) PS#218JC.*
**RT BEN BEAUDET SR.** 6-4 286 *PS#295. 10 sts as rFr. Top OL award. 6 sts in 98 (inj) 9 sts ly. HM B12. Concussion. Cory Hannen (6-5 300 Jr) PS#341, 4 sts in 2 yrs.*
**LT Marcel Howard Jr.** 6-6 313 *PS#106TE. 2 sts in 98. 5 sts in 99 til inj. Jared Buckso (6-3 288 Jr) PS#103DL, 2nd string in 99. TJ Woods (6-5 300 Jr) PS#152JC.*
**K MIKE McKNIGHT JR.** 6-2 209 *#3K here in 98. Hit 7 of 13 FG's in 99 long of 43. 4 of 6 from 40+. Tony Yelk is PS#9. Hit 35-56 FG's in HS career.*

**DE REGGIE HAYWARD SR.** 6-5 245 *PS#16LB. 12 tkls as true. 10 sts, 59 tkls, 5.5 sks, 2 tfl in 98. 11 sts in 99, 68 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. HM B12. Luke VanderSanden (6-3 275) PS#136.*
**DT JAMES REED SR.** 6-0 285 *Def MVP as rFr, 71 tkls, 10 tfl. 11 sts in 98, 88 tkls, 6 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 88 tkls, 9 tfl. 3rd tm B12. William Judd (6-4 280 Jr) PS#172JC.*
**NG RYAN HARKLAU SR.** 6-4 280 *PS#166OL. 3 sts, 18 tkls in 97. 6 sts, 32 tkls, 7.5 tfl in 98, 4 sts (inj) 3 tfl ly. Nigel Tharpe (6-3 288 Sr) PS#284, 7 sts ly, 33 tkls, 4 tfl.*
**DE Casey Shelton rFr.** 6-6 269 *PS#40 ly, 1 tkl but RS. Kevin DeRonde (6-5 255 Jr) PS#91, 2 sts, 57 tkls, 6.5 tfl in 2 Y. Enron Mathews (6-1 225 rFr) PS#94TE.*
**WLB Ab Turner Sr.** 6-0 210 *11 sts, 61 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. Susp early ly, 2 sts, 41 tkls. Tyrone Tucker (6-3 230 Jr) PS#123JC in for spring. Tyson Smith is PS#26LB!!*
**MLB Chris Whitaker So.** 5-11 228 *PS#235, 3 sts as true, 32 tkls, 5 tfl. Justin Eilers (6-2 225 Jr) is PS#76JC. Matt Word (5-11 228 So) 22 tkls, 2 tfl as true.*
**SLB DERRICK WALKER SR.** 6-2 220 *PS#94JC. 5 gms at QB, 189 yds in 99. Eric Welford (5-11 215 Sr) 8 sts, 67 tkls, 3 tfl in 99. Joe Woodley (5-10 233 rFr) PS#126.*
**CB JAMARCUS POWERS SR.** 5-8 164 *PS#53DB in 96. PS#33JC in 98, 7 sts here, 7 pbu. 2 sts in 99 til inj. Ryan Sloth (5-8 184 Sr) 7 sts in 99, 1 int, 6 pbu, 49 tkls.*
**CB BREON ANSLEY SR.** 5-7 172 *5 sts as true, 33 tkls. 11 sts in 98, 46 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. 3 sts in 99 (inj). Atif Austin (5-8 180 So) PS#263RB, 10 sts in 99, 39 tkls, 2 pbu.*
**SS Doug Densmore Sr.** 5-10 195 *PS#252DB. 1 st in 97, 29 tkls, 1 pbu. 22 tkls in 98, 1 int. 1 st in 99, 6 tkls, 1 int. Ja'Maine Billups (6-0 192) is PS#43DB.*
**FS DUSTIN AVEY SR.** 6-2 208 *PS#85WR. 8 sts in 97, 68 tkls. 11 sts in 98. 11 sts ly, 83 tkls, 2 int. Adam Runk (6-2 184 Jr) PS#40, 1 st, 30 tkls, 1 pbu in 99.*
**P CARL GOMEZ SR.** 6-2 198 *PS#28K in 97. 66 punts (41.6), HM Big 12 as true. 59 punts in 98 (40.0). 47 punts in 99, 38.7 avg & net of 34.1.*

# IOWA ST CYCLONES

Ames, Iowa
Weather (515) 270-2614

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score ISU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Iowa State is 8-2 ATS vs Oklahoma.<br>ISU is 0-4 SU vs Texas Tech.<br>Iowa St is 6-17-1 ATS on the road under McCarney. |
| Aug. 31 | Ohio Univ (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cyclones are 8-4 SU and 5-3 ATS in season openers.<br>Despite a 2-0 mark LY, ISU is 6-14 ATS L/20 non-conf games. |
| Sep. 9 | UNLV | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Iowa St is 18-32 ATS in Sept since 1984 but was 3-0 LY.<br>ISU shut out UNLV LY, holding them to 106 total yds. |
| Sep. 16 | at Iowa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ISU is 5-12 ATS L/17 vs the Hawkeyes, but 2-0 SU & ATS L/2Y!<br>Cyclones are 3-7 ATS their L/10 lined road openers. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | at Baylor | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ISU is 4-13-1 ATS in Big 12 road games the L/5 years.<br>This could be just the 2nd time in the McCarney era ISU has been an AF. |
| Oct. 7 | Nebraska | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cyclones have covered just 5 of 14 October games the L/4Y.<br>The home team is 7-1 ATS the L/8 series meetings. |
| Oct. 14 | at Oklahoma St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Iowa St is 7-13 ATS in sandwiched road games since 1992.<br>Cyclones are 0-7-1 ATS the last 3 years on artificial turf. |
| Oct. 21 | Texas A&M (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the Neb result, ISU is 20-10 ATS as a HD since 1992.<br>Iowa St is 7-2 ATS their L/9 Homecoming games. |
| Oct. 28 | Missouri | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor has covered 15 of the L/21 series meetings.<br>Coming into 2000, ISU was 18-9 ATS L/27 conf home games. |
| Nov. 4 | at Kansas St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cyclones are 5-2 ATS vs the Wildcats.<br>ISU is 1-8 ATS in the 1st of B2B away games since 1990. |
| Nov. 11 | at Colorado | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Iowa St is 7-3 ATS L/10 vs Colorado, lost LY as a 3 pt fav.<br>Underdog is 8-2 ATS L/10 in series, CU was favored all years from 84-98!! |
| Nov. 18 | Kansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cyclones are 7-2 ATS their last 9 home finales.<br>The home team is 7-1-1 ATS the L/9 games in this series. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: JACK TRICE STADIUM (43,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 3-8 | 0-10-1 | 3-8 | 2-9 | 1-10 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 16-60-1 |
| ATS | 6-5 | 5-5 | 3-7 | 7-3 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 5-4-1 | 33-39-1 |
| Home Fav | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 5-6 |
| Home Dog | 4-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 3-1 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 17-10 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Away Dog | 1-4 | 4-1 | 0-4 | 2-2 | 0-6 | 2-3 | 1-2-1 | 10-22-1 |
| Favorite | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 6-6 |
| Dog | 5-5 | 5-3 | 2-6 | 6-2 | 3-7 | 3-6 | 3-3-1 | 27-32-1 |
| Grass | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 5-1 | 3-5 | 4-5 | 5-2 | 18-16 |
| Artificial | 5-5 | 5-4 | 3-5 | 2-2 | 0-3 | 0-2 | 0-2-1 | 15-23-1 |
| vs Conf | 5-2 | 5-2 | 3-4 | 6-2 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 3-4-1 | 27-25-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 6-14 |
| Off SU Win | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 8-7 |
| Off SU Loss | 4-3 | 5-4 | 2-4 | 4-3 | 3-6 | 3-5 | 2-3-1 | 23-28-1 |

## Coach: DAN McCARNEY (Career 13-42)
### *McCarney's record AT IOWA STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at Iowa State | | 4-4 | Home Favorite |
| 13-42 | Straight Up | 12-7 | Home Underdog |
| 22-29-1 | Vs The Spread | 1-0 | Away Favorite |
| 14-21-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 5-18-1 | Away Underdog |
| 17-21-1 | Vs Conf | 5-8 | Vs Non-Conf |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | Sun | NL | Louisiana St | 15-38 | – |
| 72 | Liberty | NL | Georgia Tech | 30-31 | – |
| 77 | Peach | -2' | N Carolina St | 14-24 | L |
| 78 | All-American | +6' | Texas A&M | 12-28 | L |

# IOWA ST (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 12 NORTH**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 38 (17,19,2)**
**Lost: 14 (8,6,0)**

## IOWA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
## *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 22.5 | 20 | 200 | 4.5 | 174 | 53.9 | 16.7 | -10 | 1999 | 9 | 24.7 | 19 | 203 | 4.9 | 149 | 53.4 | 14.2 |
| 6* | 20.1 | 19 | 130 | 3.6 | 207 | 50.1 | 16.8 | -9 | 1998 | 8 | 29.8 | 21 | 228 | 4.8 | 180 | 54.8 | 13.7 |
| 6 | 19.5 | 18 | 93 | 2.6 | 208 | 47.7 | 15.5 | -12 | 1997 | 8 | 44.8 | 21 | 247 | 5.4 | 192 | 62.8 | 9.8 |
| 8* | 28.5 | 20 | 238 | 5.0 | 137 | 53.1 | 13.1 | +3 | 1996 | 7 | 36.5 | 26 | 262 | 5.7 | 222 | 61.5 | 13.3 |
| 6 | 24.0 | 19 | 228 | 5.0 | 133 | 51.3 | 15.1 | +1 | 1995 | 4 | 37.2 | 23 | 297 | 5.7 | 162 | 59.7 | 12.3 |
| 8* | 17.5 | 19 | 178 | 3.6 | 137 | 52.4 | 18.1 | -7 | 1994 | 9 | 33.0 | 23 | 273 | 5.7 | 188 | 61.8 | 14.0 |

**OFFENSE** — 1999 STATS BY GAME — **DEFENSE**

| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana St | 29 | 61-434 | 7.1 | 10-12 | 117 | 1 | 13 | 43-213 | 5.0 | 3-13 | 18 | 3 | 0 |
| Iowa | 20 | 55-310 | 5.6 | 6-13 | 134 | 2 | 11 | 28-62 | 2.2 | 14-28 | 168 | 2 | -3 |
| at UNLV | 19 | 58-319 | 5.5 | 6-11 | 18 | 0 | 7 | 22-8 | 0.4 | 9-23 | 98 | 1 | 0 |
| Kansas St | 22 | 44-250 | 5.7 | 11-24 | 156 | 0 | 20 | 45-203 | 4.5 | 10-21 | 91 | 2 | +1 |
| at Nebraska | 18 | 35-146 | 4.2 | 18-32 | 185 | 2 | 25 | 57-439 | 7.7 | 5-14 | 85 | 3 | -2 |
| at Missouri | 18 | 47-198 | 4.2 | 8-15 | 141 | 1 | 25 | 43-158 | 3.7 | 22-34 | 303 | 1 | 0 |
| Colorado | 22 | 43-195 | 4.5 | 16-27 | 184 | 0 | 17 | 40-180 | 4.5 | 14-23 | 116 | 2 | 0 |
| Texas | 17 | 35-68 | 1.9 | 11-20 | 291 | 2 | 25 | 38-129 | 3.4 | 30-40 | 345 | 3 | -1 |
| at Texas Tech | 17 | 44-137 | 3.1 | 14-28 | 169 | 1 | 19 | 46-257 | 5.6 | 8-14 | 113 | 1 | -2 |
| Oklahoma | 11 | 30-57 | 1.9 | 15-36 | 187 | 2 | 20 | 39-301 | 7.7 | 24-42 | 180 | 0 | -1 |
| at Kansas | 22 | 34-91 | 2.7 | 22-36 | 332 | 1 | 25 | 59-283 | 4.8 | 10-22 | 119 | 2 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 215 | 486-2205 | 4.5 | 137-254 | 1914 | 12 | 207 | 460-2233 | 4.9 | 149-274 | 1636 | 20 | -10 |
| AVERAGES | 19.5 | 44-200 | 4.5 | 12-23 | 174 | 1.1 | 18.8 | 42-203 | 4.9 | 14-25 | 149 | 1.8 | -0.9 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ohio Univ | -20 | 36-21 | L |
| at TCU | +14 | 10-27 | L |
| Iowa | +13' | 10-27 | L |
| UNLV | NL | 57-30 | – |
| Oklahoma | +19 | 26-39 | W |
| at Kansas | +17 | 7-34 | L |
| Colorado | +25' | 28-50 | W |
| Oklahoma St | -1 | 38-14 | W |
| at Nebraska | +42 | 14-73 | L |
| Kansas St | +20 | 7-49 | L |
| at Missouri | +4 | 31-45 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wyoming | +4' | 38-41 | W |
| at Iowa | +17' | 13-38 | L |
| N Iowa | NL | 42-23 | – |
| Missouri | -3 | 45-31 | W |
| Texas A&M | +13 | 21-24 | W |
| at Oklahoma St | E | 27-28 | L |
| at Baylor | +7 | 21-49 | L |
| Kansas | +7' | 31-34 | W |
| at Colorado | +27 | 42-49 | W |
| Nebraska | +40 | 14-49 | W |
| at Kansas St | +19' | 20-35 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oklahoma St | -6 | 14-21 | L |
| at Wyoming | +14' | 10-56 | L |
| at Minnesota | +9 | 29-53 | L |
| Iowa | +27 | 20-63 | L |
| at Missouri | +17 | 21-45 | L |
| at Texas A&M | +33 | 17-56 | L |
| Baylor | +3' | 24-17 | W |
| at Kansas | +9 | 24-34 | L |
| Colorado | +19' | 38-43 | W |
| at Nebraska | +44 | 14-77 | L |
| Kansas St | +26' | 3-28 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| TCU | -4 | 21-31 | L |
| at Iowa | +28 | 27-9 | W |
| Ball St | -11' | 38-0 | W |
| Texas Tech | +6 | 24-31 | L |
| at Texas | +14 | 33-54 | L |
| Missouri | +7 | 19-35 | L |
| at Kansas St | +33' | 7-52 | L |
| at Oklahoma | +7 | 14-17 | W |
| Nebraska | +26 | 7-42 | L |
| at Colorado | +16' | 8-37 | L |
| Kansas | +2' | 23-20 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana St | NL | 33-7 | – |
| Iowa | -4 | 17-10 | W |
| at UNLV | -3' | 24-0 | W |
| Kansas St | +15 | 28-35 | W |
| at Nebraska | +29' | 14-49 | L |
| at Missouri | +7' | 24-21 | W |
| Colorado | -3 | 12-16 | L |
| Texas | +10' | 41-44 | W |
| at Texas Tech | +2' | 16-28 | L |
| Oklahoma | +7 | 10-31 | L |
| at Kansas | +3 | 28-31 | T |

# KANSAS JAYHAWKS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Zac Wegner was the returning starter last year but in his 4 starts threw for just 303 yards (54%) with a 2-2 ratio. Dylen Smith was PS#32JC. He threw for 2,890 yards with 25 TD's and rushed for 400 as a sophomore in 98 at JC. He did not enroll until the fall and took some time to get acclimated to the offense. He finally took over the starter's job versus SMU and in his 8 starts threw for 1,599 yards (51.3%) with a 12-7 ratio and also rushed for 406 yards. He was clearly a spark to the offense and this year will benefit from participating in spring practices as well as the added speed at WR. Jeff Hilliard (6-2 195 rFr) was PS#89. Zach Dyer (6-3 210 rFr) was PS#82. Two of Allen's top recruits this year are QB's including his top guy, Kevin Long. I expect both of them to redshirt. Now that Smith has a season and a spring (he looked solid) under his belt, this looks like a much improved position.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year all of the top RB's were back but they suffered through an injury plagued season. The top 3 TB's missed the bulk of the action early on. David Winbush rushed for 974 yards (4.7) in 98 and finally became healthy at the end of 99 rushing for 227 yards in the final three games. He ended up the leading rusher with 595 yards (4.8). A key to KU's offensive emergence in the season's second half was strong FB Moran Norris who powered his way to 537 yards (5.0). When forced out of the blocking FB role and into the feature back role he had 472 yards in the final five games. Norris benches an amazing 515 lbs and has 4.5 speed! Henri Childs (6-2 224 Jr) was PS#131 with 2 starts and 352 total yards. There is a possibility that Reggie Duncan (PS#39) could emerge as the feature back. I list the top 2 FB's below including Norris. The only loss this year is #3 rusher Mitch Bowles (444 yards, 5.0). With Winbush's return to health and the added talent, I look for solid improvement.

**RECEIVERS** - This was supposed to be a team strength last year but three of the top 4 receivers went down to injury. Byron Gasaway was lost in August. Termaine Fulton was lost after 2 starts and Eric Patterson saw action in just 5 games due to injuries. This took away a good portion of KU's outside speed. This group actually possesses 3 VHT's and with a healthier season could be one of the Big 12's strongest receiving corps. I list the 2 deep below and the WR's have excellent size in addition to their speed. TE is also a strength and goes 3 deep. They do lose TE Sean McDermott (3 sts, 4 rec) and WR Michael Chandler (8 sts, 36 rec, 13.1). Allen also signed an HT frosh this year whom I expect to redshirt. This is one of the most improved receiving corps in the country with the addition of three talented, experienced players.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Jayhawks' offensive line had to replace 3 starters last year and 5 of 12 lettermen. They then lost starting LT Bob Smith to injury in the first game. This year they are much deeper and experienced with 11 of 13 lettermen returning. Some solid additions come into the unit in DL Justin Sands (who won a starter's job in the spring) and JC Tony Damiani. Overall six players return with starting experience. The lone losses are LG Dameon Hunt (12 sts, 3rd tm Big 12, 4 year st'r) and C Chris Enneking (12 sts, 3 year st'r). This unit paves the way for a much more potent offense.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - In 98 the Jayhawks allowed 236 ypg rushing (4.6). Last year they returned a veteran unit with the top 7 DL's returning and made solid strides, giving up just 164 ypg rushing (3.8). The majority of the senior laden front wall departs with the top losses being DE Dion Rayford (11 sts, 9 tfl, HM Big 12), DE Dion Johnson (11 sts, 4 tfl, HM Big 12), NT John Williams (9 sts, 33 tkls) and DE Kareem Carter (17 tkls, 3 tfl). Only one player returns with IA experience in NT Nate Dwyer (PS#83). Allen went the JUCO route to fill his needs bringing in no less than five JUCO's who will play immediately. They also have a talented rFr and true frosh that will contend for time. This group is definitely much younger than last year and despite the infusion of talent, I'll call it just slightly weaker as it actually possesses more HT's than last year (if the JUCO's live up to their billing).

**LINEBACKERS** - The top 6 LB's from last year all return including their leading tackler Andrew LeClair. It was a fairly inexperienced group of LB's last year as they had to replace 3.5 starters. This year six players return to this unit who have six or more starts to their credit and they get some solid JUCO and rFr newcomers. This group has an inordinate amount of experience and should be the backbone of the KU defense.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Jayhawks ranked in the 70's in my pass defense rankings from 1996-98. Last year they had to replace two starters including their leading tackler but got a VHT JC transfer (Kareem High) who started all 12 games. They still slid to #101 in my rankings, allowing 57.2% with an 18-10 ratio and struggled in both man to man and zone coverage. I like the talent available among the starting four and surely they will improve with experience. FS Carl Nesmith has great size and is a solid athlete who played for the first time on defense last year. He did not win a starting job until 5 games were left in the year but still managed to earn 1st Team Big 12 honors. He has huge potential this year. I list the two deep below and not listed are S Trace Haskell (6-0 170 So, PS#79QB) and CB Brandon Wier (8 tkls). The only losses are CB Muhammad Abdul-Rahim (5 sts, 25 tkls) and SS Greg Erb (7 sts, 49 tkls). I look for a large improvement in the pass efficiency defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Jayhawks usually finish in the middle of the pack in my special teams rankings and last year was no different as they finished #68. At midseason they had one of the top units in the country but meltdowns versus Nebraska and Okla St cost them dearly in the TD/block category as well as net punting and sent their ranking plummeting. Also, after a super 1998, K Joe Garcia surprisingly went into a slump hitting just 7 of 18 FG's with a long of 36. This is the same K that hit 11 of 14 with a long of 51 in 97! I think KU has top 20 potential this year provided Garcia gets out of his slump and their PR coverage is stronger. P Joey Pelfanio should be one of the better P's in the conference. There are plenty of speedy & talented returnmen available and they signed a frosh K. It would not surprise me to see these Hawks fly into the top 20 of special teams rankings in 2000.

RB David Winbush enters his senior season with 1,907 career rush yards.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| David Winbush | 123 | 657 | 62 | 595 | 6 | 4.8 |
| Moran Norris | 107 | 547 | 10 | 537 | 8 | 5.0 |
| Mitch Bowles | 89 | 451 | 7 | 444 | 2 | 5.0 |
| Henri Childs | 38 | 184 | 4 | 180 | 1 | 4.7 |
| Dylen Smith | 97 | 406 | 255 | 151 | 2 | 1.6 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dylen Smith | 263 | 135 | 51.3 | 1599 | 12 | 7 |
| Zac Wegner | 50 | 27 | 54.0 | 303 | 2 | 2 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mike Chandler | 36 | 473 | 13.1 | 4 | 77 |
| Harrison Hill | 29 | 506 | 17.4 | 4 | 62 |
| David Winbush | 18 | 135 | 7.5 | 1 | 29 |
| Henri Childs | 16 | 168 | 10.5 | 1 | 30 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joey Pelfanio | 72 | 3096 | 43.0 | - | 33.9 | 4 | 13 | 6 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joe Garcia | 4-8 | 3-6 | 0-4 | 0-0 | 7-18 | 36 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andrew LeClair | 102 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Carl Nesmith | 89 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Kareem High | 76 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Scott Rogers | 55 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Andrew Davison | 53 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Tim Bowers | 50 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Dariss Lomax | 50 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Greg Erb | 49 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Algie Atkinson | 48 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Chaz Murphy | 45 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| Dion Johnson | 34 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dion Rayford | 33 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| John Williams | 33 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Henri Childs | 20 | 226 | 11.3 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carl Nesmith | 21 | 484 | 23.0 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT NOTRE DAME +17 13-48 LOSS** KU had three TO's on their first 3 poss. ND got a 38 yd TD run, 22 yd int ret for a TD & drove 64 yds for a TD, 20-0 after 1Q. ND had a FG blk'd & KU drove 36 yds for a TD. KU got an int & drove 57 yds for a TD, 20-13 at half. KU int'd a ND pass but their FG attempt was blk'd & ret'd to the 35. ND then wore down KU in the 87° heat & rushed for 363 yds. After a 35 yd TD drive they got a 31 yd fmbl ret for a TD, 34-13. ND got a 46 yd TD run & a 74 yd TD run for the final.

**CAL ST N'RIDGE NL 71-14** - KU led 34-7 at half including a 72 yd PR. CSN had an 80 yd drive to open the 3Q but KU scored the final 37 pts & had a 637-298 yd edge.

**AT COLORADO +16 17-51 LOSS** CU simply dominated with a 25-9 FD edge. They led 30-3 at half with a 239-125 yd edge. It was 33-3 when KU got a 15 yd TD foll a fmbl rec & rec'd a blk'd punt for a TD. CU extended it to 44-17. KU ret'd the KO 97 yds to the 3 but 2 plays later CU QB Kelly ret'd a fmbl 96 yds for a TD.

**SAN DIEGO ST +1 13-41 LOSS** SDS had 4 TD's before KU had 4 FD's!!! SDS finished with 572-181 yd & 28-12 FD edges. SDS had 413 yds in the 1H & TD drives of 80, 80, 94 & 90 yds & added a 22 yd FG, 31-0. KU QB Wegner played only the 1st 2 series of each half & was 3 of 7 with 1 int. Dylen Smith hit 10 of 18 for 157.

**SMU -8 27-9 WIN** KU gave Smith his 1st start. KU lost its top 3 RB's to inj & true frosh Jordan rushed for 26 yds on 13 att. KU had an early 29 yd FG blk'd & SMU got an 80 yd TD drive, 6-0 (xpng). :15 into the 2Q SMU nailed a 27 yd FG. Later they forced KU to punt and THE key play happened when KU P Pelfanio threw a surprise pass for a FD. Then on 3rd & 10 from the 26 Smith hit a TD pass, 9-7. KU drove 61 yds for a TD with 5:19 left 2Q, 13-9. KU's defense held SMU to just 47 yds rushing & went to a zone coverage in the 2H which confused McCown. KU had a 26-14 FD edge & got 2 2H TD's to ice it.

**AT KANSAS ST +29 9-50 LOSS** KSU got an 88 yd TD pass. KU settled for a FG. KU tried to kick away from PR Allen & 2 short punts set up 10 KSU pts. KU drove 44 yds but was int'd & KSU drove 44 yds for a TD. KU drove 80 yds for a TD (2ptng) but KSU answered foll a fmbl, 30-9 at half. KU missed a FG and had one blk'd while KSU got 2 TD's. KSU drove 27 yds for a TD foll a blk'd punt in the 4Q. KSU finished with a 520-286 yd edge.

**AT TEXAS A&M +32 17-34 WIN** KU led 10-3 w/ 1:44 left 1H & A&M was punting on 4th & 13 from its own 17. The next 2:00 were a nightmare for KU. A controversial roughing the P call, which KU disputed, gave the Aggies a FD & they drove 80 yds for a TD. KU fmbl'd the KO and A&M got another TD, 17-10. A&M got a 78 yd TD early in the 3Q, 24-10. KU got a 33 yd TD drive foll an int & the Aggies a 35 yd FG. KU had a 46 yd FG blk'd & with 9:44 left the Aggies drove 59 yds for a TD. A&M did have a 522-249 yd edge.

**MISSOURI +8 21-0 WIN** KU switched up their defense, using more zone blitz. KU's offense barely moved with the exception of 3 plays. MO was w/o QB Farmer & Dougherty (less of an option threat) hit 13 of 30 & KU's weak rush D shut down MO, allowing just 44 rushing yds. KU got a 62 yd TD pass in the 1Q. In the 2Q KU got back to back 31 & 23 yd runs by Norris, the 2nd for a TD, 14-0. KU had only 4 plays in MO's terr in the 1H. In the 4Q KU got a TD after a 15 yd punt. MO also missed 3 FG's preserving KU's 1st shutout s/1993.

**NEBRASKA +32 17-24 WIN** KU dominated the 1H with a blk'd punt for a safety & a 79 yd TD drive, 9-0. They had a 186-24 yd edge at one point. NU got a 62 yd pass to open the 3Q but fmbl'd at the 1 & then settled for a 31 yd FG, 9-3. NU ret'd a punt 86 yds for a TD & drove 53 yds for a TD, 17-9. KU got a 77 yd TD pass to tie. NU missed a 43 yd FG & then after conv on 4th down a 49 yd TD pass with 3:00 left. KU would not get past its own 38 after that & NU escaped in the ESPN night game.

**BAYLOR -14 45-10 WIN** Winbush had 111 yds. KU rushed for 373 total yds. BU settled for a 26 yd FG & went 80 yds for a TD, 10-7. KU drove 80 yds & 63 yds for TD's & were trying to run out the clock but got a 49 yd run by Bowles & added a 27 yd FG, 24-10. 4Q, a 35 yd PR set up a 22 yd TD drive for KU. A 34 yd PR set up another TD. KU added a 50 yd TD drive w/ 4:12 left & had a 28-15 FD edge. BU had just 58 yds in the 2H.

**AT OKLAHOMA ST +7 13-45 LOSS** KU actually had 307-273 yd and 16-15 FD edges. Special teams & TO's were the difference. OSU blk'd a punt for a TD, 10-0 after 1Q. KU got 2 quick strikes, 13-10 at half. OSU scored 21 pts in 2:39. A 44 yd PR set up a quick TD. A 60 yd PR set up an 8 yd TD drive & a bad snap out of the shotgun was rec'd in the EZ for a TD, 31-13. OSU struck again in the 4Q with 14 pts in 1:10. A 36 yd from WR White pass went for a TD & then after KU fmbl'd deep in its own terr, OSU added a TD.

**IOWA ST -3 31-28 TIE** KU blew numerous opportunities but still led 14-7. ISU got a 48 yd TD pass on its 3rd play of the 2H. KU drove 75 yds for a TD & then foll an ISU fmbl drove 8 yds for a TD, 28-14 with 13:31 left. ISU drove 80 yds for a TD. KU drove for a FD at the ISU 16 but settled for a 29 yd FG with 4:52 left. ISU drove 80 yds for the backdoor push. KU rec'd the onside but fmbl'd & ISU had a 34 yd FG blk'd.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Kansas enters Terry Allen's fourth season loaded with enthusiasm. After a 5-6 debut in 97 followed by a 4-7 season, the Jayhawks overcame a poor 2-5 start last year to win 3 of their final 5 games including a near upset of Nebraska to finish 5-7. They accomplished this despite the fact that their WR corps was decimated by injuries which took away their outside speed on offense. KU finished 2nd in the Big 12 in rushing as they were forced to turn to the running game and were also 5th in rush defense. The big news on offense is that the 3 injured WR's (see Receivers) are back giving KU the outside speed that was missing last year. Only four seniors started in the season finale. Not only did the offense reemerge down the stretch but the defense made remarkable strides as well. In the first 7 games they allowed 463 ypg versus IA teams but over the last five the defense gave up just 306 ypg. This coincides with a switch to more of a zone blitz defense. They even recorded their first shutout over a conference opponent since 1993. The defense which has had just four and five returning starters the last two years is very experienced. KU also brought in a solid influx of JUCO transfers to add to the mix. Allen was able to redshirt his entire recruiting class from last year and they should supply added talent and depth. Now if only the schedule maker would have cooperated. They do have a soft non-conf slate which should lead to a 3-0 start. They pull Texas and Oklahoma from the South and both games vs the North lower division teams are on the road. The key to their season is probably their Homecoming game vs Colorado which they have a shot at, as well as how they play their beatable North rivals on the road. Keep in mind Allen is 0-12 SU on the Big 12 road. He has the talent to have a breakthough year and get to a bowl but those three games are the key.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Kevin Long 6-5 200 PS#17 |
| DL | Travis Watkins 6-4 280 PS#62 |
| WR | J.T. Thompson 5-10 175 PS#48 |
| DL | Ervin Holloman 6-4 285 PS#20JC |
| QB | Mario Kinsey 6-2 180 PS#55 |
| OL | Richard Pope 6-6 295 PS#82 |
| OL | Tony Coker 6-5 295 PS#98 |
| WR | Roger Ross 5-7 170 PS#69JC |
| LB | Greg Tyree 6-2 210 PS#141 |
| DL | John Culp 6-6 270 PS#93JC |


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## OFFENSE — 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

**QB DYLEN SMITH SR.** 6-1 198 *PS#32JC. 2890 yds (67%), 25-7 ratio at JC in 98. Started L/8 here ly, 1599 yds (51%), 12-7 ratio, 406 rush.*

**RB DAVID WINBUSH SR.** 5-7 180 *PS#163. 338 yds in 97. 11 sts in 98. 974 yds (4.7). 8 sts ly (inj) 595 yds (4.8), 18 rec.* **Reggie Duncan** *(5-9 220 rFr) PS#39.*

**FB MORAN NORRIS SR.** 6-2 245 *6 sts in 98, 14 yds. 9 sts in 99, 537 yds (5.0). 4.5, bench 515 lbs. 3rd tm Big 12. Harold McClendon (5-11 195 rFr) PS#140.*

**WR HARRISON HILL JR.** 5-11 190 *PS#20, 10 sts in 98, 28 rec (14.0). 12 sts in 99, 29 rec (17.4).* **Byron Gasaway** *(6-4 204 So) PS#19. 12 rec (12.3) as true. Reds ly.*

**WR Termaine Fulton Jr.** 5-10 188 *PS#35, 3 sts as true, 10 rec (30.2!). 11 sts in 98, 25 rec (20.1). 2 sts ly til inj. E. Patterson (6-1 205 Sr) PS#60, 13 rec in 3Y.*

**TE DAVID HURST SO.** 6-3 260 *PS#37. 9 starts as rFr, 11 rec (7.9). Jason Gulley (6-3 265 Sr) 10 sts, 10 rec, 3 yrs. Adrian Jones (6-5 235 rFr) PS#91.*

**C MARC OWEN SR.** 6-3 305 *5 gms in 97, 7 in 98. 11 sts at RG in 99, 3 letters. Bob Schmidt (6-2 280 Sr) PS#73 in 96. 1 st, 3 letters, 3 yrs.*

**RG Chuck Jarvis Sr.** 6-6 310 *PS#143. 3 gms in 97, 5 in 98, 1 st in 99, 3 letters. Jason Stevenson (6-2 285 Jr) PS#159OL, lettered ly.*

**LG Justin Sands So.** 6-7 285 *PS#119, 15 tkls, 1 sk, 1 int at DL in 99. Kyle Grady (6-4 285 So) lettered in 99. Kregg Schmidt (6-3 280 rFr) PS#305.*

**RT JUSTIN HARTWIG JR.** 6-4 305 *PS#342. 4 gms as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 2 letters. Added 15 lbs this year. Tony Damiani (6-4 275 Jr) is JC trans.*

**LT JOHN ODDONETTO SR.** 6-5 290 *PS#298JC in 98. Reds in 98. 12 sts LY. Gabe Rosalis (6-5 275 So). Bob Smith (6-4 275 So) 1 st at LT in 98 as rFr.*

**K JOE GARCIA SR.** 5-11 175 *PS#9K in 97. Hit super 11 of 14 long of 51 in 97. 12 of 17, long of 47 in 98. Only 7 of 18, long of 36 in 99, 3 of 10 from 30+.*

## DEFENSE

**OLB ALGIE ATKINSON JR.** 6-5 240 *PS#101 in 98. 9 tkls as true. 8 sts, 48 tkls, 6 sks in 99. 4.73 speed. Columbus Wooley (6-2 222 Jr) was PS#57 in 98.*

**DE Tony Strickland rFr.** 6-6 250 *PS#225DL, +10 lbs. Marquis Hayes (6-4 260 Jr) PS#192JC in for spring. Dijon Dillon (6-5 300 rFr) PS#125.*

**NT Nate Dwyer Jr.** 6-3 300 *PS#83OL, 3 sts, 31 tkls, 6 tfl in 98, 4 sts in 99, 25 tkls, 5 tfl, 680 lb squat. Ryan Atkinson (6-2 295 Jr) PS#178JUCO.*

**DE Ervin Holloman Jr.** 6-4 285 *PS#20JC this year. John Culp (6-6 270 Jr) PS#93JUCO, 9 tfl at JC ly. Demond Benford (6-4 270 Jr), 14 tfl at JC ly.*

**OLB CHAZ MURPHY SR.** 6-4 252 *PS#80JC ly. 6 sts here, 45 tfl, 3 sks, 5 tfl, 10 pbu. Tim Bowers (6-0 225 Sr) 10 sts in 99, 50 tkls, 7 tfl, 5 pbu.*

**ILB ANDREW LECLAIR JR.** 6-6 255 *PS#249. 2 sts, 9 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in 99, #1 w/102 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. Glenn Robinson (6-3 235 rFr) PS#101LB.*

**ILB DARISS LOMAX SR.** 6-2 235 *PS#64, 24 tkls as true. Susp in 98. 8 sts in 99 (til inj), 50 tkls.* **Marcus Rogers** *(6-1 235 Jr) PS#142, 6 sts, 84 tkls, 2 yrs.*

**CB QUINCY ROE JR.** 5-9 185 *PS#105, 1 st in 98, 1 int. 7 sts in 99, 25 tkls, 4 pbu. Matt Jordan (5-10 190 So) PS#215RB, 89 yds in 99.*

**CB ANDREW DAVISON JR.** 5-11 195 *PS#118, 4 sts, 21 tkls as true, 12 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 5 pbu, HM Big 12. Jamarei Bryant (6-0 190 Jr) PS#349JC.*

**SS KAREEM HIGH SR.** 5-10 205 *PS#17JUCO in 99. 6 int at JC. 12 starts here, 76 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. Santana Lane is PS#140 this year.*

**FS CARL NESMITH SR.** 6-3 215 *PS#61JC. 5 sts here in 99, 1st team Big 12, 89 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu. Bilal Cook (5-11 190 Sr) PS#186.*

**P JOEY PELFANIO SR.** 6-1 210 *42.3 avg (#7 in JC) in 97. Sat out 98. 72 punts here in 99, 3rd tm Big 12, 43.0 avg but only net of 33.9.*

# KANSAS JAYHAWKS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score KU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Even with a +43 turnover ratio since 1991, the Jayhawks are just 43-54-4 44% ATS in that span.<br>Kansas is 5-10 ATS L/5Y vs non-Big 12 teams.<br>Jayhawks are 2-8 ATS in the first of B2B away games. |
| Sep. 2 | at SMU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might apply here: KU is 2-7 ATS their L/9 away as chalk.<br>Last year's 27-9 KU win was their 1st meeting vs SMU since 1955. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | Alabama-Birm | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Jayhawks are 17-31-1 overall ATS on artificial turf.<br>Kansas is 8-4 in their first lined home game. |
| Sep. 23 | S Illinois | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Saluki's are in the Gateway Conference and were 5-6 SU last year.<br>KU has won their last three "NL" games by a combined 206-35! |
| Sep. 30 | at Oklahoma | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hawks are 1-12 ATS as an away dog under Allen.<br>Kansas is an unbelievable 1-14 ATS L/3Y on the road. |
| Oct. 7 | Kansas St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | KU has lost 6 straight ATS vs KSU & is 2-8 ATS the L/10.<br>Jayhawks are 9-22 ATS L/31 tries as an underdog. |
| Oct. 14 | at Missouri | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Kansas is 3-10 ATS on grass the last four seasons.<br>The home team has won 4 straight ATS in this series. |
| Oct. 21 | Colorado (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Kansas is 3-7 ATS the last 10 years vs Colorado.<br>The visitor is 7-4 ATS the last 11 in this series. |
| Oct. 28 | Texas Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Kansas is 16-29-1 ATS in conference play the L/6Y.<br>These former Big 8 & SWC members have met just twice, TT 2-0 SU & ATS. |
| Nov. 4 | at Nebraska | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | KU is just 5-19 ATS vs the Big Red Machine.<br>Jayhawks are 5-18-1 ATS in November the L/8Y. |
| Nov. 11 | Texas | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Kansas is 9-12 ATS L/21 but 6-2 L/8 ATS as a home dog.<br>Jayhawks are 3-10-1 ATS their L/14 home finales. |
| Nov. 18 | at Iowa St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Kansas is 7-3-1 ATS the L/11 vs the Cyclones.<br>KU is 1-7 ATS their L/8 road finales. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,250)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-7 | 6-5 | 9-2 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 4-7 | 5-7 | 38-41 |
| ATS | 8-4 | 4-6 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 2-8 | 5-5-1 | 31-44-1 |
| Home Fav | 4-1 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 0-1 | 2-1-1 | 13-11-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-3 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 7-7 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 3-1 | 0-2 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 6-8 |
| Away Dog | 2-3 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 0-5 | 0-3 | 1-4 | 5-18 |
| Favorite | 5-1 | 4-4 | 2-5 | 3-4 | 3-1 | 0-3 | 2-1-1 | 19-19-1 |
| Dog | 3-3 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 0-4 | 2-5 | 2-5 | 3-4 | 12-25 |
| Grass | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 2-3 | 0-1 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 7-11 |
| Artificial | 7-4 | 2-5 | 3-7 | 1-5 | 5-5 | 2-4 | 4-3-1 | 24-33-1 |
| vs Conf | 6-1 | 2-5 | 3-4 | 1-7 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 4-3-1 | 22-30-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-3 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 9-14 |
| Off SU Win | 3-1 | 1-4 | 4-4 | 1-3 | 1-4 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 12-22 |
| Off SU Loss | 5-2 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 1-5 | 3-2 | 2-4 | 4-1-1 | 17-18-1 |

## Coach: TERRY ALLEN (Career 89-46)
### *Allen's records AT KANSAS*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Kansas | | 5-3-1 | Home Favorite |
| 14-20 | Straight Up | 6-2 | Home Underdog |
| 12-19-1 | Vs The Spread | 0-2 | Away Favorite |
| 9-7-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-12 | Away Underdog |
| 10-13-1 | Vs BIG 12 | 2-7 | Vs Non-BIG 12 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | Liberty | NL | N Carolina St | 18-31 | L |
| 75 | Sun | NL | Pittsburgh | 19-33 | L |
| 81 | All American | +6' | Mississippi St | 0-10 | L |
| 92 | Aloha | +3 | BYU | 23-20 | W |
| 95 | Aloha | +5 | UCLA | 51-30 | W |

# KANSAS (5-7)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 12 NORTH**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 41 (23,16,2)**
**Lost: 21 (9,11,1)**

## KANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 24.5 | 18 | 171 | 4.0 | 162 | 51.9 | 13.6 | +1 | 1999 | 5 | 29.5 | 19 | 150 | 3.8 | 233 | 57.2 | 13.0 |
| 10* | 25.5 | 18 | 149 | 3.8 | 171 | 49.3 | 12.6 | -2 | 1998 | 4 | 31.0 | 20 | 236 | 4.6 | 152 | 51.5 | 12.5 |
| 3* | 16.1 | 13 | 115 | 3.1 | 125 | 44.7 | 14.9 | -3 | 1997 | 8 | 25.4 | 19 | 204 | 4.1 | 155 | 55.1 | 14.2 |
| 7 | 27.3 | 20 | 163 | 3.5 | 187 | 53.4 | 12.8 | +11 | 1996 | 7 | 32.5 | 21 | 215 | 5.0 | 223 | 54.5 | 13.5 |
| 6 | 28.8 | 21 | 211 | 4.8 | 195 | 60.7 | 14.1 | +8 | 1995 | 4 | 21.8 | 20 | 192 | 4.5 | 196 | 50.3 | 17.8 |
| 8* | 20.2 | 19 | 219 | 4.6 | 142 | 54.4 | 17.9 | +6 | 1994 | 7 | 21.3 | 22 | 198 | 4.6 | 187 | 56.2 | 18.0 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Notre Dame | 14 | 30-122 | 4.1 | 17-33 | 149 | 2 | 22 | 51-363 | 7.1 | 9-20 | 89 | 2 | 0 |
| Cal St Northridge | 27 | 58-353 | 6.1 | 19-25 | 284 | 0 | 12 | 24-118 | 4.9 | 17-38 | 180 | 2 | +4 |
| at Colorado | 9 | 25-26 | 1.0 | 17-32 | 146 | 1 | 25 | 49-136 | 2.8 | 24-34 | 306 | 3 | -1 |
| San Diego St | 12 | 26-0 | 0.0 | 13-25 | 181 | 3 | 28 | 49-229 | 4.7 | 19-25 | 343 | 0 | -1 |
| SMU | 26 | 46-143 | 3.1 | 20-35 | 241 | 0 | 14 | 34-47 | 1.4 | 16-31 | 221 | 2 | -2 |
| at Kansas St | 18 | 41-209 | 5.1 | 7-27 | 77 | 2 | 21 | 49-208 | 4.2 | 13-20 | 312 | 0 | -3 |
| at Texas A&M | 15 | 42-108 | 2.6 | 17-29 | 141 | 3 | 25 | 38-160 | 4.2 | 21-31 | 362 | 3 | +2 |
| Missouri | 12 | 50-169 | 3.4 | 7-14 | 135 | 5 | 12 | 34-44 | 1.3 | 13-30 | 173 | 4 | +2 |
| Nebraska | 17 | 39-116 | 3.0 | 16-31 | 217 | 5 | 15 | 42-173 | 4.1 | 11-20 | 193 | 2 | 0 |
| Baylor | 28 | 54-373 | 6.9 | 11-18 | 93 | 0 | 15 | 33-96 | 2.9 | 16-35 | 155 | 3 | 0 |
| at Oklahoma St | 16 | 42-151 | 3.6 | 10-25 | 156 | 5 | 15 | 42-138 | 3.3 | 13-19 | 135 | 5 | -2 |
| Iowa St | 25 | 59-283 | 4.8 | 10-22 | 119 | 2 | 22 | 34-91 | 2.7 | 22-36 | 332 | 3 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 219 | 512-2053 | 4.0 | 164-316 | 1939 | 28 | 226 | 479-1803 | 3.8 | 194-339 | 2801 | 29 | +1 |
| AVERAGES | 18.3 | 43-171 | 4.0 | 14-26 | 162 | 2.3 | 18.8 | 40-150 | 3.8 | 16-28 | 233 | 2.4 | 0.1 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | -15 | 23-18 | L |
| at N Texas | -19 | 27-10 | L |
| TCU | -3' | 38-20 | W |
| Houston | -23 | 20-13 | L |
| at Colorado | +22 | 40-24 | W |
| Iowa St | -17 | 34-7 | W |
| at Oklahoma | +6' | 38-17 | W |
| at Kansas St | +1 | 7-41 | L |
| Missouri | -20 | 42-23 | L |
| Nebraska | +24' | 3-41 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | -9' | 22-17 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ball St | -21 | 35-10 | W |
| at TCU | -5' | 52-17 | W |
| at Utah | -3 | 42-45 | L |
| at Oklahoma | -11 | 52-24 | W |
| Texas Tech | -1 | 17-30 | L |
| Colorado | +8' | 7-20 | L |
| at Nebraska | +33 | 7-63 | L |
| at Iowa St | -7' | 34-31 | L |
| Kansas St | +7 | 12-38 | L |
| Texas | +6' | 17-38 | L |
| at Missouri | -3 | 25-42 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama-Birm | -23 | 24-0 | W |
| TCU | -10' | 17-10 | L |
| Missouri | -2 | 15-7 | W |
| at Cincinnati | +3' | 7-34 | L |
| Oklahoma | +3' | 20-17 | W |
| at Texas Tech | +9' | 7-17 | L |
| at Colorado | +16' | 6-42 | L |
| Nebraska | +37' | 0-35 | W |
| Iowa St | -9 | 34-24 | W |
| at Kansas St | +23 | 16-48 | L |
| at Texas | +6' | 31-45 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oklahoma St | +8' | 28-38 | L |
| at Missouri | +17 | 23-41 | L |
| Illinois St | NL | 63-21 | – |
| at Alabama-Birm | -7 | 39-37 | L |
| Texas A&M | +13' | 21-24 | W |
| at Baylor | +6 | 24-31 | L |
| at Nebraska | +34 | 0-41 | L |
| Colorado | +7 | 33-17 | W |
| Kansas St | +27 | 6-54 | L |
| N Texas | -15 | 23-14 | L |
| at Iowa St | -2' | 20-23 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Notre Dame | +17 | 13-48 | L |
| Cal St Northridge | NL | 71-14 | – |
| at Colorado | +16 | 17-51 | L |
| San Diego St | -1 | 13-41 | L |
| SMU | -8 | 27-9 | W |
| at Kansas St | +29 | 9-50 | L |
| at Texas A&M | +32 | 17-34 | W |
| Missouri | +8 | 21-0 | W |
| Nebraska | +32 | 17-24 | W |
| Baylor | -14 | 45-10 | W |
| at Oklahoma St | +7 | 13-45 | L |
| Iowa St | -3 | 31-28 | T |

# KANSAS ST WILDCATS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Bill Snyder does a fine job developing QB's. Last year they had to replace the amazing Michael Bishop who had thrown for 3,026 yards (54%) with a 27-8 ratio in 98. In Bishop's first season as a starter, he completed 45% with a 17-4 ratio. Jonathan Beasley started and played the majority of 99, echoing Bishop's numbers as a first year starter throwing for 2,021 yards (44.9%) with a 14-8 ratio. KSU QB's normally have a low completion percentage and high ypc as they go deep often and Beasley averaged 20.1 yards per completion in the regular season, a school record. Backup Adam Helm departs after one start and 289 yards passing his senior year. He was responsible for the comeback vs Iowa St. Exciting Eli Roberson (6-0 190 rFr), who was PS#21, is the new backup and will contend for the starter's job. He almost played as a true frosh but an injury set him back and he was exciting in the spring game. Jeremy Milne (6-0 210 Jr) was PS#62 and has 2 passes in 6 games in 2 years. Zac Burton (6-6 224 Sr) was PS#120. KSU has produced a 1st or 2nd team all conference QB in 8 of the last 10 years. This group has a lot more experience and I'll say better depth than last year and therefore should be improved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Wildcats had to replace their top 2 backs from 98 but still had a quality unit headed by JC transfers. Unfortunately injuries curtailed most of the key performers last year. Frank Murphy (#6 DC of CHI), who was the fastest player ever at KSU, got in just 105 carries and rushed for 583 yards (5.6). David Allen (PS#70DB) who is perhaps the NCAA's best all-time PR, had 7 starts and 372 yards (4.9). Joe Hall became the biggest TB in the country at 300 lbs after starting the year at FB. He did well in the feature back role leading the team with 653 yards (4.9) including 3 straight 100 yard games. Hall was not on the team in the spring and is an academic question mark for the 2000 season. Snyder signed a VHT JUCO in Josh Scobey who rushed for 2423 yards and 31 TD's at JC in 2 years and he was in for the spring. RFr Rashad Washington, who I list as 3rd string below, has a chance to make an impact as do Rashad Jackson (5-10 190 rFr, PS#145) and Danny Morris (5-11 200 rFr, PS#116). Starting FB Johnno Lazetich is also back. They do lose Murphy and most likely Hall, but since Murphy missed a good portion of last year anyway, I'll call this unit at least as strong in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - The Wildcats had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers last year including 2 of 3 starters. They are in much better shape this year as everyone returns and two of this year's top recruits are TE's (see Top Newcomers) but naturally both could end up at different positions as they are huge. I list the two deep below and practically everyone is an HT or a VHT. Aaron Lockett is Kevin's brother and has 79 rec's in 2 years with a nifty 18.7 average. Quincy Morgan was PS#34JC and started 11 games winning 1st Team Big 12 honors. He averaged a super 22.1 per reception, and led the team with 49 grabs. Not listed below are Brandon Clark (6-3 220 Jr) who was PS#47 and has 2 rec's in 2 years. Derrick Evans (5-11 160 rFr) was PS#129, Brandon Solt (6-3 170 So) was PS#132QB and transferred from Nebraska. I also expect last year's #2 TE, Nick Warren (6-7 255 Jr) and Brian Lamone (6-4 235 So, PS#252DL) to contend at TE. This unit has added talent, good depth and is much more experienced than last year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 97 & 98 the KSU O-line topped 300 lbs per man. Last year the unit was much smaller and less experienced as they had just one starter returning and had to replace 5 of 9 lettermen. This year two starters depart. Gone are LG Ian Moses (12 sts) and LT Damion McIntosh (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, #3 DC of SD). Thomas Barnett (10 sts, HM B12) was not on the team in the spring but should return in the fall. Four players besides Barnett return with starting experience and the reason Stephenson lost his starter's job in 98 was due to his smaller size and he continues to get bigger. Snyder does have some JUCO transfers he can turn to as well as a VHT true frosh. This unit has more experience than the 99 version and their 1st team Big 12 C Randall Cummins is the top man here.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year KSU had 5 of the top 7 players back plus brought in 2 VHT JUCO transfers that took over starting jobs. This year they must replace DE Darren Howard (12 sts, 1st tm Big 12, 19.5 tfl, #2 DC of NO) who leaves as KSU's all-time leading sack leader. I list the two deep below and there are 5 VHT's in this group and plenty of experience. Snyder also brings in another duo of JC transfers this year. Howard leaves some big shoes to fill but this unit, with basically everyone else back, looks even stronger in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Wildcats had to replace two star LB's but did have 6 of 9 lettermen returning. This year two more stars depart in OLB Marc Simoneau (12 sts, 1st tm AA, Big 12 Defensive POY, 20.5 tfl, #3 DC of ATL) and OLB Travis Litton (11 sts, 42 tkls, 6.5 tfl). If Warren Lott is 100% recovered from his 98 knee surgery, he should give this unit a big boost as he is a VHT JUCO transfer. This looks like a talented group, but I'll call it weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Last year KSU finished #1 in both the NCAA's and my pass efficiency defense rankings. KSU recorded the lowest pass efficiency rating allowed in 22 years of the NCAA rankings allowing only 39.8% with 5 TD's and 22 int's. That was a veteran group that only had to replace one starter and is in the same situation this year. Nine of 10 lettermen return and the only loss is FS Lamar Chapman (1st tm Big 12, 6 int, 11 pbu, #3 tkl'r, #5 DC of CLE). Naturally with almost everyone back this is one of the best secondaries in the NCAA.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - One area that Snyder has emphasized as being a huge part of the KSU success is this unit. In 97 they finished #3 in my special teams rankings and in 98 in my magazine, I called them the best in the country. They didn't disappoint as they finished that year #1 in my rankings and did so in dominating fashion, receiving the highest overall grade in the 7 years I've had my rankings. They were exceptional in all areas. Last year, I said they would be weaker but still a top 10 contender and that is nearly what happened as they finished 12th in my special teams rankings. They were outstanding in almost every aspect including +6 in the TD/blk category, only allowing 16.16 per KR, and of course had the super return game as always despite David Allen averaging his lowest amount on PR's at "just" 13.9. Allen had averaged 22.1 on PR's in 98 and if he returns just one KR or PR for a TD this year, he will set an NCAA record. The weakness last year was in the punting game as they surprisingly had a net of just 32.3 breaking in a couple of new P's. One of this year's top recruits is a P and I expect that part of the special teams to be improved. Jamie Rheem, 1 of 3 finalists for the Lou Groza award, has a powerful leg and handled the KO's in 97 & last year. Almost all of the top returnmen are back and despite teams kicking away from Allen on punts last year, he still earned 2 TD's. This year the Wildcats will again contend for the #1 spot in my special teams rankings.

QB Jonathan Beasley leads one of the most productive offenses in college football.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Joe Hall** | 132 | 672 | 19 | 653 | 6 | 4.9 |
| Frank Murphy | 105 | 611 | 28 | 583 | 6 | 5.6 |
| **David Allen** | 76 | 379 | 7 | 372 | 6 | 4.9 |
| **Jonathan Beasley** | 120 | 464 | 189 | 275 | 11 | 2.3 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jonathan Beasley** | 234 | 105 | 44.9 | 2021 | 14 | 8 |
| Adam Helm | 51 | 25 | 49.0 | 289 | 0 | 2 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Quincy Morgan** | 49 | 1082 | 22.1 | 9 | 88 |
| **Aaron Lockett** | 35 | 551 | 15.7 | 3 | 43 |
| **Martez Wesley** | 10 | 143 | 14.3 | 0 | 38 |
| Frank Murphy | 9 | 106 | 11.8 | 0 | 38 |
| **George Williams** | 8 | 202 | 25.3 | 1 | 58 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mike Ronsick** | 35 | 1297 | 37.1 | - | - | 0 | 8 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jamie Rheem** | 8-9 | 5-5 | 5-7 | 1-2 | 19-23 | 57 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mark Simoneau | 99 | 7.5 | 13 | 4 | 2 |
| **Jarrod Cooper** | 82 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| Lamar Chapman | 73 | 0.5 | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Darren Howard | 62 | 6.5 | 13 | 9 | 2 |
| **Ben Leber** | 61 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| **Monty Beisel** | 52 | 6.5 | 7 | 9 | 0 |
| **Mario Fatafehi** | 48 | 3.5 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Travis Litton | 42 | 1.5 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| **Cliff Holloman** | 38 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| **Jerametrius Butler** | 34 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| **Chris Johnson** | 32 | 5.5 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| **Dyshod Carter** | 30 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| **Jon McGraw** | 22 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **David Allen** | 28 | 390 | 13.9 | 2 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Terence Newman** | 7 | 209 | 29.9 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**TEMPLE -34 40-0 WIN** The 50,624 on hand were a record crowd as the result of an 8,000 seat expansion. Murphy rushed for 149 yds. Howard forced 2 fmbl's & ret'd his 1st int 22 yds for a TD. Temple didn't cross midfield until late 4Q & only after a KSU fmbl. Bill Snyder reinserted his 1st team def to keep the shutout alive & they drove Godfrey out of bounds at the 4 on 4th down with 3:19 left. Temple's newfangled pass offense managed just 82 yds, 35 in the 1H. KSU had 227 yds by halftime & finished with 433.

**UTEP -32' 40-7 WIN** Murphy ret'd the opening KO 76 yds to set up a TD. A 58 yd TD pass made it 14-0 after 1Q. Leading only 14-7, KSU got a 69 yd int ret for a TD. A FG & safety put KSU up 26-7 after 3Q's. Morgan scored on a 41 yd TD pass. KSU was int at the 11 but Murphy added a 12 yd TD run with 5:01 left to give KSU the cover.

**AT IOWA ST -15 35-28 LOSS** ISU had 332-102 yd & 18-5 FD edges & led 28-7 at the half. ISU could have led by more but was int'd in the EZ & had a 27 yd FG blk'd. Helm came in at QB on the 2nd series of the 3Q & guided KSU 80 yds for a TD. Allen then ret'd a punt 94 yds for a TD, 28-21. ISU drove 48 yds but missed a 42 yd FG. KSU drove 75 & 62 yds for TD's, the last w/ under 3 minutes left. ISU was SOD and KSU escaped.

**AT TEXAS +6 35-17 WIN** SIX UT TO's were the key. UT had a 188-52 yd edge in the 1H but an int & fmbl set up 2 short KSU FG's. UT had an 80 yd TD drive, 7-6. UT made a 44 yd FG but a pen took it off the board & they missed a 49 yd FG. A blk'd punt by UT was taken also off the board by pen. UT got a 52 yd TD drive, 14-6. KSU got a 32 yd FG, 14-9 at half. Allen ret'd a 3Q punt 74 yds for a TD. Both teams got FG's. KSU ret'd an int 37 yds for a TD, got a 36 yd TD drive foll a fmbl & a 20 yd FG after a fmbl on the 6 for a very misleading final. UT finished with a 305-277 yd edge.

**KANSAS -29 50-9 WIN** The crowd of 52,254 was the largest ever to see a sporting event in Kansas. KSU set a school record with 18 pen for 162 yds. Murphy was out. KSU got an 88 yd TD pass. KU got an 88 yd drive but settled for a FG. KU tried to kick away from PR Allen & 2 short punts set up KSU scores, 17-3. KU drove 44 yds but was int'd & KSU drove 44 yds for a TD. KU drove 80 yds for a TD but KSU drove 22 yds after a fumble, 30-9 at half. KU missed a FG and had one blk'd while KSU got 2 TD's. KSU drove 27 yds for a TD foll a blk'd punt in the 4Q. KSU finished with a 520-286 yd edge.

**UTAH ST -29' 40-0 WIN** USU QB Crosbie was bothered by the 25 mph wind & hit just 2 of 18 in the 1H. KSU settled for FG's of 24, 43, 57 & 25, 12-0 at half. USU missed a 21 yd FG. KSU drove 80 yds for a TD. USU got a 65 yd pass to the 1 but were SOD. With 8:44 left, KSU got a 32 yd TD pass, 26-0. USU missed a 41 yd FG. With just 4:08 left Hall (195 yds in 2H) got a 10 yd TD run, 33-0. KSU ret'd a late int for another TD.

**AT OKLAHOMA ST -6' 44-21 WIN** OSU got 3 TD drives to open & had a 200-38 yd edge 2:00 into the 2Q but gained just 77 yds the rest of the game. After a KSU TD OSU fmbl'd on its own 17 to set up a KSU TD. KSU tied it at half driving 65 yds in :20. KSU led just 24-21 with 4:55 left in the 3Q but got 2 straight TD drives & added a 1 play TD drive foll an int, 44-21 with 9:02 left. OSU's final 2 drives ended on int's.

**BAYLOR -38 48-7 WIN** KSU's 1st 3 drives were 15, 9 and 13 plays covering 71, 49 and 72 yds, 21-0. BU had just 1 FD in the 1H. It was 34-0 at the half. KSU ret'd the 3Q KO 73 yds to set up a short TD. BU crossed midfield for the 1st time with 12:09 left. KSU got a TD with 6:04 left for the cover & had a 402-119 yd edge.

**COLORADO -16 20-14 LOSS** Defenses were dominant & KSU had just a 10-7 FD edge & CU had 17 more yds. KSU got a 63 yd TD pass on 2nd & 21. Late 2Q KSU blk'd a punt to set up a 12 yd drive for a TD with :36 left. 1H 14-0. KSU got 20 & 42 yd FG's on drives that started at the CU 30 & 33, 20-0. They appeared headed for a shutout but w/ 6:20 left CU got a 64 yd TD pass. On CU's next poss, they got a 70 yd TD pass w/ 4:13 left. KSU punted but CU's 4th & 3 pass fell incomplete.

**AT NEBRASKA +9' 15-41 LOSS** I used NU as my 5★ 1999 College POY. The Huskers dominated the 1H with a 14-7 FD edge but fmbl'd 10 times losing 3. NU fmbl'd on the 1st play but blk'd a KSU FG. NU got a 30 yd TD run, 7-0. NU fmbl'd at the KSU 1 but blk'd a punt for a safety & drove 73 yds for a TD, 16-0. KSU fmbl'd in the EZ but it was ruled down & got a TD on the next play, 16-6. NU drove 62 yds for a TD & KSU got a 35 yd FG, 24-9 at half. NU fmbl'd on their own 39 & KSU got a TD with 5:35 left. NU was SOD at the KSU 25 but ret'd a fmbl for a TD. NU finished with 20-11 FD & 309-92 rushing edges.

**MISSOURI -26 66-0 WIN** KSU forced 6 TO's & scored on their 1st 5 poss, 35-0 after 1Q. The KSU offensive starters came out 2Q & Snyder only allowed 8 passes, including 1 by 3rd string QB Milne who played the entire 2H. KSU had a 347-116 yd edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Bill Snyder has simply done an amazing job here. His program is now an example to others who want to quickly build a winning tradition. KSU was arguably the worst football program in major college football when he arrived in 1989 as the Cats were off seasons in which they went 0-21-1 and had only 37% wins in school history. Snyder parlayed a soft schedule and better recruiting into more wins. They were inches away from the national title game in '98 leading Texas A&M 17-3 in the Big 12 Title game but let the lead slip away. Last year KSU, in a rebuilding year, had just 9 starters back but still opened up 9-0 and suffered just one loss (to powerhouse Nebraska on the road). KSU is one of just 5 schools to win at least 9 games in each season from '93-'99 and one of only 2 schools to win at least 10 games in each of the last 3 years. They have 3 consecutive Top 10 finishes and ended last year ranked #6, their highest finish ever. KSU has the nation's 3rd longest home winning streak at 22. They showed great comeback ability down 21 points on the road vs both Okla St and Iowa St. Last year they expanded their home stadium by 8,000 seats and naturally set a season attendance record with an average of 51,136. Snyder was a protégé of Hayden Fry at Iowa and has learned the lesson of battering his state rival in order to gain the intrastate recruiting edge. In the last 7 years, they have beaten rival Kansas by an average score of 37-10. KSU averaged only 373 ypg offense last year with just 3 returning starters while breaking in a new QB. That was down from the 465 ypg the previous year. They still managed to score 38.1 ppg with 65 points directly scored by the special teams and defense with many others being set up by those two units. They have a pair of capable QB's, some solid skill players and a veteran O-line and will be more productive. The defense does suffer some losses but should come close to last year's standards and WILL rank in the top 10 defensively. They have their usual creampuff non-conf schedule and really only have 3 tests this year. They visit both Colo and A&M and host Nebraska. This team is capable of an undefeated season and that makes them a national title contender.


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| | |
|---|---|
| OL | Chris Boggas 6-5 315 PS#14 |
| TE | Brian Casey 6-7 255 PS#13 |
| TE | Jon Doty 6-8 270 PS#16 |
| RB | Josh Scobey 6-0 205 PS#13JC |
| OL | Ryan Schmuecker 6-5 285 PS#93 |
| OL | Nick Leckey 6-4 285 PS#115 |
| LB | Maurice Thurmond 6-2 205 PS#124 |
| DB | DeMarcus Faggins 5-11 175 PS#109JC |
| QB | Will Martin 6-0 200 PS#91 |
| K | Jared Brite 6-2 185 PS#22 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JONATHAN BEASLEY SR.** 6-1 215 *PS#21. 201 yds in 96 & 97. RS in 98. 2021 yds (44.9%), 14-8 ratio in 99, 464 rush. Eli Roberson (6-0 190 rFr) PS#21.*
**RB DAVID ALLEN SR.** 5-9 200 *260 yds (5.3) in 98, 867 return yds. 7 sts in 99, 372 yds (4.9). Josh Scobey is PS#13JC/ Rashad Washington (6-3 200 rFr) PS#27.*
**FB Johnno Lazetich Sr.** 6-1 240 *177 yds at Oreg St in 97. 5 sts here ly (inj). Joe Hall (6-2 290 Sr) PS#16JC ly, 653 yds (4.9). Acad ? in 2000.*
**WR AARON LOCKETT JR.** 5-7 160 *PS#80. 7 sts in 98, 44 rec (21.1). 12 sts in 99, 35 rec (15.7). LaRoy Bias (6-0 165 rFr) PS#29. Martez Wesley 10 rec (14.3).*
**WR QUINCY MORGAN SR.** 6-2 215 *PS#34JC. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/49 rec, super 22.1 ypc, 1st tm B12. George Williams (6-0 185 Sr) PS#38JC, 8 rec here ly.*
**TE SHAD MEIER SR.** 6-5 250 *PS#31TE in 96. 1 st in 98. 12 sts in 99, 8 rec (13.1). Thomas Hill (6-5 256 rFr) PS#37. Nick Warren had 2 sts in 99.*
**C RANDALL CUMMINS SR.** 6-3 285 *13 sts as rFr. HM Big 12. 12 sts in 99, 1st tm Big 12. Jim Radovich (6-4 316 rFr) PS#136. Dan Divilbiss (6-1 280 Jr).*
**RG Steve Washington So.** 6-4 315 *PS#67 in 98. 2nd string in 99 & lettered. Billy Miller (6-6 275 Jr) PS#201JC. Grant Reves (6-6 295 Sr) PS#248.*
**LG Andy Eby Jr.** 6-3 280 *PS#139OL. Started 1st 4 at RG in 99 & lettered. Oshin Honarchian (6-5 290 Jr) PS#86JC in 99 & reds.*
**RT JOHN ROBERTSON JR.** 6-4 291 *PS#101DL. 10 gms as rFr. 11 sts in 99 (4 @ RT, 8 @ RG). Chris Bailes (6-6 280 So) PS#51TE, 2nd string in 99.*
**LT THOMAS BARNETT JR.** 6-5 290 *Had 10 sts in 99, HM Big 12. Milford Stephenson (6-2 285 Sr) was PS#53TE. 7 starts at LT in 98, 3 letters.*
**K JAMIE RHEEM SR.** 6-2 190 *4 of 8 FG's, long 51 as true in 96. 40 TB's on 78 KO's in 97. Groza finalist ly, 1st tm B12. Hit 19 of 23 FG's, long of 57.*

**DE MONTY BEISEL SR.** 6-3 255 *PS#15. 4 tfl as true. 2 sts in 98, 36 tkls, 10 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 52 tkls, 6.5 sks, 9 pbu. Andrew Shull (6-5 230 rFr) PS#68.*
**DT CLIFF HOLLOMAN SR.** 6-4 275 *PS#19JC. 6 sks in 1 gm at JC as Fr. 11 sts here ly, 38 tkls, 8 tfl. DeVane Robinson (6-1 285 Jr) PS#30, 35 tkls, 3 tfl in 2 yrs.*
**DT MARIO FATAFEHI SR.** 6-2 305 *PS#6JC. 12 sts here in 99, 48 tkls, 10.5 tfl, 2nd tm Big 12. Big 12 Def Newcomer Of Yr. Eric Everley (6-6 322 Jr) PS#94.*
**DE Chris Johnson Sr.** 6-1 265 *PS#101LB. 27 tkls, 5 tfl in 97 & 98. 32 tkls, 5.5 sks, 5 tfl in 99. Melvin Williams (6-4 255 So) PS#45DL, 6 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr.*
**SLB BEN LEBER JR.** 6-3 250 *PS#179RB, 1 st, 30 tkls, 10 tfl as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 61 tkls, 9 tfl, 3 pbu, HM Big 12. Andy Klocke (6-2 220 So), 1 sl, 7 tkls ly.*
**MLB Warren Lott Sr.** 6-3 230 *PS#28JC in 98. Inj in 99. Turelle Williams (6-0 240 Sr) PS#79, 28 tkls, 4 yrs. Terry Pierce (6-3 250 rFr) PS#153.*
**WLB Josh Buhl rFr.** 6-0 205 *PS#26. Added 15 lbs. 4.4 speed. Ken Greene (6-3 240 Jr) PS#271JC. Jason Kazar (6-0 220 Sr) 2 sts, 17 tkls, 3 yrs.*
**CB JERAMETRIUS BUTLER JR.** 5-10 180 *PS#163. 6 sts as rFr, 39 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 34 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. DeRon Tyler (5-8 170 Jr) 2 sts, 17 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 int.*
**CB DYSHOD CARTER SR.** 5-10 185 *9 sts, 10 pbu in 97. 12 sts, 3 int, 6 pbu in 98. 11 sts ly, 5 int, 8 pbu, 2nd tm B12, 30 tkls. DeMarcus Faggins (5-11 175 Jr) PS#109JC.*
**SS JARROD COOPER SR.** 6-1 210 *PS#130. 8 sts, 9 tfl in 97. 13 sts, 1st tm Big 12 in 98, 92 tkls, 14 tfl, 9 pbu. 12 sts in 99, 82 tkls, 12 pbu, (not 100%) 2nd tm B12.*
**FS Milton Proctor Jr.** 6-0 200 *PS#47DB. 16 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu in 98. 15 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu in 99. Jon McGraw (6-3 200 Jr) 35 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu in 2Y.*
**P TRAVIS BROWN SO.** 6-5 215 *25 punts as rFr in 99, 36.7 avg. Mike Ronsick (6-2 190 Jr) had 35 punts (37.1). Jared Brite is PS#22K.*

# KANSAS ST WILDCATS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score KSU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | In 8 straight seasons and 9 of the last 10 years, the Wildcats have had a positive turnover ratio. Wildcats are 8-2 SU, 7-2-1 ATS vs Oklahoma State. KSU has not lost an opener SU since 1989, 6-0-1 ATS in that span. Kansas St is 11-21 ATS as a road dog of 13 or less. |
| Aug. 26 | † Iowa (Kansas City) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | KSU's last meeting vs a Big 10 team was in 1994. The Cats shut out Minnesota 35-0 as a 9 pt home favorite. |
| Sep. 2 | Louisiana Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats are 13-2 ATS at home vs non Big 12 foes. KSU is 56-7-1 SU at home since 1990. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | Ball St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats are 8-5 ATS after a bye week since 1986. Kansas St is 6-1 ATS L/7 vs current MAC schools. |
| Sep. 23 | N Texas | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cats are a stunning 13-0 ATS L/2Y when favored by 20 or more. KSU is 22-7 ATS overall vs non-conf opponents since 1990. |
| Sep. 30 | at Colorado | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats are 4-11 ATS the last 15 in this series. Coming into 2000 KSU was 21-6 ATS L/27 Sept contests. |
| Oct. 7 | at Kansas | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Favorite is 5-1 ATS in this series, KU last favored 6 years ago. KSU is 12-5 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since 1984. |
| Oct. 14 | Oklahoma | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Should apply here: Wildcats are 18-7 ATS L/25 after a SU win. Kansas St is 11-2 ATS at home vs Big 12 teams L/3Y. |
| Oct. 21 | Texas Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | KSU is 32-11-2 ATS the L/10 years as home chalk. Cats are 10-1 ATS in their second straight Manhattan Project. |
| Oct. 28 | at Texas A&M | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | KSU is 5-0 ATS when travelling to the Lone Star State. Last visit to Kyle Field was a 23-20 victory in 1996. |
| Nov. 4 | Iowa St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | KSU is 9-5 ATS L/14 but 1-2 LY in November games. Might apply: KSU is 17-5 ATS off a SU loss since 1990. |
| Nov. 11 | Nebraska | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could be installed a HD here for the 1st time since hosting Neb in '96. KSU is 5-11 ATS the L/16 series meetings. |
| Nov. 18 | at Missouri | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats are 4-10 ATS in the last 14 road finales. The favorite is 9-3-1 ATS the L/13 games in this series. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: KSU is 9-1 ATS after taking on Nebraska. |

## STADIUM: KSU STADIUM (50,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-2-1 | 9-2 | 9-2 | 9-2 | 10-1 | 11-1 | 10-1 | 66-11-1 |
| ATS | 5-4 | 6-4-1 | 7-4 | 5-4-1 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 46-26-2 |
| Home Fav | 1-2 | 2-2-1 | 6-1 | 1-2-1 | 4-1 | 5-1 | 6-1 | 25-10-2 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 12-10 |
| Away Dog | 2-0 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 6-4 |
| Favorite | 1-4 | 4-3-1 | 7-3 | 4-2-1 | 7-2 | 7-4 | 7-2 | 37-20-2 |
| Dog | 4-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 9-6 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 5-3 |
| Artificial | 5-4 | 6-4-1 | 7-4 | 3-4-1 | 7-2 | 6-3 | 7-2 | 41-23-2 |
| vs Conf | 3-4 | 3-3-1 | 4-3 | 3-4-1 | 6-2 | 5-4 | 5-3 | 29-23-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-0 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 17-3 |
| Off SU Win | 2-3 | 2-4 | 5-4 | 4-3 | 6-3 | 7-4 | 6-3 | 32-24 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 7-2 |

## Coach: BILL SNYDER (Career 88-40-1)
### *Snyder's records AT KANSAS STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12th Year at Kansas State | | 32-12-2 | Home Favorite |
| 88-40-1 | Straight Up | 8-5 | Home Underdog |
| 69-41-2 | Vs The Spread | 13-11 | Away Favorite |
| 19-9 | Off A S/U Loss | 14-13 | Away Underdog |
| 46-34-2 | Vs Conf | 21-7 | Vs Non-Conf |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Holiday | -9' | Colorado St | 54-21 | W |
| 96 | Cotton | -3' | BYU | 15-19 | L |
| 97 | Fiesta | -3 | Syracuse | 35-18 | W |
| 98 | Alamo | -13 | Purdue | 34-37 | L |
| 99 | Holiday | -10' | Washington | 24-20 | L |

# KANSAS ST (11-1)

CONFERENCE: BIG 12 NORTH

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 9*** **Returning: 47 (20,23,4)**
**DEFENSE: 7** **Lost: 13 (7,6,0)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 38.1 | 19 | 181 | 3.8 | 192 | 45.6 | 9.8 | +18 | 1999 | 6 | 13.7 | 13 | 108 | 3.2 | 130 | 39.8 | 17.4 |
| 8* | 46.9 | 24 | 217 | 4.6 | 248 | 55.3 | 9.9 | +13 | 1998 | 9 | 15.2 | 15 | 91 | 2.6 | 175 | 43.8 | 17.5 |
| 5 | 34.8 | 19 | 214 | 4.4 | 165 | 44.9 | 10.9 | +1 | 1997 | 4 | 14.8 | 14 | 134 | 3.2 | 139 | 41.4 | 18.5 |
| 5 | 28.3 | 18 | 128 | 3.3 | 189 | 57.2 | 11.2 | +6 | 1996 | 6 | 15.9 | 18 | 152 | 3.4 | 150 | 43.9 | 19.0 |
| 7 | 38.0 | 23 | 175 | 3.8 | 236 | 65.0 | 10.8 | +2 | 1995 | 8 | 13.8 | 14 | 119 | 3.3 | 136 | 43.8 | 21.1 |
| 6* | 26.0 | 20 | 109 | 3.1 | 228 | 57.1 | 13.2 | +12 | 1994 | 7 | 14.0 | 17 | 166 | 3.8 | 147 | 46.1 | 22.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | OFFENSE Rush-YDS | OFFENSE AVG | OFFENSE CO-ATT | OFFENSE YDS | OFFENSE SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | DEFENSE Rush-YDS | DEFENSE AVG | DEFENSE CO-ATT | DEFENSE YDS | DEFENSE SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Temple | 24 | 55-260 | 4.7 | 12-26 | 173 | 2 | 6 | 19-28 | 1.5 | 13-37 | 54 | 3 | +1 |
| UTEP | 20 | 47-193 | 4.1 | 12-23 | 265 | 1 | 13 | 26-66 | 2.5 | 18-41 | 181 | 1 | -1 |
| at Iowa St | 20 | 45-203 | 4.5 | 10-21 | 91 | 2 | 22 | 44-250 | 5.7 | 11-24 | 156 | 0 | -1 |
| at Texas | 16 | 45-95 | 2.1 | 13-30 | 182 | 5 | 16 | 26-34 | 1.3 | 19-37 | 271 | 4 | +6 |
| Kansas | 21 | 49-208 | 4.2 | 13-20 | 312 | 0 | 18 | 41-209 | 5.1 | 7-27 | 77 | 2 | +3 |
| Utah St | 25 | 59-277 | 4.7 | 9-29 | 163 | 2 | 8 | 18-(-7) | -0.4 | 12-43 | 162 | 2 | 0 |
| at Oklahoma St | 20 | 45-209 | 4.6 | 13-25 | 311 | 0 | 16 | 42-147 | 3.5 | 9-22 | 130 | 3 | +3 |
| Baylor | 24 | 56-225 | 4.0 | 15-24 | 177 | 0 | 7 | 33-102 | 3.1 | 3-16 | 17 | 4 | +1 |
| Colorado | 10 | 44-96 | 2.2 | 6-18 | 101 | 2 | 7 | 25-10 | 0.4 | 13-28 | 204 | 5 | +2 |
| at Nebraska | 11 | 37-92 | 2.5 | 8-32 | 142 | 5 | 20 | 61-309 | 5.1 | 8-17 | 69 | 1 | -2 |
| Missouri | 12 | 44-174 | 4.0 | 5-8 | 173 | 0 | 10 | 43-73 | 1.7 | 5-23 | 43 | 6 | +5 |
| Washington (Bowl) | 21 | 43-138 | 3.2 | 15-31 | 216 | 2 | 16 | 29-75 | 2.6 | 18-27 | 197 | 5 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 224 | 569-2170 | 3.8 | 131-287 | 2306 | 21 | 159 | 407-1296 | 3.2 | 136-342 | 1561 | 36 | +18 |
| AVERAGES | 18.7 | 47-181 | 3.8 | 11-24 | 192 | 1.8 | 13.3 | 34-108 | 3.2 | 11-29 | 130 | 3.0 | 1.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temple | -24' | 34-7 | W |
| at Cincinnati | -13 | 23-21 | L |
| Akron | -39 | 67-0 | W |
| N Illinois | -27 | 44-0 | W |
| Missouri | -21 | 30-0 | W |
| at Oklahoma St | -18 | 23-17 | L |
| at Nebraska | +23' | 25-49 | L |
| Kansas | -1 | 41-7 | W |
| Oklahoma | -6 | 49-10 | W |
| at Iowa St | -20 | 49-7 | W |
| Colorado | -3' | 17-27 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Texas Tech | -7 | 21-14 | T |
| Indiana St | NL | 59-3 | – |
| Cincinnati | -16' | 35-0 | W |
| at Rice | -21 | 34-7 | W |
| Nebraska | +12' | 3-39 | L |
| at Missouri | -17 | 35-10 | W |
| at Texas A&M | E | 23-20 | W |
| Oklahoma | -19' | 42-35 | L |
| at Kansas | -7 | 38-12 | W |
| at Colorado | +5' | 0-12 | L |
| Iowa St | -19' | 35-20 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Illinois | -36 | 47-7 | W |
| Ohio Univ | -24 | 23-20 | L |
| Bowling Green | -28 | 58-0 | W |
| at Nebraska | +22 | 26-56 | L |
| Missouri | -11' | 41-11 | W |
| Texas A&M | E | 36-17 | W |
| at Oklahoma | -10 | 26-7 | W |
| at Texas Tech | -6' | 13-2 | W |
| Kansas | -23 | 48-16 | W |
| Colorado | -9' | 37-20 | W |
| at Iowa St | -26' | 28-3 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana St | NL | 66-0 | – |
| N Illinois | -48' | 73-7 | W |
| Texas | -23 | 48-7 | W |
| NE Louisiana | -45 | 62-7 | W |
| at Colorado | -14' | 16-9 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -21 | 52-20 | W |
| Iowa St | -33' | 52-7 | W |
| at Kansas | -27 | 54-6 | W |
| at Baylor | -30' | 49-6 | W |
| Nebraska | -11 | 40-30 | L |
| at Missouri | -13 | 31-25 | L |
| † Texas A&M | -17' | 33-36 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temple | -34 | 40-0 | W |
| UTEP | -32' | 40-7 | W |
| at Iowa St | -15 | 35-28 | L |
| at Texas | +6 | 35-17 | W |
| Kansas | -29 | 50-9 | W |
| Utah St | -29' | 40-0 | W |
| at Oklahoma St | -6' | 44-21 | W |
| Baylor | -38 | 48-7 | W |
| Colorado | -16 | 20-14 | L |
| at Nebraska | +9' | 15-41 | L |
| Missouri | -26 | 66-0 | W |

# KENTUCKY WILDCATS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Not much was expected of Dusty Bonner, but he almost matched Tim Couch's rookie year stats in Hal Mumme's offense. He led the SEC in several passing categories despite taking 54 sacks, playing behind a young offensive line, and seing his prime receivers injured in the final four games. He had 16 TD passes in the first 5 games but just 10 over the last 7. Bonner is more mobile than Couch was and is generously listed at 6-2 217, but is probably an inch or so shorter than that. Jared Lorenzen (PS#19) has had academic problems, but has Couch's size and arm strength and could steal playing time from Bonner. He struggled most of the spring and Bonner was awarded the starter's job but he did hit 22 of 33 for 318 yards in the spring game. Mumme signed an HT true frosh this year as well. This group is much more experienced than it was last year and looks to be solidly improved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - In two seasons the Derek Homer/Anthony White combo was not able to match the excellent production of the 1997 season. That year the 2 backs combined for 1,225 yards rushing (5.6) and also had 90 receptions. In 98 the two combined for 1,261 yards rushing (4.96) although they did haul in 133 receptions. Last year with an inexperienced O-line, they dropped to 921 yards rushing (4.3) and 83 rec's. White led the team in rushing and was the #2 receiver as Homer got in Mumme's doghouse early. White departs while Homer returns for his senior year. Martez Johnson (5-10 191 So) was PS #52 and will battle Homer. At UK, the FB is the main RB and the HB is more of a receiver. Artose Pinner (5-11 208 So) had 67 yards rushing as a true frosh and 337 yards in 3 JV games. He was impressive in the spring and listed first string. Mumme signed a couple of frosh who could compete as well. Last year's statistics were down and this year's could very well be better, but the group is a little less experienced and I'll call it a notch weaker.

**RECEIVERS** - In Mumme's first year this group put up some big numbers as you would expect in a passing offense but had few NFL caliber players. Last year they had to replace their leading WR Craig Yeast (#4 DC of CIN) and then lost Jimmy Robinson to injury. Dougie Allen was #2 in rec's after 5 games, but he loo was lost for the year. James Whalen (#5 DC of TB) holds almost every NCAA record for a TE after hauling in 94 rec's (11.7) last year but he departs. Everyone else is back. Towards the end of last season, the WR corps was decimated by injuries and UK's offense slowed to a crawl. I list 5 WR's below in the 2 deep and they are much deeper than that. Garry Davis (12 sts, 51 rec's L/2Y) was suspended in the spring but could contend for a starting spot. Derek Abney (5-10 171 rFr) was PS#49. Ernest Simms (5-8 166 So) was PS#90. Neal Brown (6-0 183 So) was PS#94. Vincent Harrison (5-11 197 Jr) was PS#183. TE Derek Smith (PS#5) elected to not play basketball and concentrate on football and should have a monster year. While this group will have big numbers as a product of the offense, it will also do so because of the talent on hand.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year, Kentucky had just 8 scholarship OL's in the spring and had to replace 5 senior starters. The O-line struggled at times with mostly underclassmen, but did improve as the season went on. The five starters on the OL last year played every snap until the final game versus Tennessee when DeVaughn was injured. They allowed 54 sacks (worst in the SEC) and only rushed for 71.4 ypg. This year all five starters return but Mumme, who started a true frosh last year, will likely start PS#4 Antonio Hall at one of the open positions. I list the two deep below and naturally, this will be one of the most improved units in the NCAA with much more experience on hand.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Cats had to replace two starters last year and this year lose the majority of their DT's and 3 starters overall. Gone are DE Anwar Stewart (5 sts, 4 sks), DT Gordon Crowe (6 sts, 15 tkls), DT Jimmy Haley (6 sts, 2 tfl), DT George Massey (11 sts, 59 tkls, 9 tfl) and DT William Orr (3 tfl). I list the two deep below and clearly the star of this unit is Dennis Johnson who should become a dominating player this year in the SEC. There is a chance that Johnson may have to move inside as I am not wild about the DT depth. I list the two deep below and as you see, two true frosh could see action and also in the mix is DE Grayson Smith (2 sts, 21 tkls, 4 tfl in 2 yrs). This unit has the potential to be better than last year but is less experienced.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Cats had all three starters and all of their backups returning including their star Jeff Snedegar. This year they have just one loss from the unit but it is Snedegar who was 1st team SEC and led the team with 89 tackles. He will be tough to replace. I list the two deep below and there is only 1 HT in the group which is very low for an SEC school. This is an experienced unit but with the loss of their top man, it looks weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Cats secondary took a big hit when star SS David Johnson was lost for the entire season after he fractured his eye socket on the very first series of the first game. This year they have a veteran secondary as not only is Johnson back, but all 4 starters from last year and 7 players overall with starting experience. After finishing 55th in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98, they surprisingly rose to 35th last year allowing just 52.5% with a 17-16 ratio. Naturally this group looks solidly improved and is much deeper this season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Last year the Wildcats had to replace P Jimmy Carter who was outstanding in directional punting and had a net of 36.2. The 98 unit did finish just 61st in my rankings and last year they showed marked improvement. The big reason was P Andy Smith who simply was 1st team SEC averaging a lofty 42.9 per punt with a 39.9 net which set a UK record. The returnmen were solid. They have a VHT P in Dustin Wynn ready to take over but it will be tough to match Smith's statistics of last season. Mark Samuel took over the FG duties because Seth Hanson was injured. Hanson returns this year so that unit looks to be in solid shape. UK is known for blocking kicks in Hal Mumme's tenure but surprisingly they finished with a -1 in the TD/blk category in 99. Overall UK finished #8 in my special teams rankings last year and if Wynn lives up to his high school potential, they could contend for a top 10 spot once again.

DE Dennis Johnson's size & strength will wreak havoc on the opposition.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anthony White | 124 | 610 | 45 | 565 | 5 | 4.6 |
| **Derek Homer** | **95** | **402** | **46** | **356** | **3** | **3.8** |
| **Artose Pinner** | **23** | **76** | **9** | **67** | **0** | **2.9** |
| **Kendrick Shanklin** | **13** | **51** | **1** | **50** | **1** | **3.8** |
| **Dusty Bonner** | **120** | **323** | **428** | **(-125)** | **3** | **(-1.0)** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dusty Bonner** | **508** | **333** | **65.6** | **3574** | **26** | **14** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| James Whalen, Jr | 94 | 1098 | 11.7 | 10 | 57 |
| Anthony White | 62 | 554 | 8.9 | 3 | 39 |
| **Garry Davis** | **26** | **312** | **12.0** | **1** | **52** |
| **Dougie Allen** | **25** | **263** | **10.5** | **3** | **28** |
| **Kendrick Shanklin** | **27** | **260** | **9.6** | **1** | **45** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andy Smith | 51 | 2189 | 42.9 | - | 39.9 | 0 | 18 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marc Samuel | 5-7 | 9-9 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 16-20 | 44 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeff Snedegar | 89 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| **Marlon McCree** | **78** | **3** | **13** | **1** | **2** |
| **Anthony Wajda** | **76** | **0** | **1** | **3** | **5** |
| **Willie Gary** | **68** | **0** | **1** | **3** | **1** |
| **Ryan Murphy** | **65** | **0** | **13** | **2** | **0** |
| George Massey | 59 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| **Kenneth Grant** | **53** | **0** | **0** | **7** | **0** |
| **Dennis Johnson** | **44** | **5** | **8** | **0** | **0** |
| **Eric Kelly** | **30** | **0** | **0** | **14** | **3** |
| Anwar Stewart | 30 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| **Patrick Wiggins** | **23** | **0** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| **Matt Layow** | **16** | **2** | **2** | **1** | **1** |
| **Jeremy Bowie** | **16** | **0** | **0** | **4** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kendrick Shanklin** | **16** | **216** | **13.5** | **1** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kendrick Shanklin** | **16** | **332** | **20.8** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**LOUISVILLE +3 28-56 LOSS** This was UK's home opener in its newly renovated stadium. They drove 65 yds for a 32 yd FG early. UL got a 60 yd int ret to set up a 2 yd TD drive. UL drove 61 yds after UK was SOD. UL drove 75 yds after a UK fake FG was stopped. UK drove 95 yds for a TD & UL 80 for a TD w/:30 left in half, 28-10. UK got a 27 yd FG but UL drove 80 yds for a TD & got a 56 yd int ret for a TD to blow it open & coasted from there.

**CONNECTICUT NL 45-14** - UC was off a blowout loss to a IAA school but gave UK a tough game for awhile. UK drove 78 yds for a 1Q TD but a fmbl set up a short UC TD drive. UC drove 99 yds for a TD, 14-7. UK got a TD with :04 left to tie. UK got a 3Q 21 yd FG. After a short punt, UK got a TD & foll an int got a 22 yd TD drive, 31-14. They kept the 1st string in, much to the chagrin of UC Coach Edsall who would not shake Mumme's hand. UK added TD's with 4:58 & 2:21 left as Bonner hit 34 of 40 & UK had a 501-183 yd edge.

**AT INDIANA +8 44-35 WIN** UK got a 44 yd TD pass but IU had a 90 yd KR TD. IU got a 58 yd TD drive, 14-7. UK had two 80 yd TD drives & a 23 yd drive foll a bad snap on a punt, 28-14 at half w/ a 277-120 yd edge. IU drove 65 yds to open the 3Q but UK faked a punt for a FD on a FG drive & added a 70 yd TD drive, 38-21. IU got a 76 yd TD drive but on the next drive fmbl'd & UK got a FG. IU drove 82 yds for a TD, 41-35 with 3:17 left. UK fmbl'd but IU was int'd & UK got a 34 yd FG w/ 1:30 left. IU's final drive ended on an int.

**FLORIDA +20 10-38 LOSS** UK had a 314-105 yd edge in the 1H & led 28-0 before UK got an 80 yd drive for a TD with 1:24 left. UK got a 37 yd 3Q FG & UF got a 49 yd FG. UK had a FD at the UF 17 but a fmbl was ruled when the RB was down & UF drove 86 yds for a TD. UK was SOD at the UF 47 & 22 on its final 2 drives.

**ARKANSAS +8' 31-20 WIN** UA got an 80 yd TD drive & 24 yd TD drive foll a fmbl then drove 82 yds for a TD, 21-0. UA's backup QB guided the Hogs 65 yds for a TD, 21-6 at half. UA had a 33 yd 3Q FG blk'd. UK drove 80 yds for a TD. On UK's next 2 poss, fmbl calls, which Mumme protested & TV replays showed were inaccurate, gave UA the ball at the UK 24 & 40. They got 1 TD but were SOD on the 2nd. UK was SOD but UA was int'd 2 plays later. UK got a 42 yd FG, 31-14. Stoerner ret'd & drove UA 80 yds for a TD but UK rec'd the onside.

**AT S CAROLINA -8 30-10 WIN** UK hit a short FG on their 1st poss. SC rec'd a fmbl at the UK 21 & nailed a 42 yd FG, 3-3. UK drove for a 33 yd FG & then got a 5 yd fmbl ret for a TD & 27 yd int ret for a TD, 20-3 at half. UK drove 31 yds foll a fmbl for a TD & added a 27 yd FG on its next poss, 30-3. SC got a 78 yd pass to Hood, 30-10 with 8:57 left. SC missed a 41 yd FG & got no closer. UK had a 24-9 FD edge.

**LSU -4' 31-5 WIN** 1st time in Mumme's tenure they held an opp without a TD. Shanklin ret'd a punt 56 yds for a TD, 7-0. LSU got a 43 yd FG but UK got an 80 yd TD drive. LSU blk'd a punt for a safety, 14-5. UK missed a 45 yd FG but got a 32 yd FG with 1:27 left. LSU missed a 30 yd FG on the 1H's last play. UK got an 84 yd 3Q TD drive & foll an int a 27 yd TD drive. LSU was int'd in the EZ & UK faked a punt on 4th & 23 for a FD but missed a FG. LSU's final drive was int'd at the goal line. UK had a 424-227 yd edge.

**AT GEORGIA +4 34-49 LOSS** GA used a blk'd punt & a failed UK fake punt to set up 6 & 17 yd TD drives in the 1st 5:00. GA fmbl'd at the UK 33, fmbl'd at their own 35 and was int'd. GA added a 65 yd TD drive & missed a 45 yd FG. UK had 1 offensive drive in the 1H (80 yds) & added a 2 yd drive foll an int. GA got an 80 yd TD pass on the 1st play of the 3Q. UK got an 80 yd TD drive, 28-20. GA drove 80 yds for a TD & missed a 21 yd FG but after 3Q's had a commanding 309-136 yd edge & added a 90 yd TD drive & 42 yd TD run to lead **49-20** early 4Q. UK got 220 yds during garbage time & 2 TD's including one with :35 left.

**AT MISSISSIPPI ST +6' 22-23 WIN** Thurs Night ESPN. MS had a 188-53 1H yd edge but somehow trailed 19-14. MS had TD drives of 89 & 51 yds but UK got a 25 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, a 1 yd TD drive after a bad snap on a punt, and 38 yd TD drive after a short punt. UK got a 39 yd FG in the 3Q but MS drove 80 yds for a TD, 22-20 (2 pt ng). With 7:00 left, MS rec'd a fmbl at the UK 25 but missed a 46 yd FG. UK got 2 FD's but punted with 1:30 left & MS drove for a 45 yd FG with :05 left.

**AT VANDERBILT -3 19-17 LOSS** Vandy had 389-252 yd & 23-11 FD edges. UK got a 12 yd TD drive foll a fmbl. Vandy drove 70 yds for a TD. A 51 yd run by White set up a FG, 10-7. Vandy drove 68 yds but settled for a 20 yd FG, 10-10. At half Vandy had a 244-124 yd edge. Int grounding in the EZ cost Vandy a safety on their 1st poss & UK got an 80 yd TD pass late 3Q, 19-10. Vandy was SOD at the UK 19 & missed a 53 yd FG. Vandy drove 62 yds for a TD, 19-17. UK fmbl'd with 3:00 left but Vandy fmbl'd 3 plays later.

**TENNESSEE +12' 21-56 LOSS** I used a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on UT & a 3★ Late Phone Play. UT scored TD's on 4 of their 1st 5 poss, 27-0. UK got 2 TD's in the final 6:51 but that got UT's attention. UT marched 60, 38, 61 and 22 yds for TD's, the 4th coming with 5:28 left, 56-14. UK got a 75 yd garbage TD drive.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Neither Hal Mumme nor I expected UK to have a great year last season as they were very young, breaking in a new QB and offensive line and had just 6 senior starters. The Cats surpassed expectations and despite a 6-6 finish, managed to get to a bowl game for a second straight year under Mumme. The back to back bowl appearances were the first here since 1983-84. They have a potentially great future ahead of them losing just 11 seniors overall. Last year the Wildcats turned their home stadium into a bowl shape by adding 10,000 seats which increases the crowd noise. They averaged 67,756, naturally setting a school record. Mumme also started a JV team upon his arrival and they went 4-1 last year giving a lot of youngsters some valuable experience. The Wildcats' young offense did struggle at times. Over the final 5 games their usually explosive offense's highest point total was just 22 if you take away a couple of garbage scores against Georgia. They should be much more potent with an improved O-line and two solid QB's. UK's defense started out slow but made great strides as the season progressed. DL Dennis Johnson hoped to bulk up to 275 lbs in the offseason and was a terror in the spring. He leads a defense that has 7 returning starters. They still have the weakest defense in the defensively stout SEC and may not improve on last year's scoring defense especially with a quicker scoring offense putting them on the field more often. This team looks potent and while the 4 road SEC games are all tough they should be able to grab another winning season and might even be able to break into the upper half of the East if they can win a couple on the road.

QB Dusty Bonner should flourish behind a stronger O-line.
CB Eric Kelly broke a UK record with 14 pbu's!


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DUSTY BONNER JR.** 6-2 217 *114 yds as true. 12 sts in 99, 3574 yds (66%), 26-14 ratio, 303 rush. Jared Lorenzen (6-4 270 rFr) PS#19QB.*
**FB DEREK HOMER SR.** 5-11 200 *PS#77. 6 sts as true, 502 rush, 361 rec yds. 9 sts in 98, 763 rush, 303 rec. 7 sts in 99, 356 rush, 129 rec yds at HB/WR.*
**HB Kendrick Shanklin Jr.** 5-9 170 *PS#118. 4.4 speed. 387 yds as true. 3 sts, 27 rec, 50 yds rush in 99. Derrick Abney (5-10 171 rFr) PS#49WR.*
**WR QUENTIN McCORD SR.** 5-10 187 *13 sts in 3Y. 4.3 speed. 37 rec in 98. 20.2 ypc in 99, Jimmy Robinson (6-3 200 Sr) PS#75JC, 61 rec (10.7) in 97 & 98.*
**WR Dougie Allen So.** 5-10 169 *4.43 speed. 25 rec (10.5) in 5 gms til inj in 99. Garry Davis (6-2 211 Sr) has 12 sts, 51 rec L/2Y. Octavius Bond PS#34.*
**TE Derek Smith So.** 6-6 267 *PS#5TE, 9 rec as true.* ***Bobby Blizzard*** *(6-7 246 So) PS#3TE. 1 st, 9 rec as true. Chase Harp PS#109QB in 98.*
**C NOLAN DEVAUGHN JR.** 6-5 318 *1 st in 98 (bowl). 12 sts in 99. Aaron Daniel (6-3 272 Sr) PS#200. 1 st in 98, 3 letters. Derrick Johnson PS#100.*
**RG JOSH PARRISH JR.** 6-6 318 *PS#72. 4 gms as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 100% of snaps.* ***Omar Smith*** *(6-3 262 Sr) 1 st in 96. 12 sts RT ly, every snap.*
**LG KIP SIXBERY SO.** 6-4 323 *PS#88OL. 12 sts as true, only 17 yrs old. Keith Chatelain (6-5 329 So) PS#171OL. Josh Jaggers PS#31.*
**RT ANTONIO HALL FR.** 6-5 295 *PS#4 this year. Matt Burke (6-6 295 So) PS#88, 12 gms in 99 & lettered on special tms. Matt Huff is PS#104.*
**LT MATT BROWN JR.** 6-5 300 *4 sts as rFr, 8 gms, 12 sts ly, 100% of snaps. Drew Ashcraft (6-5 296 rFr) PS#66. Sylvester Miller (6-5 300).*
**K SETH HANSON JR.** 6-2 196 *4 of 7 FG's long of 30 as true. 48 yd FG in HS. 11 of 15 FG's in 98, long of 42. 50 of 53 on xp's & did KO's. Inj'd & RS in 99.*

**DE Matt Layow Sr.** 6-4 245 *5 sts in 98, 2 tfl. 5 sts in 99, 4 tfl. Chris DeMaree (6-4 240 Jr) PS#77. 1 st, 2 yrs.* ***John Rader*** *(6-5 245 Sr) 11 sts in 98, 9 tfl.*
**DT Richard Hardin So.** 6-6 267 *PS#72. 3 tkls as true. Redshirted in 99. Jeremy Caudill is PS#26DL. Richard Evans (6-4 271 rFr) PS#345.*
**DT Dewayne Robertson Fr.** 6-3 308 *PS#61DL this year. John Robinson (6-4 285 So) is PS#465, 7 tkls, 1 tfl in 1999. Daniel Burnett is PS#94.*
**DE DENNIS JOHNSON JR.** 6-7 261 *PS#1DL in 98. 7 sts, 30 tkls, 5 tfl as true, 12 sts, 44 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl in 99. Otis Grigsby (6-4 239 So) 1 sk as true.*
**OLB Ronnie Riley Jr.** 6-2 206 *PS#215. 24 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 6 tkls in 99. Mike Beshara (6-3 225 So) PS#179, 1 gm as true. Chris Gayton 2 sts in 98.*
**MLB RYAN MURPHY JR.** 6-2 240 *PS#102, 2 sts as true, 6 tfl. RS in 98. 11 sts in 99, 65 tkls, 13 tfl. Jamal White (6-3 221 Jr) PS#208, 3 tfl ly.*
**OLB MARLON McCREE SR.** 6-1 193 *11 sts in 98, 55 tkls, 7 sks, 11 tfl. 12 sts in 99. 78 tkls, 16 tfl, 2 int. Morris Lane (6-1 203 So) 4 tkls as rFr.*
**CB ERIC KELLY SR.** 5-11 198 *4 sts in 97, 26 tkls. 8 sts in 98, 8 tfl, 5 pbu. 11 sts in 99, UK record 14 pbu. Jeremy Bowie PS#160, 5 sts, 3 yrs.*
**CB KENNETH GRANT SR.** 6-0 208 *107 yds at FB in 97. 10 tkls in 98. 12 sts, 53 tkls, 7 pbu in 99. Derrick Tatum (6-0 190 So) PS#44, 1 int as true.*
**SS DAVID JOHNSON SO.** 6-0 208 *PS#130, 10 sts as true. Inj in 99.* ***Willie Gary*** *(5-10 195 Sr) 11 sts in 97, 10 sts in 99. Patrick Wiggins 2 sts ly.*
**FS ANTHONY WAJDA JR.** 6-4 189 *PS#123, 15 tkls as true. 11 sts in 99, 76 tkls, 5 int, 3 pbu, 1 tfl. Quentus Cumby (6-1 204 So) 6 tkls as true.*
**P Dustin Wynn Fr.** 6-6 208 *PS#10K in 99. Signed with UK, but didn't enroll until winter 2000. Had 43.1 avg in HS & solid on pooch punts.*

# KENTUCKY WILDCATS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score KY | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Louisville | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats are 5-15 ATS on artificial turf since 1989.<br>UK is 0-4 ATS after Louisville.<br>Kentucky is 36-54-2 (40%) on the road since 1980.<br>Cats are 3-9 ATS as an away favorite. |
| Sep. 9 | South Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats are 5-2 ATS L/7 season openers.<br>Kentucky is 4-2 ATS in this fierce rivalry. |
| Sep. 16 | Indiana | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UK is 10-3-1 SU in their first home game.<br>Last year UK beat UConn 45-14 in a "NL" game after Louisville. |
| Sep. 23 | at Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cats are 6-1 ATS prior to Florida, so look ahead has not been a problem.<br>Kentucky is 9-3 ATS L/5 seasons vs non-conf teams. |
| Sep. 30 | at Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UK has dropped 5 of 6 ATS to UF and is 4-9 ATS the L/13.<br>Wildcats are 13-25-1 ATS as conf dogs in the L/6Y. |
| Oct. 7 | S Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending LW's result, UK is 18-29-1 ATS in conf games.<br>Coming into the 2000 season, UK was 9-14-1 L/24 as an away dog. |
| Oct. 14 | at LSU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cats are 1-3 ATS the L/4 in this series.<br>UK was 7-19 ATS L/26 as a home favorite prior to this season. |
| Oct. 21 | Georgia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY's 31-5 win was the Cats biggest margin of victory in series history.<br>Kentucky is 6-1-1 and 9-2-1 ATS in this Cat fight. |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Under Mumme the Cats are just 3-7 ATS as a home dog.<br>Home team is 8-4 ATS in this battle of Cats and Dawgs.<br>Bonus Angle: Kentucky is 5-2 ATS their last 7 Homecoming games. |
| Nov. 4 | Mississippi St (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Couch's alma mater is 7-17 ATS their L/24 November games.<br>Cats sharpen their claws after a bye, as they are 10-1 ATS. |
| Nov. 11 | Vanderbilt | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UK is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS the L/4 seasons vs Vanderbilt.<br>Wildcats are 6-0 SU and 4-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. |
| Nov. 18 | at Tennessee | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Kentucky is 3-11 ATS the L/14 years in their final road game.<br>Wildcats are 0-15 SU and 1-7 ATS L/8 vs. the Vols. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (67,530)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 1-10 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 33-44 |
| ATS | 7-4 | 3-7 | 6-5 | 4-6-1 | 6-5 | 4-6 | 5-5 | 35-38-1 |
| Home Fav | 2-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-3 | 1-0 | 7-5 |
| Home Dog | 2-1 | 1-4 | 4-2 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 13-15 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 3-3 |
| Away Dog | 3-1 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 0-4-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 12-15-1 |
| Favorite | 2-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 10-8 |
| Dog | 5-2 | 2-7 | 6-4 | 3-5-1 | 4-5 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 25-30-1 |
| Grass | 7-2 | 3-7 | 5-4 | 4-5-1 | 4-5 | 4-6 | 5-5 | 32-34-1 |
| Artificial | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-4 |
| vs SEC | 6-2 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 3-4-1 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 24-31-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 11-7 |
| Off SU Win | 4-2 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 1-4 | 3-3 | 3-3 | 15-17 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-2 | 2-6 | 3-3 | 2-3-1 | 4-1 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 15-19-1 |

## Coach: HAL MUMME (Career 83-44-1)
### *Mumme's records AT KENTUCKY*

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|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Kentucky | | 3-3 | Home Favorite |
| 18-17 | Straight Up | 3-7 | Home Underdog |
| 15-17 | Vs The Spread | 3-1 | Away Favorite |
| 6-5 | Off A S/U Loss | 6-5 | Away Underdog |
| 11-13 | Vs SEC | 5-2 | Vs Non-SEC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 83 | Hall of Fame | +10 | W Virginia | 16-20 | W |
| 84 | Hall of Fame | +3 | Wisconsin | 20-19 | W |
| 93 | Peach | +2' | Clemson | 13-14 | W |
| 98 | Outback | +7 | Penn St | 14-26 | L |
| 99 | Music City | -3 | Syracuse | 13-20 | L |

# KENTUCKY (6-6)

CONFERENCE: **SEC EAST**

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 8*** **Returning: 62 (32,29,1)**
**DEFENSE: 7** **Lost: 15 (7,6,2)**

## KENTUCKY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 27.3 | 21 | 74 | 2.3 | 300 | 65.1 | 13.7 | +3 | 1999 | 6 | 28.6 | 20 | 159 | 4.5 | 217 | 52.5 | 13.2 |
| 9* | 35.9 | 26 | 121 | 3.9 | 406 | 71.2 | 14.7 | -13 | 1998 | 5 | 31.3 | 19 | 156 | 4.4 | 233 | 49.0 | 12.4 |
| 7 | 31.6 | 26 | 100 | 3.5 | 365 | 66.5 | 14.7 | -6 | 1997 | 4 | 32.9 | 20 | 171 | 4.5 | 221 | 57.2 | 11.9 |
| 6* | 12.6 | 12 | 100 | 2.6 | 118 | 48.3 | 17.4 | +9 | 1996 | 6 | 29.3 | 18 | 152 | 4.0 | 202 | 55.7 | 12.1 |
| 6* | 20.3 | 17 | 196 | 4.2 | 126 | 54.4 | 15.9 | +9 | 1995 | 7 | 24.5 | 19 | 151 | 4.0 | 203 | 58.3 | 14.5 |
| 5 | 13.5 | 14 | 155 | 4.2 | 124 | 45.1 | 20.7 | -20 | 1994 | 5 | 36.8 | 23 | 272 | 5.7 | 178 | 61.9 | 12.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Louisville | 23 | 26-(-10) | -0.4 | 34-63 | 446 | 8 | | 29 | 31-195 | 6.3 | 32-43 | 337 | 3 | -1 |
| Connecticut | 27 | 37-162 | 4.4 | 34-40 | 339 | 3 | | 12 | 33-60 | 1.8 | 15-29 | 123 | 4 | 0 |
| at Indiana | 26 | 46-180 | 3.9 | 24-31 | 304 | 2 | | 20 | 35-179 | 5.1 | 16-32 | 201 | 1 | +2 |
| Florida | 24 | 28-63 | 2.3 | 36-48 | 254 | 4 | | 24 | 33-224 | 6.8 | 20-35 | 252 | 1 | -2 |
| Arkansas | 18 | 38-91 | 2.4 | 19-31 | 252 | 4 | | 22 | 30-97 | 3.2 | 25-49 | 218 | 0 | +1 |
| at S Carolina | 24 | 39-74 | 1.9 | 23-35 | 263 | 5 | | 9 | 30-55 | 1.8 | 7-19 | 178 | 4 | +1 |
| LSU | 24 | 34-105 | 3.1 | 27-42 | 319 | 2 | | 18 | 28-73 | 2.6 | 12-33 | 154 | 2 | +2 |
| at Georgia | 15 | 24-(-50) | -2.1 | 33-53 | 421 | 11 | | 22 | 42-267 | 6.4 | 17-30 | 310 | 1 | +2 |
| at Miss St | 14 | 31-(-13) | -0.4 | 28-44 | 189 | 5 | | 18 | 35-70 | 2.0 | 18-35 | 264 | 4 | -1 |
| at Vanderbilt | 11 | 35-111 | 3.2 | 14-31 | 141 | 2 | | 23 | 36-119 | 3.3 | 19-39 | 270 | 4 | +3 |
| Tennessee | 24 | 30-117 | 3.9 | 32-50 | 361 | 2 | | 20 | 44-294 | 6.7 | 8-22 | 171 | 4 | -4 |
| Syracuse (Bowl) | 18 | 23-57 | 2.5 | 30-45 | 308 | 2 | | 19 | 47-276 | 5.9 | 11-15 | 128 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 248 | 391-887 | 2.3 | 334-513 | 3597 | 50 | | 236 | 424-1909 | 4.5 | 200-381 | 2606 | 29 | +3 |
| AVERAGES | 20.7 | 33-74 | 2.3 | 28-43 | 300 | 4.2 | | 19.7 | 35-159 | 4.5 | 17-32 | 217 | 2.4 | 0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Louisville | +5 | 10-13 | W |
| Florida | +27 | 7-42 | L |
| at Indiana | +14 | 17-10 | W |
| at S Carolina | +12' | 35-30 | W |
| Auburn | +16 | 21-42 | L |
| LSU | +6' | 24-16 | W |
| at Georgia | +8' | 3-12 | L |
| at Mississippi St | +3' | 32-42 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | -5 | 10-14 | L |
| Cincinnati | +3 | 33-14 | W |
| Tennessee | +27' | 31-34 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Louisville | -1' | 14-38 | L |
| at Cincinnati | +3' | 3-24 | L |
| Indiana | +3' | 3-0 | W |
| at Florida | +37 | 0-65 | L |
| at Alabama | +22' | 7-35 | L |
| S Carolina | +7 | 14-25 | L |
| at LSU | +27 | 14-41 | T |
| Georgia | +16 | 24-17 | W |
| Mississippi St | +5' | 24-21 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -2 | 25-0 | W |
| at Tennessee | +28 | 10-56 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Louisville | +3 | 38-24 | W |
| at Mississippi St | +5' | 27-35 | L |
| at Indiana | +2' | 49-7 | W |
| Florida | +24 | 28-55 | L |
| Alabama | +6' | 40-34 | W |
| at S Carolina | +1' | 24-38 | L |
| NE Louisiana | -25 | 49-14 | W |
| at Georgia | +11' | 13-23 | W |
| LSU | +6' | 28-63 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | -4' | 21-10 | W |
| Tennessee | +16' | 31-59 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Louisville | -11 | 68-34 | W |
| E Kentucky | NL | 52-7 | – |
| Indiana | -21 | 31-27 | L |
| at Florida | +21 | 35-51 | W |
| at Arkansas | +4 | 20-27 | L |
| S Carolina | -14 | 33-28 | L |
| at LSU | +9 | 39-36 | W |
| Georgia | +1 | 26-28 | L |
| Mississippi St | -7' | 37-35 | L |
| Vanderbilt | -22 | 55-17 | W |
| at Tennessee | +10' | 21-59 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Louisville | +3 | 28-56 | L |
| Connecticut | NL | 45-14 | – |
| at Indiana | +8 | 44-35 | W |
| Florida | +20 | 10-38 | L |
| Arkansas | +8' | 31-20 | W |
| at S Carolina | -8 | 30-10 | W |
| LSU | -4' | 31-5 | W |
| at Georgia | +4 | 34-49 | L |
| at Mississippi St | +6' | 22-23 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -3 | 19-17 | L |
| Tennessee | +12' | 21-56 | L |

# LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Chris Redman (#3DC of BAL) era sadly comes to an end. Redman threw more passes than anyone else in NCAA history. It would take me an entire page to go over all of the records that Redman broke, but the bottom line is that last year he threw for almost 4,000 yards, completing 64% with a super 31-16 ratio. There are 3 decent candidates to take his place this year, but naturally none will come near Redman's numbers, even in this pure passing offense. Dave Ragone (6-4 220 So) is bigger than Redman, more mobile, and could add running ability to the QB position which excites Smith. Unfortunately he got in just two passes last year as the backup QB. Mike Watkins (6-4 210 Sr) had 25 passes in 97 and even started and won versus Army in 98. He threw for 456 yards that year (71%) with a 4-0 ratio. Last year Watkins got in 9 passes for 33 yards. Gerry Ahrens (6-1 180 rFr) was PS#36 and threw for nearly 4,000 yards and 47 TD's as a senior in high school completing 64%. All 3 candidates have mobility so look for more QB draws and more option. I like the talent here but naturally with the loss of a player like Redman, this unit will not put up the numbers of last season.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The last two years Smith has developed a solid RB that topped 1,000 yards. Leroy Collins was a good-sized back with 4.4 speed who rushed for 1,228 yards in 98 (5.3) and left early for the NFL. Last year Frank Moreau (#4DC of KC), who had rushed for 1,310 career yards with 8 starts, turned into the team's Offensive Player of the Year rushing for 1,400 yards and a solid 5.4 ypc with 18 TD's and also 41 receptions (7.5). Smith signed JC Eric Lockhart but he got into Smith's doghouse and had just 191 yards rushing (3.7), and has since left the team. Smith signed another JC this year in Chris Lester (PS#89) who rushed for 1,090 yards and 16 TD's at JC last year. He is a big back with 4.4 speed. There are some other players in the mix at RB. Tony Stallings asked to be moved to RB last year but got just one attempt in an injury plagued year. Henry Miller (5-11 210 So) had 75 yards rushing as a rFr. TJ Patterson (6-0 185 rFr) was PS#243 and was the Offensive scout team Player of the Year. Donte Andrews (6-0 150 rFr) was PS#308 and averaged 11.6 ypc as a senior in high school. Whoever wins the feature slot should be productive as opponents' defenses are geared toward stopping the pass. Smith seems to find a capable replacement each year and as long as Lester wins the job, this unit will still be productive.

**RECEIVERS** - The Cardinals had a veteran WR corps and a four year senior starting QB last year. They not only must replace Redman, but also gone are star TE Ibn Green (1st tm AA, 66 rec, 11.8), WR Lavell Boyd (10 sts, 66 rec, 13.8) and WR Charles Sheffield (3 sts, 34 rec). Those are some big losses but Arnold Jackson, who is already the #1 receiver in UL history and #4 in the NCAA LY, was granted an extra year of eligibility and returns after snaring 110 passes (11.9). He has 4.3 speed and solid moves and should become the all time leader in receptions in the NCAA this year. Zek Parker was the #6 receiver here last year with 10 starts and 21 rec's and has world class speed. I list the two deep below and one of the players I'm excited about is JC transfer Willie Northern who is PS#42 and originally signed at Auburn. He has outstanding size and speed. Smith also signed PS#3 JUCO last year in Deion Branch, and he should start this year after redshirting in 99. Glancing at the TE position, I do not see an Ibn Green type. This is clearly a solid receiving corps but with the loss of 4 of the top 5 receivers and having to build rapport with the new QB, this group looks weaker in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Cards had to replace 2 starters lost to graduation and then lost another prior to the season. This year they lose two solid OT starters in Mark Grivna (12 sts, 2nd team CUSA, 3 yr st'r) and LT Anthony Byrd (12 sts, 1st team CUSA, 4 yr st'r) and a backup OT. They are solid in the middle with all 3 starters back and Smith has 3 JUCO's in the mix for the open OT slots. In 98 the offensive front allowed just 15 sacks and paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing. Last year they allowed 22 sacks and only had 4.0 ypc rushing. This unit is more experienced than the 99 version and even with the loss of two NFL caliber OT's, they should be just as solid in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Cards defense was weak in 98 and they allowed 5.1 ypc rushing. They had 4 starters back last year and added a couple of JUCO's, so even when DT Derrick Kennedy was lost to an appendectomy prior to the year they proved much tougher, allowing just 4.2 ypc rushing. UL had just 14 sacks in 98 but recorded 31 last year led by Defensive POY DT Donovan Arp who had 7 sacks and 9 tfl. Arp tore his Achilles heel in spring but should be 100% for fall. They do suffer some losses this year in DE Otis Floyd (5 sts, 11 tfl), DT Mike Gantous (12 sts, 8 tfl, 1st team CUSA) and backup DT Reggie Hargrove (1 start, 11 tkls). They do get Kennedy back as well as two starters who were injured at mid-season and never returned to form. No less than 6 players return with starting experience and this unit should continue to make strides this season even though they are still undersized.

**LINEBACKERS** - UL had a solid LB corps last year with two starters returning. They had moved one starter to RB and anticipated moving a starting SS in but he did not play in the fall. This year they must replace LB Bud Herring (11 sts, 12 tfl) but everyone else returns. Rashad Harris has 262 tackles in 3 years and Michael Brown led the team with 115 stops in his first year as a starter. The depth is not overwhelming but Herring's replacement, Jeremy Collins, did start the bowl game in his place. Herring was the top LB here last year, but even with his loss this group could show improvement.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Cards were hit hard by graduation and injuries in Smith's first season and finished #105 in my pass defense ratings. Last year they returned 3 starters, got a 98 starter back from injury and added some JUCO's and moved up to #83, allowing 55.5% with an 18-13 ratio. Over the last 7 games of the regular season they showed steady improvement allowing just 2 TD passes. This year the only loss is FS Courtney Dinkins who had 12 starts and 78 tackles. They moved SS Wallace to CB to add depth there because he was a standout cover corner at JUCO. CB Antonio Roundtree was 1st team CUSA in 98 after moving in from RB but was banged up the second half of 99 and should revert to his 98 form. This unit has decent talent and a great deal of experience and should continue to move up in my pass efficiency defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Smith's 97 Utah St team ranked 34th in my special teams rankings but in his first year at Louisville he inherited a team that was 108th in my rankings and only improved to #104. Last year even with a true frosh at P they solidly improved to #23 in the rankings. The Cards were +4 in the TD/blk category and used Jon Hilbert's excellent KO's, of which close to 50% were TB's, to allow just 20.5 per KR. They also had some explosive returnmen with Arnold Jackson on PR's and Zek Parker on KR's. The good news for Louisville is that their P and returnmen are all back. A key loss is Hilbert who was rather inconsistent on FG's hitting just 12 of 19 but his powerful KO's will be missed. This unit does have some potential but unless a superior KO man is found, they may have to settle for simply finishing around last year's solid ranking.

LG Aaron Dardzinski and the O-line will protect a new QB this year.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Moreau | 257 | 1441 | 41 | 1400 | 18 | 5.4 |
| Eric Lockhart | 51 | 193 | 2 | 191 | 1 | 3.7 |
| Chris Redman | 50 | 54 | 212 | -133 | 1 | -2.7 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| Chris Redman | 536 | 343 | 64.0 | 3961 | 31 | 16 |
| **Mike Watkins** | **9** | **4** | **44.4** | **33** | **0** | **0** |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| **Arnold Jackson** | | **110** | **1318** | **11.9** | **10** | **70** |
| Lavell Boyd | | 66 | 909 | 13.8 | 9 | 75 |
| Ibn Green | | 66 | 777 | 11.8 | 8 | 27 |
| Frank Moreau | | 41 | 306 | 7.5 | 0 | 19 |
| Charles Sheffield | | 34 | 418 | 12.3 | 1 | 52 |
| **Zek Parker** | | **21** | **199** | **9.5** | **2** | **22** |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| **Chris Sivori** | **39** | **1514** | **38.8** | **-** | **34.3** | **0** | **9** |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| Jon Hilbert | 3-3 | 6-9 | 2-5 | 1-2 | 12-19 | 51 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Michael Brown** | **115** | **1** | **13** | **4** | **1** |
| Bud Herring | 108 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 2 |
| **Rashad Harris** | **104** | **5** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Corey Wallace** | **82** | **0** | **1** | **2** | **0** |
| Courtney Dinkins | 78 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| **Rashad Holman** | **57** | **0** | **0** | **11** | **5** |
| **Donovan Arp** | **47** | **7** | **9** | **3** | **0** |
| **Antonio Roundtree** | **42** | **0** | **0** | **7** | **1** |
| **Justin Thomas** | **36** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| Mike Gantous | 35 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| **Michael Josiah** | **32** | **7** | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| Otis Floyd | 26 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| **Matt Sexton** | **22** | **5** | **2** | **0** | **0** |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Arnold Jackson** | **24** | **276** | **11.5** | **0** |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Zek Parker** | **40** | **1029** | **25.7** | **3** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT KENTUCKY -3 56-28 WIN** UK drove 65 yds for a 32 yd FG early. UL got a 60 yd int ret to set up a 2 yd TD drive. UL drove 61 yds after UK was SOD. UL drove 75 yds after a UK fake FG missed. UK drove 95 yds for a TD & UL 80 for a TD w/:30 left in half, 28-10. UK got a 27 yd FG but UL drove 80 yds for a TD & got a 56 yd int ret for a TD & coasted from there.

**TENN-CHAT NL 58-30** - UTC QB Chris Sanders, an SMU transfer, hit 33 of 52 for 367 yds. UL had a 520-350 yd edge. A fmbl on the 1st play set up UTC for a 26 yd FG but UL ret'd the KO 97 yds for a TD. UL added 2 more 1Q TD's & a 74 yd int ret, 35-9 at half. They extended it to 49-9 early 3Q. Moreau rushed for 188 yds.

**ILLINOIS -11' 36-41 LOSS** I used UI as the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep. They allowed a long drive for a 31 yd FG & then fmbl'd the KO & UL got a 26 yd TD drive, 10-0 before UI had an offensive play! Long TD drives consumed the rest of the half & UI pulled to 17-14. UL was int'd with :18 left & UI got a 24 yd FG to tie. UL got a 30 yd FG, 20-17. UI got a 67 yd TD pass, 24-20. After an exchange of TD's UL got a 23 yd FG, 31-30. UI got a 41 yd FG & UL was SOD. UI drove 65 yds for a TD with 2:13 left, 41-30. UL drove 72 yds for a TD in the final seconds but UI rec'd the onside kick.

**OKLAHOMA E 21-42 LOSS** I used a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on OU. UL missed a 39 yd FG but after a 36 yd int ret got a 27 yd FG, 3-0. After an exchange of TD's, UL rec'd a fmbl at the OU 19 & got a 35 yd FG, 13-7. UL was int'd in the EZ to thwart another threat but did have a 249-198 yd edge at half. OU got a 52 yd TD pass on the 1st poss of the 3Q. UL drove 78 yds for a TD. UL was int'd in the EZ & OU then got 80, 67, 30 & 53 yd consecutive TD drives, 42-21 with 6:55 left. UL did not get another FD.

**E MICHIGAN -23 45-10 WIN** EM got a 9 yd int ret for a TD & led 7-0. UL scored the next 45 pts. UL held EM to just 165 yds. Redman hit 16 of 20 in the 1H. 42-7 after 3Q's.

**AT ARMY (OT) -14 52-59 LOSS** This was the Thurs Night game on ESPN & a super easy winner as I used a 3★ on Over 64. UL had only a couple of days to prepare for Army's complex wishbone. Army led 45-17 at half with a 374-150 yd edge. UL went 77 & 76 yds for 3QTD's. They drove 36 yds for a TD foll an int & added an 80 yd drive for a TD with just 1:15 left. Army missed a 57 yd FG on the final play. In OT UL got a TD & Army faced a 4th & 6 but got a 9 yd TD pass. Army got a TD in the 2nd OT & UL was SOD.

**AT MEMPHIS -2' 32-31 LOSS** UL jumped out to a 19-0 lead. Mem made it 19-10 at half. Mid 3Q Mem ret'd a fmbl 84 yards for a TD & instead of UL leading 26-10 it was 19-17. UM missed a 55 yd FG but foll an int drove 55 & 85 yds for TD's w/ 5:37 left, 31-19. UL got a 76 yd TD drive w/ 4:24 left. UM on 3rd & 3 came up inches short & punted. UL drove 65 yds & on 4th & 13 w/ :06 left, Redman hit a TD pass. UL had a 460-303 yd edge.

**HOUSTON -4' 39-33 WIN** Chilly & windy. UH got a 72 yd TD run on the 3rd play. UL got a 34 yd FG but UH's aggressive D-line forced Redman into 10 straight incompletions in the 1H & under duress he threw a 29 yd int ret for a TD, 14-3 after 1Q. Redman rebounded to hit an 18 yd TD pass (2 ptng). UH got a wind aided 48 yd FG & then a Green TD run & they led 24-9 late 1H. Redman hit a short pass that went 75 yds for a TD (xpng). After an int, UL got a 33 yd FG, 24-18 at half. UL got a 3Q TD, 25-24. UL blk'd a punt & drove 40 yds for a TD. UH got a 64 yd TD drive. UL got a 25 yd TD pass, 39-31 after 3Q's. With :05 left UH kicked a 35 yd FG but UL rec'd the onside.

**UAB -14 23-14 LOSS** UAB led 7-3 at half. UL opened the 3Q w/ two time consuming TD drives, 17-7. UAB muffed a punt & UL missed a FG but roughing the K gave them a FD & they capped it w/ a TD, 23-7. UAB got a 19 yd TD run and surprisingly went for 1 to trail by 9. UAB's next poss got to the UL 7 but they were int'd w/ 1:22 left.

**AT CINCINNATI -1 23-13 WIN** The Cardinals finished with a 475-375 yd edge. UL's 1st poss ended in a 29 yd FG. Hilbert inj'd his leg & UL would not attempt another FG. UC went on a 15 play drive & missed a 32 yd FG but got a TD w/ 10:02 left. Twice in the 1H UL got inside the 15 but was SOD (no FG att) & UC led 7-3 at half. UL was SOD at the 1 but then drove 88 yds for a TD. UC was SOD & UL drove 71 yds in 12 plays for a TD. UL was SOD at the UC 6. UL got an int but was SOD at the UC 32. UC drove 68 yds & got a TD w/ 2:15 left & rec'd the onside. They got to the UL 40 but a pass was int'd & ret'd 66 yds for a UL TD in the final seconds.

**S MISSISSIPPI +5 27-30 WIN** UL had a loud sold out home crowd. UL dominated the 1H with a 344-130 yd edge. It was 3-0 UL when SM got a 53 yd int ret & led 7-3 early 2Q with SM having 0 FD's. Each team got a long TD drive & UL added a 94 yd KR for a TD & 70 yd TD pass, 24-14. SM got a 29 yd FG with :38 left. UL got a 45 yd FG foll an int but SM drove 65 yds for a TD, 27-24. SM missed a 42 yd FG but after a UL fmbl, nailed a 40 yd'r. SM completed a 26 yd pass on a fake punt to the UL 9. SM ran 3 plays into the line & nailed a 27 yd FG with 1:07 left & UL was SOD.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

John L. Smith is doing a great job here at Louisville as they have been to consecutive bowl games and played for the CUSA title in their final regular season game in '99. They have gone 7-5 in the last two seasons and this year have SEVEN home games. The big question this year is "who will replace Chris Redman?" No matter who wins the job, they will not match his passing numbers but will add mobility to the position and Smith will use more QB draws and options. They also need a RB to step up and post a fifth straight 1,000 yard season. The defense was weak last year but with 7 starters back will be stronger. They do have a couple of IAA caliber teams on the schedule and plenty of home cooking. They get both Cincy and Tulane at home and those games will be critical as to how high in the conference standings they finish. Don't expect the offense to be weak as Smith's final Utah St squad averaged 32.4 ppg in '97 with a QB Matt Sauk who hit just 49% completions that year. The new RB and QB are the keys but they have a solid shot at a third straight winning season in the first year of the post-Redman era.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| RB | Chris Lester 6-2 220 PS#89JC |
| OL | Jonta' Woodard 6-5 320 PS#104JC |
| OL | Pat Woodall 6-4 290 PS#196 |
| DL | Bobby Leffew 6-4 215 PS#152 |
| OL | Tyrone Saterfield 6-2 305 PS#213 |
| DB | J.T. Haskins 5-10 160 PS#159 |
| WR | Antonio Hill 6-2 185 PS#177 |
| LB | Brandon Milone 6-5 230 PS#232 |
| DL | Ed Robinson 6-4 220 PS#258 |
| RB | Ray Childs 6-0 185 PS#335 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Dave Ragone So.** 6-4 220 *PS#177. Big & mobile. 2 passes ly. Mike Watkins (6-4 210 Sr) 664 career yds, 5-0 ratio. Gerry Ahrens (6-1 180 rFr) PS#36.*
**RB Chris Lester Jr.** 6-2 220 *PS#89JC, 4.4 speed, 1090 yds at JC ly. Tony Stallings (5-11 205 Jr) 8 sts at OLB in 98, 55 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 rush in 99.*
**WR Delon Branch Jr.** 5-10 185 *PS#3JUCO in 99 & RS. Willie Northern (6-1 185 So) PS#42WR in 98 & orig sign w/Auburn. JC trans this year.*
**WR ARNOLD JACKSON SR.** 5-8 160 *PS#123. 4.3 speed. 46 rec (14.9) in 97, 98 rec (12.9) in 98. 110 rec (11.9) in 99, 1st tm CUSA. #4 in rec in NCAA LY.*
**WR ZEK PARKER SR.** 5-10 180 *World class speed. 8 sts, 26 rec (17.5) in 98. 10 sts, 21 rec (9.5) in 99. Victor Glenn (6-0 165 rFr) PS#116WR.*
**TE Erin Smith So.** 6-4 220 *3 sts as rFr in 99, 3 rec (7.7). Richard Owens (6-4 240 rFr) PS#90TE in 99. Chip Mattingly PS#87 moved from LB.*
**C JASON PADGET SR.** 6-4 295 *PS#214JUCO, OT at JC. 12 sts here in 99 & was in for spring ly. Ariel Rodriguez (6-5 320 So) lettered at G in 99.*
**RG JOE O'SHAUGHNESSY SR.** 6-1 285 *PS#115DL. Lettered as rFr. Started L/5 in 98. Started all 12 in 99, 3 letters. Jason Hilliard (6-5 335 rFr) is walk-on.*
**LG AARON DARDZINSKI JR.** 6-0 260 *PS#234. 2nd string G in 98 & lettered. 12 sts at LG in 99. Antoine Sims (6-3 270 So) PS#168, 2nd string C in 99, lettered.*
**RT Scott Graham Sr.** 6-2 280 *JUCO trans in 99. 2nd string OG here, 8 gms & lettered. Michael Bowers (6-4 295 Jr) JUCO in for spring.*
**LT Rob Eble Jr.** 6-6 290 *PS#141OL in 97. 2nd string G in 98 & lettered. 2nd string OT in 99, lettered. Jonta' Woodard (6-5 320 Jr) PS#104JUCO.*
**K Frank Zebich Sr.** 5-10 165 *Hit 2 of 2 xp's here in 99. Nathan Smith (5-8 166 rFr). Steve Veeneman (5-11 180 Jr). Wade Tydlacka (5-11 190 rFr).*

**DE Matt Sexton Sr.** 6-2 250 *PS#164LB. 10 sts in 98, 30 tkls, 3 tfl. 5 sts in 99 (inj) 22 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl. Koby Clark (6-5 260 Jr) PS#309JUCO.*
**DT DONOVAN ARP SR.** 6-3 250 *JUCO trans in 99. 12 sts here, 47 tkls, 7 sks, 9 tfl, Def POY. Dewayne White (6-2 250 rFr) PS#166LB, added 20 lbs.*
**DT DERRICK KENNEDY SR.** 6-3 270 *PS#26TE in 96. 8 sts in 97, 36 tkls. 10 sts in 98, 30 tkls, 5 tfl. RS in 99. Chad Lee (6-1 230 So) 5 sts as true, 13 tkls, 3 tfl.*
**DE DEVON THOMAS SO.** 6-2 230 *PS#236DL. 3 sts as rFr, 12 tkls, 1 sk, not 100% ly. Michael Josiah (6-3 240 So) 6 sts in 99, 32 tkls, **7 sks**, 2 tfl.*
**OLB RASHAD HARRIS SR.** 6-2 230 *5 sts as true, 7 tfl. 12 sts at MLB in 98, 111 tkls, 7 tfl. 12 sts at OLB in 99, 104 tkls, 5 sks. Ryan Woods (6-0 200 So) 12 tkls as true.*
**MLB Jeremy Collins So.** 6-1 230 *PS#226LB, 1 start (bowl) as rFr, 26 tkls. James Greene (6-2 195 rFr) PS#173LB. Rod Day (6-0 185 rFr) PS#287LB.*
**BAN MICHAEL BROWN SO.** 5-11 200 *PS#197RB in 98. RS at S in 98. 12 sts in 99, #1 w/115 tkls, 14 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Adriel Walker (5-10 200 Jr) 1 tkl in 99.*
**CB ANTONIO ROUNDTREE SR.** 5-7 185 *PS#152. 286 yds at RB in 97. **1st tm CUSA** in 98 at CB, 2 int, 15 pbu. 10 sts in 99 (inj) 7 pbu. Corey Wallace (5-11 200 Sr) 6 sts, 82 tkls ly.*
**CB RASHAD HOLMAN SR.** 5-11 190 *PS#153. 2 sts in 97. 10 tkls. 10 sts in 98, 57 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu. 12 sts in 99, 5 int, 11 pbu, 57 tkls. Covers top WR of opp.*
**SS JUSTIN THOMAS JR.** 6-0 190 *1 start as true, 5 rec at WR. 5 sts in 99, 36 tkls at SS. Brian Gaines (5-7 180 Jr) 14 tkls, 3 tfl in 98, 11 tkls in 99.*
**FS Anthony Floyd So.** 5-11 200 *PS#56RB, 2 sts at CB as true, 18 tkls, 3 int. Curry Burns (6-0 185 So) PS#304DB, 17 tkls, 1 pbu as true.*
**P CHRIS SIVORI SO.** 6-0 215 *PS#21K in 99. 42.3 avg in HS as Sr. 39 punts here as true. 38.8 avg, 9 inside the 20. CUSA frosh team.*

# LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

Louisville, Kentucky
Weather (502) 585-1212

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UL | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Louisville is 9-4 SU at home in the re-named Papa John's Stadium. The Cardinals play all 11 games on grass this season. UL is 0-9 ATS in their first lined home game. Cards are 7-3 ATS L/10 vs Big 10 teams. Louisville is 1-8 ATS L/9 vs Big 12 foes. |
| Sep. 2 | Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Louisville is 3-7 ATS their last 10 season openers. The average combined total score in this series the L/4Y is 75 pts. |
| Sep. 9 | Grambling | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Former Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams is the Head Coach of the Tigers. Grambling was 7-4 SU overall LY & 6-3 in SWAC play. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: UL is 5-0 L/5 "NL" games, winning by an avg of 41 ppg. |
| Sep. 23 | at Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cardinals are 3-5 ATS since 1986 when getting more than 20 pts. Last meeting was in 91: FSU won 45-15 but UL covered as a 31' pt dog. |
| Sep. 30 | Connecticut | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | If this is lined, note that UL is 10-23 ATS L/33 after a SU loss. The Huskies are a Div 1A Indep TY. They were 4-7 SU in '99. |
| Oct. 7 | at Alabama-Birm | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cardinals are 3-11 ATS in the L/4Y in the month of October. LY's 23-14 win by UL was the first meeting of the series. |
| Oct. 14 | Cincinnati | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Louisville is 3-8 ATS in the first game of a 2+ homestand. The favorite is 3-1 ATS the L4Y in this series. |
| Oct. 19 | E Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only 2 meetings since 1968 - Fav has won & covered both times. In 98 EC started off as a 1 pt fav, but the line closed at UL -3. |
| Oct. 28 | Tulane | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cardinals are 5-2 ATS L/7 vs the Green Wave, dating back to '86. UL is 0-4 ATS since 1996 in their 3rd straight home game. |
| Nov. 4 | at S Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Louisville is 3-10 ATS L/13 meetings w/ the Golden Eagles. UL has dropped 5 in a row SU to SM, avg loss by 15.2 points. |
| Nov. 11 | Army | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cardinals are 8-2 ATS L/5Y in the final two games of the season. Louisville is 5-11 ATS L/16 games as a home favorite. |
| Nov. 18 | at Houston | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Four meetings since 1985: UL is 1-3 SU & ATS. Cardinals are 2-3 SU but 3-2 ATS L5Y in their road finale. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: UL is 3-8 ATS in the first and 8-16 in the 2nd of B2B road games. MORE INFO: Cardinals are 5-14 L/19 games on artificial turf. |

**STADIUM: PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (42,000)**
**PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS**

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 1-10 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 41-36 |
| ATS | 6-5 | 2-9 | 7-4 | 4-7 | 2-9 | 6-4 | 5-5 | 32-43 |
| Home Fav | 2-2 | 0-3 | 4-1 | 0-5 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 11-17 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 4-7 |
| Away Fav | 2-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 6-9 |
| Away Dog | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 4-0 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 11-10 |
| Favorite | 4-3 | 0-5 | 5-2 | 0-7 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 4-5 | 17-26 |
| Dog | 2-2 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 1-6 | 3-3 | 1-0 | 15-17 |
| Grass | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 1-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 16-15 |
| Artificial | 5-5 | 1-7 | 5-2 | 1-7 | 1-6 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 16-28 |
| vs Conf | 3-1 | 0-2 | 5-0 | 0-5 | 1-5 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 16-18 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-4 | 2-7 | 2-4 | 4-2 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 16-25 |
| Off SU Win | 5-2 | 1-4 | 5-1 | 2-3 | 0-1 | 4-1 | 3-3 | 20-15 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-2 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 1-4 | 2-7 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 10-23 |

**Coach: JOHN L. SMITH** (Career 83-49)
***Smith's record AT LOUISVILLE***

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year at Louisville | | 4-4 | Home Favorite |
| 14-10 | Straight Up | 2-1 | Home Underdog |
| 11-9 | Vs The Spread | 3-2 | Away Favorite |
| 3-4 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-2 | Away Underdog |
| 7-5 | Vs CUSA | 4-4 | Vs Non-CUSA |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77 | Independence | NL | Louisiana Tech | 14-24 | - |
| 90 | Fiesta | +8 | Alabama | 34-7 | W |
| 93 | Liberty | -3 | Michigan St | 18-7 | W |
| 98 | Motor City | -3' | Marshall | 29-48 | L |
| 99 | Humanitarian | -1' | Boise St | 31-34 | L |

# LOUISVILLE (7-5)

CONFERENCE: **USA**

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 5** **Returning: 39 (14,23,2)**
**DEFENSE: 8** **Lost: 19 (11,6,2)**

## LOUISVILLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 36.9 | 26 | 127 | 4.0 | 333 | 63.5 | 12.5 | -5 | 1999 | 8 | 30.4 | 21 | 169 | 4.2 | 235 | 55.5 | 13.3 |
| 8* | 39.4 | 28 | 147 | 4.4 | 403 | 65.6 | 13.9 | -3 | 1998 | 6 | 36.3 | 24 | 237 | 5.1 | 256 | 57.5 | 13.6 |
| 8* | 22.3 | 19 | 77 | 2.6 | 298 | 58.4 | 16.8 | -5 | 1997 | 5 | 37.0 | 20 | 187 | 4.5 | 235 | 57.1 | 11.4 |
| 5 | 16.5 | 17 | 95 | 2.6 | 221 | 53.4 | 19.1 | -17 | 1996 | 7 | 18.6 | 15 | 81 | 2.0 | 155 | 48.2 | 12.6 |
| 6* | 25.7 | 20 | 147 | 3.7 | 221 | 54.8 | 14.2 | +21 | 1995 | 8 | 15.0 | 19 | 127 | 3.0 | 194 | 50.0 | 21.4 |
| 5 | 23.2 | 20 | 139 | 3.5 | 213 | 55.9 | 15.2 | -5 | 1994 | 3 | 23.0 | 19 | 161 | 3.9 | 190 | 55.9 | 15.2 |

**1999 STATS BY GAME**

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Kentucky | 29 | 32-181 | 5.7 | 32-42 | 337 | 3 | 23 | 26-(-10) | -0.4 | 34-63 | 446 | 8 | +1 |
| Tenn-Chattanooga | 27 | 33-275 | 8.3 | 26-36 | 245 | 1 | 21 | 27-(-17) | -0.6 | 33-52 | 367 | 6 | 0 |
| Illinois | 33 | 28-128 | 4.6 | 39-60 | 450 | 2 | 21 | 38-222 | 5.8 | 17-24 | 244 | 1 | -1 |
| Oklahoma | 17 | 26-94 | 3.6 | 24-49 | 292 | 2 | 23 | 31-115 | 3.7 | 29-42 | 429 | 3 | +0 |
| E Michigan | 27 | 37-177 | 4.8 | 26-38 | 279 | 0 | 13 | 34-82 | 2.4 | 14-27 | 83 | 4 | -2 |
| at Army | 32 | 42-123 | 2.9 | 36-50 | 366 | 4 | 28 | 68-480 | 7.1 | 5-11 | 84 | 1 | 0 |
| at Memphis | 27 | 32-75 | 2.3 | 33-48 | 385 | 4 | 18 | 44-213 | 4.8 | 10-18 | 90 | 1 | 0 |
| Houston | 30 | 31-88 | 2.8 | 27-53 | 397 | 1 | 22 | 38-181 | 4.8 | 20-39 | 255 | 2 | -1 |
| Alabama-Birm | 22 | 32-133 | 4.2 | 23-34 | 224 | 1 | 27 | 54-237 | 4.4 | 9-19 | 124 | 1 | +1 |
| at Cincinnati | 29 | 33-108 | 3.3 | 32-49 | 367 | 0 | 17 | 37-181 | 4.9 | 15-32 | 194 | 0 | 0 |
| S Mississippi | 17 | 25-53 | 2.1 | 24-42 | 345 | 3 | 16 | 41-148 | 3.6 | 15-32 | 165 | 3 | -2 |
| Boise St (Bowl) | 26 | 32-89 | 2.8 | 26-47 | 314 | 2 | 28 | 42-198 | 4.7 | 20-39 | 335 | 1 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 316 | 383-1524 | 4.0 | 348-548 | 4001 | 22 | 257 | 480-2030 | 4.2 | 221-398 | 2816 | 31 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 26.3 | 32-127 | 4.0 | 29-46 | 333 | 1.8 | 21.4 | 40-169 | 4.2 | 18-33 | 235 | 2.6 | -0.4 |

**1995 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kentucky | -5 | 13-10 | L |
| at N Illinois | -10' | 34-21 | W |
| Michigan St | -2 | 7-30 | L |
| N Carolina | +6 | 10-17 | L |
| at Memphis | +3' | 17-7 | W |
| at S Mississippi | +8 | 21-25 | W |
| at Wyoming | +3 | 20-27 | L |
| Maryland | -3' | 31-0 | W |
| Tulane | -14' | 34-14 | W |
| NE Louisiana | -19 | 39-0 | W |
| N Texas | -26 | 57-14 | W |

**1996 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kentucky | +1' | 38-14 | W |
| at Penn St | +19' | 7-24 | W |
| Baylor | -1 | 13-14 | L |
| at Michigan St | +5' | 30-20 | W |
| S Mississippi | -3' | 7-24 | L |
| at Tulane | -6' | 23-20 | L |
| N Illinois | -29 | 27-3 | L |
| Cincinnati | -7 | 7-10 | L |
| Memphis | -10 | 13-10 | L |
| at N Carolina | +22 | 10-28 | W |
| at Houston | -1' | 7-38 | L |

**1997 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kentucky | -3 | 24-38 | L |
| Utah | -4 | 21-27 | L |
| Illinois | -6 | 26-14 | W |
| Penn St | +21 | 21-57 | L |
| at Oklahoma | +7' | 14-35 | L |
| at S Mississippi | +14 | 24-42 | L |
| Tulane | +1' | 33-64 | L |
| Houston | -3 | 22-36 | L |
| E Carolina | +2' | 31-45 | L |
| at Cincinnati | +13' | 9-28 | L |
| at Memphis | +10 | 20-21 | W |

**1998 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kentucky | +11 | 34-68 | L |
| at Utah | +16 | 22-45 | L |
| at Illinois | +6' | 35-9 | W |
| Boston College | +6' | 52-28 | W |
| Cincinnati | -14 | 62-19 | W |
| at S Mississippi | +6 | 21-56 | L |
| at Tulane | +16' | 22-28 | W |
| Memphis | -13 | 35-32 | L |
| W Kentucky | NL | 63-34 | – |
| at E Carolina | -3 | 63-45 | W |
| Army | -8' | 35-23 | W |

**1999 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kentucky | -3 | 56-28 | W |
| Tenn-Chatt | NL | 58-30 | – |
| Illinois | -11' | 36-41 | L |
| Oklahoma | -1 | 21-42 | L |
| E Michigan | -23 | 45-10 | W |
| at Army | -14 | 52-59 | L |
| at Memphis | -2' | 32-31 | L |
| Houston | -4' | 39-33 | W |
| Alabama-Birm | -14 | 23-14 | L |
| at Cincinnati | -1 | 23-13 | W |
| S Mississippi | +5 | 27-30 | W |

# LSU TIGERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year LSU had to replace 4 year starter Herb Tyler who completed 61.2% with an 18-7 ratio in his senior season. DiNardo had 3 top notch QB's to choose from. I gave Rohan Davey the slight edge to win the starting job last year. Surprisingly, DiNardo named Craig Nall (6-4 218 Jr, PS#22) the starter. Nall hit just 6 of 15 passes with 2 int's against San Jose St and would have only 5 more attempts vs N Texas with his other 3 games of action coming at WR. He did have 1 start and 340 yards passing in 98. Rohan Davey (6-3 239 Jr) was PS#7. He got in 6 snaps as a rFr and won the starting job for the 2nd and 3rd games in 99. He was perfect vs N Texas but hit just 4 of 11 with 2 int's vs Auburn and lost his starting job. Davey would see a sparse amount of action until leading the team to their victory over Arkansas (after Booty was injured) hitting 10 of 12 for 224 yards with 3 TD's. Davey gives LSU the option threat but tore the ACL in his left knee in the offseason and missed spring practice. He was 2-0 as a starter. Josh Booty (6-3 224 Jr) was the fans' choice. He was the #1 rated QB out of high school in 94 and played baseball with the Marlins for 5 years even gamering a World Series ring. DiNardo, under heavy pressure from fans and alumni, put Booty in as the starting QB in week 4 and he started the last 8. Booty has a powerful arm and was confident he could throw the ball anywhere at anytime. The result was 7 TD's and 19 int's and just 48.6% completions. Booty trimmed 26 lbs in the offseason and is excited about the new offense. All 3 return and no matter who wins the starting job, I expect this position to be solidly improved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - With Kevin Faulk in the backfield and LSU having winning teams in 96 & 97, the Tigers rushed for 210 ypg (4.7) in that span. Last year they had to replace Faulk and the rushing numbers dropped to just 83 ypg and 2.9 ypc. Don't pin that on Rondell Mealey (#7 DC of GB) who had a decent season with 637 yards (3.7). The culprit was the injury plagued offensive line and the team's reliance on the passing game in the second half of the season. Mealey departs but Domanick Davis (PS#7) should be a fine feature back. Including KR's, Davis had 1,052 total yards as a true frosh and has the size and speed you would expect of a VHT. Tommy Banks is a solid 3 year starter at FB and LaBrandon Toefield (PS#20) should have a big rFr season. Coaches like their own recruits and Saban signed 3 RB's including 2 who make it into my Top Newcomer's box below. Despite the loss of an NFL caliber back like Mealey, this position should be improved in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - The Tigers had a veteran receiving corps last year but lost their top WR Larry Foster to suspension after one game. They then lost their top TE Kyle Kipps to injury after 3 games. They had planned to go to a 4 WR offense often but this was an injury plagued group throughout most of the year and struggled to fill the holes. The only losses this season are TE Jamal Pack (3 sts, 2 rec), Foster and Kyle Kipps, who tentatively moved to DE in the spring. Jerel Myers led the team as a true frosh and there is plenty of talent in the 2 deep that I list below. This group has added talent, is more experienced and should have a healthier year in 2000 so I look for improvement.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The last 2 years this unit has been hit hard by injuries with only 1 player starting all 11 games in 98 and only 2 accomplishing that feat last year. In 99 they had to replace 2 starters including an NFL DC and this year just one departs. Last year's version was shuffled from week to week due to injuries and at one point was missing 3 starters from the lineup. This year 9 players return with starting experience and DiNardo did a solid job recruiting in this area as many are HT's. The lone loss is LG Al Jackson (11 sts). The injuries this unit suffered last year hurt the offensive production and as long as this year's unit regains stability, it should be a strength in a potent attack.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Tigers played a 3-4 defense the last 2 years and last year had to replace a 1st round NFL draft pick but had 2 starters returning. This year they must replace DT Johnny Mitchell (11 sts, 13 tfl). They have moved to a 4 man front and there's plenty of experience returning including some players who played at OLB last season. DiNardo did a solid job recruiting in this area. If you look at my 2 deep below you will see 7 of the 9 players are VHT's and 5 of them have starting experience. Kenderick Allen (PS#2) had 4 tfl as a true frosh but had to redshirt last year due to injury and should be a force in the middle. This is a very talented D-line and while LSU only allowed 3.7 ypc rushing last year, they should be stronger in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Tigers had to replace 1 starter and 2 part time starters last year and two of last year's returning starters did not hold onto their jobs. This year they lose OLB Charles Smith (11 sts, 99 tkls, 9 tfl) and RLB Theo Williams (2 sts, 11 tkls, 2 tfl). Williams was injured early in the season. Once again DiNardo did a tremendous job recruiting and all 3 projected starters are VHT's including a PS#4 in Bradie James and a PS#10 in Treverance Faulk, who started as a true frosh last year. If you look at my 2 deep below, five of the top 6 players all have starting experience. I look for solid improvement, and this is one of the SEC's more talented LB corps.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - DiNardo's secondaries usually finished in the top 25 of my pass efficiency defense rankings including a #1 finish back in 95. In 98 they shockingly dropped to #101 and returned a veteran unit last year with 3 starters and made a huge jump in the rankings moving up to #18 allowing just 54% completions with 11 TD's and 17 int's. Once again VHT's are plentiful in this unit as there are 5 listed in my 2 deep below. Six players return with starting experience. An interesting player to watch is Damien James who was PS#9QB and has been moved around to many different positions which has stunted his growth as a player. He is playing CB this year and should battle a couple of other VHT's for playing time. They do have a couple of losses as SS Clarence LeBlanc (8 sts, 68 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu) and CB Mark Roman (6 sts, #2DC of CIN) depart as well as backup CB Damien Woods. Roman was lost at midseason making Robert Davis basically a returning starter as he started the last 5 games. If you look at the rankings from last year, former DC Tepper's defense was not as bad as perceived and this unit should once again finish in the top 20 of my pass defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This area was usually strong under DiNardo, finishing #18 in 97 and #24 in 98 thanks in part to Kevin Faulk's superior return skills. Last year with his departure they dropped all the way down to 98th overall. Their KR defense was poor allowing 22.3 and a -4 in the TD/block category also hurt them. Naturally the plethora of injuries that LSU suffered depleted this unit as well. Most of the key performers from last year are back with the exception of their top 2 punters. Corey Gibbs averaged a solid 43.0 on 57 punts but LSU still had a net of just 34.8. John Corbelo did a solid job in his first year at K hitting 9 of 12 with a long of 43 and he returns. I look for improvement in most areas and Donnie Jones should be a fine replacement for Gibbs at P.

SE Abram Booty shakes off his defender for extra yardage.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rondell Mealey | 170 | 751 | 114 | 637 | 8 | 3.7 |
| **Domanick Davis** | **64** | **291** | **17** | **274** | **3** | **4.3** |
| **Josh Booty** | **27** | **23** | **106** | **-83** | **0** | **-3.1** |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| **Josh Booty** | **333** | **162** | **48.6** | **1830** | **7** | **19** |
| **Rohan Davey** | **52** | **31** | **59.6** | **491** | **4** | **4** |
| **Craig Nall** | **20** | **7** | **35.0** | **91** | **0** | **2** |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| **Jerel Myers** | | **64** | **854** | **13.3** | **2** | **58** |
| **Abram Booty** | | **26** | **374** | **14.4** | **2** | **38** |
| **Reggie Robinson** | | **25** | **362** | **14.5** | **3** | **67** |
| **Robert Royal** | | **19** | **143** | **7.5** | **1** | **18** |
| Rondell Mealey | | 16 | 147 | 9.2 | 1 | 48 |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| Corey Gibbs | 57 | 2452 | 43.0 | - | - | 1 | 14 |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| **John Corbello** | **2-3** | **4-5** | **3-4** | **0-0** | **9-12** | **43** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ryan Clark** | **110** | **0** | **2** | **10** | **3** |
| Charles Smith | 99 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Clarence LeBlanc | 68 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| **Kareem Mitchell** | **68** | **3** | **9** | **0** | **0** |
| **Treverance Faulk** | **68** | **0** | **4** | **3** | **0** |
| **Norman LeJeune** | **67** | **0** | **4** | **1** | **2** |
| **Jarvis Green** | **51** | **7** | **5** | **2** | **0** |
| Johnny Mitchell | 49 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| **Muskingum Barnes** | **47** | **2** | **5** | **0** | **0** |
| **Fred Booker** | **46** | **0** | **1** | **6** | **1** |
| **Thomas Dunson** | **44** | **0** | **2** | **2** | **0** |
| **Robert Davis** | **42** | **0** | **0** | **5** | **2** |
| **Bradie James** | **41** | **3** | **4** | **2** | **1** |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Domanick Davis** | **12** | **66** | **5.5** | **0** |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Domanick Davis** | **25** | **618** | **24.7** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**SAN JOSE ST -27' 29-21 LOSS** SJS had a 377-347 yd edge. LSU's 1st 2 poss ended in TO's but SJS had a 48 yd FG blk'd. LSU got a 63 yd TD drive & a 50 yd int ret for a TD. Foll another int they got a 20 yd FG, 17-0. SJS QB Kasteler was just 5 of 19 in the 1H with 4 int's. SJS got a big 80 yd TD run by Whitaker with 4:03 left, 17-7. Davey replaced Nall & guided LSU 75 yds to a TD to open the 3Q. SJS got 80 & 55 yd TD drives, 23-21. LSU then went 91 yds for a TD late 4Q (xpng) & SJS was SOD at the LSU 33.

**N TEXAS -34 52-0 WIN** Six of NT's 1st 8 poss started either at or inside their own 10. LSU led 21-0 after 1Q & 31-0 at half. LSU had a 514-132 yd edge.

**AUBURN -8' 7-41 LOSS** I used a 4★ Late Phone Selection on AU & they dominated. LSU had 0 FD's, 0 completions & only 15 1Q yds. Aub led 34-0 w/ 4:08 left in the 3Q. LSU gained most of their yds late and attempted an SEC record 69 passes.

**AT GEORGIA +9 22-23 WIN** Each team had 7 1H FD's. It was 3-3 when LSU drove 15 yds for a TD foll a fmbl. GA got a 58 yd TD run by Pass. After an int, GA got a 20 yd FG. LSU conv a fake FG but settled for a 31 yd FG with 2:25 left & added a 40 yd FG with :16 left, 16-13. GA missed a 38 yd FG foll an int early 3Q & was SOD at the LSU 5. GA blk'd a punt to set up a 28 yd TD drive. GA got a 33 yd FG with 6:53 left, 23-16. LSU was int'd in the EZ. LSU got a TD on 4th & 10 with :18 left. DiNardo went for 2 but Booty's pass in the EZ was batted down.

**FLORIDA +14 10-31 LOSS** A pounding rain fell for most of the 2Q & the field was a muddy swamp, slowing both offenses. UF got a 73 yd pass on the 1st play to set up a TD. UF got a 33 yd PR but settled for a 22 yd FG. LSU settled for a 22 yd FG but Carroll ret'd the KO 100 yds for a TD. UF was int'd at the 3 but got a 20 yd TD drive foll a bad snap on a punt. UF had a 251-32 yd edge at half. LSU drove 56 yds but was int'd then rec'd a fmbl & drove 34 yds for a TD, 24-10. LSU drove to the UF 37. Booty's pass was tipped, int'd & ret'd 50 yds to the 31. UF got 1 FD to the 20 & just 1:00 remained but instead of kneeling, Spurrier ran twice & a 20 yd TD run gave UF the cover.

**AT KENTUCKY +4' 5-31 LOSS** On the 1st play LSU ran a reverse & lost 10 yds & it went downhill from there. Shanklin ret'd a punt 56 yds for a TD, 7-0. LSU got a 43 yd FG but UK added an 80 yd TD drive. LSU blk'd a punt for a safety, 14-5. UK missed a 45 yd FG but got a 32 yd FG with 1:27 left. LSU missed a 30 yd FG just before half. UK got an 84 yd 3Q TD drive & foll an int a 27 yd TD drive. LSU was int'd in the EZ & LSU's final drive was int'd at the goal line. UK had a 423-227 yd edge.

**AT MISSISSIPPI ST +15' 16-17 WIN** LSU scored on their 1st 2 poss, 10-0. MSU had a 132-106 yd edge at half & blk'd punt for a safety. MSU drove for a 31 yd FG foll the free kick, 10-5. MSU blk'd another punt but was int'd in the EZ on the final play of the half. MSU drove 50 yds for a 3Q TD, 11-10 (2 ptng). LSU drove to the MSU 28 but punted pinning MSU at the 1. LSU blk'd a punt for a TD, 16-11 (2 ptng). MSU went 60 yds in 13 plays. On 4th & 1 Gibson fell down at the 1 but was ruled in the EZ for a phantom TD with 1:46 left, 17-16 (2 ptng). LSU was int'd with :59 left.

**MISSISSIPPI +4' 23-42 LOSS** UM fmbl'd twice & was int'd in the EZ. It was tied 14-14 late 1H. The last min of the 1H & first min of the 2H were bad for LSU. They got a bad snap on a punt at the 16 & UM got a TD. On the 1st play of the 2H Heard ret'd an int 28 yds for a TD, 28-14. LSU got a 43 yd FG after UM was SOD. LSU drove 72 yds for a TD, 28-23. UM used its ground game in the 4Q going 53 & 46 yds for TD's & had a 426-280 yd edge.

**AT ALABAMA +20 17-23 WIN** UA RB Alexander was limited due to inj. Bama missed a 54 yd FG. LSU drove 64 yds for a TD. Bama went on a 10:00, 22 play, 80 yd drive for a TD which came on 4th & goal. UA got a 31 yd FG, 10-7 at half. UA drove 76 yds for a TD & then ret'd a fmbl 54 yds to the LSU 6 setting up a TD, 23-7. LSU DT Mitchell got an int & lumbered 66 yds for the TD, 23-14 & LSU added a 33 yd FG, 23-17. UA missed a 27 yd FG. LSU got a 1st & goal at the 2, but on the final play Booty had 2 rec's open in the EZ but elected to run & was tkl'd at the 1. Bama had a 354-208 yd edge.

**HOUSTON -3 7-20 LOSS** LSU drove 84 yds for a TD on the 1st poss. LSU had 123 yds in the 1Q but just 23 in the 2Q. UH drove 60 yds to tie. UH got an 85 yd, 16 play drive but settled for a 22 yd FG. UH was int'd & ret'd for a TD but def holding gave them a FD & they got a 69 yd TD drive, 17-7 at half. UH had 15-7 FD & 246-140 yd edges. UH got a 29 yd FG in the 3Q. LSU threatened but fmbl'd at the UH 37. Booty was inj'd & Davey QB'd the 4Q but had 2 int's, the 2nd coming at the UH 10.

**ARKANSAS +11 35-10 WIN** UA was off 2 big home victories & DiNardo was pushed out the week prior. UA had a 10-5 FD edge in the 1H but missed a 43 yd FG. They got a 26 yd FG foll an LSU fmbl. Davey drove LSU 28 yds for a TD foll a 22 yd PR and then got a 67 yd TD pass, 14-3. LSU got an int & 2 plays later a 48 yd TD pass with just :25 left, 21-3. LSU opened the 3Q with a 64 yd TD drive. UA got a 65 yd TD drive & LSU fmbl'd at the UA 16 but UA was forced to punt. Davey hit a 60 yd TD pass & UA's last threat was int in the EZ.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Gerry DiNardo appeared to have resurrected an LSU team that had reached new lows during the early 1990's (6 straight losing seasons). He guided them to a 26-9-1 record during his first 3 years, 3 bowl games and 2 SEC West Co-Championships. He was bringing in great recruiting classes. Unfortunately they went just 7-15 the last 2 years due to injuries, suspensions and some close losses. DiNardo was fired with 1 week to go in the 1999 season after a home loss to Houston. Scholarship players leaving on their own accord or being released for disciplinary reasons left DiNardo with 15 fewer scholarships players than the 85 allowed last year. Their 8 game losing streak was the longest losing streak in school history. They came within a play of beating 3 Top 15 teams in 1999 and upset Arkansas. LSU went out and made Nick Saban the third highest paid head coach in the NCAA with a $6 million, 5 year contract. He steps into a wonderful opportunity to look good here as LSU is off losing seasons of 4-7 and 3-8. LSU is in the midst of a major expansion program and will add 11,000 new seats to Tiger Stadium boosting capacity to 91,064 making it the 4th largest on-campus stadium in the country and they play 7 games at home in 2000. Nick Saban is the 7th head coach here in the last 20 years. Saban's new OC Jimbo Fisher comes from Cincinnati where he guided the Bearcats to the 16th most potent offense in the country. He had been at Auburn under Terry Bowden prior and Saban hired 3 assistants who have been at other SEC West schools. They return 17 starters and should be much stronger on both sides of the ball. They are the only SEC West team to pull both Florida and Tennessee from the East but a soft non-conference slate gives them a solid shot at a winning season.


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| RB | Derron Parquet | 6-0 205 PS#29 |
| RB | Devery Henderson | 6-1 180 PS#32 |
| OL | Kade Comeaux | 6-6 305 PS#27 |
| DL | John Paul Jones | 6-2 275 PS#37 |
| LB | Lionel Turner | 6-3 225 PS#47 |
| LB | Marvin Jones | 5-10 225 PS#49 |
| DB | Erin Damond | 5-11 175 PS#50 |
| LB | Jarvus Ryes | 6-3 235 PS#58 |
| OL | Daniel Leon | 6-2 305 PS#79 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JOSH BOOTY JR.** 6-3 224 *PS#1 in 94. Baseball. 8 sts here in 99 as "frosh," 1830 yds (49%), 7-19 ratio. Rohan Davey (6-3 239 Jr) PS#7, 491 yds, 4-4 ratio.*

**RB Domanick Davis So.** 5-10 207 *PS#7 DB in 99. 274 yds (4.3) as true, 13 rec (7.2), 684 ret yds. LaBrandon Toefield (6-0 224 rFr) was PS#20RB.*

**FB TOMMY BANKS SR.** 6-0 271 *PS#83 in 97. 22 sts in 3 yrs, 135 yds rush, 17 rec (8.6). Mike Lillie (6-3 238 Sr) PS#15TE, 8 sts, 9 rec at GA Tech in 97.*

**WR JEREL MYERS SO.** 5-11 180 *PS#45. 10 sts as true, #1 w/64 rec (13.3). Reggie Robinson (6-2 194 Jr) PS#32, 8 sts in 2 yrs, 46 rec (14.6).*

**WR ABRAM BOOTY SR.** 6-2 191 *PS#21. 5 sts true, 40 rec (15.3). 11 sts in 98, 54 rec (14.4). 4 sts in 99 (inj), 26 rec (14.4). Josh Reed (5-11 198 So) PS#100RB, 8 rec ly.*

**TE JOE DOMINGEAUX JR.** 6-5 266 *PS#11, 12 sts, 10 rec, 2 yrs. Eric Edwards (6-5 248 rFr) PS#3. Robert Royal (6-5 240 Sr) 2 sts at TE in 99, 19 rec (7.5). Inj in spg.*

**C JASON UNDERWOOD JR.** 6-4 265 *PS#275DL, 2 gms as rFr. 11 sts in 99. Dropped 10 lbs. John Compton (6-3 285 Sr) 3 gms in 99 with 1 st at RG.*

**RG Trey Langley Sr.** 6-5 292 *PS#194DL. 8 sts at RT as rFr. 7 sts in 99, 522 plays. 4 sts in 99 (inj). Bob Wynne (6-4 286 So) PS#54. John Young PS#115.*

**LG JASON BAGGETT JR.** 6-6 283 *PS#13TE, 1 st at TE as true, 7 gms. Started L/5 at RG ly. Sam Forehand (6-6 337 So) PS#64, 2 sts at RG in 99. Rodney Reed PS#62.*

**RT BRANDON WINEY SR.** 6-7 294 *PS#36TE, 10 sts in 98 (4 @ RT, 6 @ RG), 636 plays. 9 sts in 99. Brad Smalling (6-7 320 So) PS#15, 9 gms in 99, 1 st.*

**LT LOUIS WILLIAMS SR.** 6-5 291 *PS#91. 3 sts at RT as true. 11 sts at LT, 732 plays in 98. 11 sts in 99. Dwayne Pierce (6-3 322 Jr) PS#82, 1 st in 98.*

**K JOHN CORBELO SO.** 5-11 216 *PS#4 in 99. Hit 9 of 12 FG's in 10 gms as true frosh with a long of 43. Hit 3 of 4 from 40+. Kris Kessler (6-1 194 Jr).*

**DE KAREEM MITCHELL SR.** 6-4 258 *PS#46LB. 15 tkls, 3 tfl in 98 at NT. 6 sts at DE, 68 tkls, 3 sks, 9 tfl. Kyle Kipps (6-4 261 Jr) PS#26TE, 13 sts in 98 & 99 at TE, 20 rec.*

**DT MUSKINGUM BARNES JR.** 6-2 269 *PS#20. 5 tkls as rFr. 8 sts in 99, 47 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. Byron Dawson (6-2 298 So) PS#103 in 98, 3 sts as rFr, 23 tkls, 2 tfl.*

**DT Kenderick Allen So.** 6-6 290 *PS#2. 1 st as true, 20 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. 4 tkls in 99. Howard Green (6-2 314 Jr) PS#34DL in 98. Melvin Richey (6-4 320 rFr) PS#29.*

**DE JARVIS GREEN JR.** 6-3 259 *PS#32, 10 sts in 98, 50 tkls. 8 sks, 9 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 51 tkls, 7 sks, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. Willie Gray (6-2 276 So) PS#118, 17 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr.*

**LB Bradie James So.** 6-3 228 *PS#4LB. 41 tkls as true, 3 sks, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. +15 lbs. Bubba Alexander (6-2 217 Sr) PS#41. Orig at TX A&M. 10 tkls in 98, 2 sts, 2 tfl in 99.*

**LB TREVERANCE FAULK SO.** 6-3 225 *PS#10LB. 8 sts as true, 68 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. Jamal Hill (6-2 213 Sr) PS#47. 7 sts in 98, 21 tkls, 2 tfl. Chris Cooper (5-11 226 So) PS#59.*

**LB THOMAS DUNSON JR.** 6-3 228 *8 sts in 98, 44 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. 3 sts in 99, 44 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. Jeremy Lawrence (6-2 230 So) PS#165, 5 sts in 99. 36 tkls, 6 tfl.*

**CB ROBERT DAVIS JR.** 5-10 184 *PS#13WR in 97. 4 sts in 98, 49 tkls. Started L/5 in 99, 42 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Demetrius Hooklin (5-11 172 So) PS#17, 11 gms as true.*

**CB FRED BOOKER SR.** 5-10 188 *PS#23DB. 12 tkls as true. 6 sts in 98, 26 tkls, 5 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 46 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Damien James (5-11 190 So) PS#9QB, 4 tkls in 99.*

**SS Norman LeJeune So.** 6-0 186 *PS#79DB. Started L/5 at OLB in 99, 67 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int as true. Lionel Thomas (6-0 196 Jr) PS#97. 4 sts in 99, 33 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl.*

**FS RYAN CLARK JR.** 5-11 185 *PS#125, 18 tkls in 98. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/110 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu, 2 tfl. Adrian Mayes is PS#12. Shane O'Toole (5-10 168 Jr) 3 sts in 99.*

**P Donnie Jones rFr.** 6-3 211 *PS#22K. Avg'd 43.4 per punt as Sr in HS. RS in 99. Solid spring. Ross Cockrell (6-1 186 rFr) is a walk-on.*

# LSU TIGERS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score LSU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 3-7 ATS on artificial turf since 1990.<br>LSU plays all of their games on grass for a 2nd straight season.<br>Tigers are 11-5 ATS L/16 sandwiched road games. |
| Sep. 2 | Western Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LSU's last "NL" game was a 12-21 loss to Miami (Oh) in '86.<br>The Catamounts play in the Southern Conf & were 3-8 SU in 1999. |
| Sep. 9 | Houston | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Two meetings in the L/4 yrs: LSU 1-1 SU but 0-2 ATS.<br>LSU is 2-7 ATS L/9 seasons in their first lined game. |
| Sep. 16 | at Auburn | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Baton Rouge Boys are 7-3 ATS in this Tiger Tussle.<br>LSU has won 7 of 8 SEC openers ATS. |
| Sep. 23 | Alabama-Birm (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 1-4-1 ATS L/2Y vs non-conf foes.<br>LSU is 6-1 SU but 1-6 ATS L/7 vs current CUSA foes. |
| Sep. 30 | Tennessee | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers last meeting with the Vols was a 20-42 away loss in '93.<br>Call 1-800-654-3448 to take $25 off October Guarantee!! |
| Oct. 7 | at Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LSU is 6-0 ATS as a dog of more than 20 since 1991.<br>The visitor is 15-5-1 ATS the last 21 in this series. |
| Oct. 14 | Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Louisiana St is 1-6-1 ATS after playing Florida.<br>UK has been the "after Fla" foe 6 of the L/8Y & is 6-1-1 ATS overall in that span. |
| Oct. 21 | Mississippi St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 7-4 ATS L/11 in 2nd straight home game.<br>LSU is 7-1 SU & ATS vs Miss St, LY they lost SU by 1 point. |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Tigers are 2-8 ATS L/10 home finales. |
| Nov. 4 | Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LSU is 6-11 ATS L/17 after a bye, but 2-0 LY.<br>The visitor is 11-3 ATS the L/14 in this series. |
| Nov. 11 | at Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LSU is 2-7-1 ATS the week after playing Alabama.<br>Tigers are 3-16 & 0-7 ATS prior to a bye week. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: The visitor is 11-5 ATS in the Ole Miss/LSU series. |
| Nov. 25 | at Arkansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LSU is 5-1 SU in this series, including a big upset in LY's finale.<br>Saban was 3-2 SU & ATS in road finales while at Michigan St. |

## STADIUM: TIGER STADIUM (91,600)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 4-7 | 6-4-1 | 9-2 | 8-3 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 39-37-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 4-5-2 | 6-5 | 3-7-1 | 5-6 | 35-39-3 |
| Home Fav | 1-2 | 0-3 | 4-0 | 2-4-1 | 2-4 | 1-5 | 1-3 | 11-21-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 6-6 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-0-1 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 6-4-1 |
| Away Dog | 3-2 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1-1 | 3-1 | 12-8-1 |
| Favorite | 1-2 | 1-3 | 4-2 | 3-4-2 | 5-5 | 2-6 | 1-3 | 17-25-2 |
| Dog | 4-4 | 5-2 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-1-1 | 4-3 | 18-14-1 |
| Grass | 4-5 | 5-5 | 6-4 | 4-5-2 | 6-4 | 3-7-1 | 5-6 | 33-36-3 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-3 |
| vs SEC | 4-4 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-3-2 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 26-28-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-2-1 | 1-2 | 9-11-1 |
| Off SU Win | 1-4 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 4-4 | 3-4 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 15-19 |
| Off SU Loss | 4-1 | 3-4 | 3-1 | 1-0-1 | 2-1 | 2-3-1 | 4-4 | 19-14-1 |

## Coach: NICK SABAN (Career 43-26-1)
### *Saban's records AT LSU*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year at LSU | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 0-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs SEC | 0-0 | Vs Non-SEC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 87 | Gator | +3' | S Carolina | 30-13 | W |
| 88 | Hall of Fame | +2 | Syracuse | 10-23 | L |
| 95 | Independence | -6' | Michigan St | 45-26 | W |
| 96 | Peach | -6' | Clemson | 10-7 | L |
| 97 | Independence | -6' | Notre Dame | 27-9 | W |

# LSU (3-8)

CONFERENCE: **SEC WEST**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 9***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 48 (24,22,2)**
**Lost: 14 (5,5,4)**

## LSU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 20.3 | 18 | 82 | 2.9 | 219 | 49.4 | 14.9 | -7 | 1999 | 7 | 23.5 | 19 | 152 | 3.7 | 197 | 54.0 | 14.8 |
| 7* | 30.6 | 21 | 169 | 4.3 | 216 | 59.1 | 12.6 | +1 | 1998 | 8 | 25.4 | 21 | 133 | 3.5 | 276 | 62.8 | 16.1 |
| 8* | 31.1 | 20 | 257 | 5.4 | 146 | 59.9 | 13.0 | +13 | 1997 | 7 | 15.7 | 19 | 117 | 3.3 | 222 | 50.3 | 21.6 |
| 8* | 27.9 | 19 | 205 | 4.6 | 187 | 53.7 | 14.0 | -5 | 1996 | 6 | 17.5 | 17 | 157 | 3.9 | 159 | 47.8 | 18.0 |
| 7* | 27.0 | 20 | 145 | 3.9 | 204 | 54.9 | 12.9 | +3 | 1995 | 7 | 15.5 | 18 | 133 | 3.3 | 188 | 46.5 | 20.7 |
| 4* | 24.5 | 18 | 124 | 3.3 | 221 | 52.2 | 14.0 | -4 | 1994 | 6 | 24.6 | 15 | 133 | 3.6 | 159 | 54.1 | 11.8 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| San Jose St | 18 | 35-190 | 5.4 | 12-25 | 157 | 2 | | 16 | 38-189 | 5.0 | 21-39 | 188 | 5 | 0 |
| N Texas | 26 | 40-350 | 8.8 | 16-25 | 164 | 1 | | 8 | 33-122 | 3.7 | 3-16 | 10 | 0 | +3 |
| Auburn | 22 | 21-26 | 1.2 | 33-69 | 316 | 2 | | 19 | 47-86 | 1.8 | 18-26 | 340 | 2 | -5 |
| at Georgia | 14 | 21-11 | 0.5 | 19-45 | 280 | 1 | | 17 | 49-225 | 4.6 | 12-29 | 110 | 2 | -2 |
| Florida | 16 | 37-(-7) | -0.2 | 18-42 | 172 | 2 | | 17 | 30-118 | 3.9 | 17-29 | 227 | 2 | 0 |
| at Kentucky | 18 | 28-73 | 2.6 | 12-33 | 154 | 2 | | 24 | 34-106 | 3.1 | 27-42 | 317 | 2 | -2 |
| at Miss St | 17 | 31-42 | 1.4 | 14-27 | 165 | 1 | | 16 | 42-86 | 2.0 | 14-33 | 174 | 0 | +0 |
| Mississippi | 16 | 25-15 | 0.6 | 23-42 | 265 | 3 | | 22 | 49-323 | 6.6 | 10-23 | 103 | 0 | +2 |
| at Alabama | 14 | 22-32 | 1.5 | 15-36 | 176 | 1 | | 24 | 48-151 | 3.1 | 23-40 | 203 | 1 | +1 |
| Houston | 18 | 17-31 | 1.8 | 24-43 | 296 | 4 | | 20 | 50-172 | 3.4 | 19-27 | 203 | 2 | -5 |
| Arkansas | 16 | 31-144 | 4.6 | 14-18 | 267 | 2 | | 21 | 32-97 | 3.0 | 24-44 | 290 | 2 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 195 | 308-907 | 2.9 | 200-405 | 2412 | 21 | | 204 | 452-1675 | 3.7 | 188-348 | 2165 | 18 | -7 |
| AVERAGES | 17.7 | 28-82 | 2.9 | 18-37 | 219 | 1.9 | | 18.6 | 41-152 | 3.7 | 17-32 | 197 | 1.6 | -0.6 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Texas A&M | +15 | 17-33 | L |
| at Mississippi St | +5' | 34-16 | W |
| Auburn | +6 | 12-6 | W |
| Rice | -13' | 52-7 | W |
| at S Carolina | -8' | 20-20 | L |
| Florida | +10' | 10-28 | L |
| at Kentucky | -6' | 16-24 | L |
| N Texas | -27' | 49-7 | W |
| at Alabama | +3 | 3-10 | L |
| Mississippi | -6' | 38-9 | W |
| Arkansas | -3 | 28-0 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | -22' | 35-34 | L |
| at Auburn | +7 | 19-15 | W |
| N Mexico St | -38 | 63-7 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -20 | 35-0 | W |
| at Florida | +19 | 13-56 | L |
| Kentucky | -27 | 41-14 | T |
| Mississippi St | -19 | 28-20 | L |
| Alabama | -3 | 0-26 | L |
| at Mississippi | -11 | 39-7 | W |
| Tulane | -24 | 35-17 | L |
| at Arkansas | -10 | 17-7 | T |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| UTEP | -37 | 55-3 | W |
| at Mississippi St | -10 | 24-9 | W |
| Auburn | -4' | 28-31 | L |
| Akron | -42 | 56-0 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -16 | 7-6 | L |
| Florida | +16' | 28-21 | W |
| Mississippi | -16 | 21-36 | L |
| at Kentucky | -6' | 63-28 | W |
| at Alabama | -6 | 27-0 | W |
| Notre Dame | -11 | 6-24 | L |
| Arkansas | -19 | 31-21 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arkansas St | -43 | 42-6 | L |
| at Auburn | -5 | 31-19 | W |
| Idaho | -34' | 53-20 | L |
| Georgia | -8' | 27-28 | L |
| at Florida | +12' | 10-22 | W |
| Kentucky | -9 | 36-39 | L |
| Mississippi St | -8 | 41-6 | W |
| at Mississippi | -10 | 31-37 | L |
| Alabama | -8' | 16-22 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +3 | 36-39 | T |
| at Arkansas | +6' | 14-41 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| San Jose St | -27' | 29-21 | L |
| N Texas | -34 | 52-0 | W |
| Auburn | -8' | 7-41 | L |
| at Georgia | +9 | 22-23 | W |
| Florida | +14 | 10-31 | L |
| at Kentucky | +4' | 5-31 | L |
| at Mississippi St | +15' | 16-17 | W |
| Mississippi | +4' | 23-42 | L |
| at Alabama | +20 | 17-23 | W |
| Houston | -3 | 7-20 | L |
| Arkansas | +11 | 35-10 | W |

# MARYLAND TERRAPINS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Having a returning starter means little to Coach Vanderlinden. In 98 Kenny Mastrole started for the 1st 5 games but Vanderlinden switched midyear to Randall Jones who was a 4th string SS at the start of the year. He started the last 4 games of 98 and threw for 567 yards with a 3-4 ratio. Jones was previously the starting QB at Navy prep academy. He was the returning starter last year but I called for either true frosh Latrez Harrison (PS#16) or Calvin McCall (PS#86) to beat him out and return him to the secondary. Heading into the 1st game, Vanderlinden listed the two as co-starters and moved Jones back to the secondary. Jones only saw action at QB in the last 2 games when the top 2 QB's were injured. McCall led the team to a 5-4 record as a starter before being lost to injury versus NC State. He threw for 1,264 yards (52%) with a 5-3 ratio and also rushed for 385 yards. Harrison (6-3 222 So) is bigger and has a cannon for an arm. Now that he has a year of experience in the system, I would expect him to beat out McCall even though Calvin did an outstanding job in 99. Vanderlinden also signed Chris Kelly, another VHT true frosh, who will likely redshirt. Gil Harris (6-1 230 Jr) was PS#70. McCall missed a good portion of spring ball (played basketball) and Harrison and JUCO Shaun Hill got most of the snaps. Hill was the most impressive in the spring game, making it a 3 man race. This is a very deep unit with added talent and experience and should continue to improve.

**RUNNING BACKS** - LaMont Jordan finished as the nation's 5th leading rusher overall in 1999 but was the top rusher (1,101 yds) over the final 6 games. Jordan's 1,632 yards (with a super 6.1 ypc and 16 TD's!) last year was the 3rd best ever in the ACC and he's just 1,376 yards away from establishing a new ACC rushing record. Jordan probably would have been a threat for 2,000 yards had he not shown up overweight and gotten into Vanderlinden's doghouse early. Jordan turned down a chance to go the NFL and returns for his senior season and that makes him a Heisman candidate. He's got an outstanding combination of size, speed and strength and I look for a huge year from him in 2000 even though he missed spring to work on academics. Bruce Perry (5-9 185 So) was PS#35 and had 195 yards rushing as a true frosh. Mukala Sikyala (5-8 214 Sr) is a walk-on who started the opener and rushed for 125 yards last year. Vanderlinden also signed a couple of frosh RB's that will contend. FB Matthew Kalapinski is back and his blocking is much appreciated by Jordan. Marc Riley (6-3 220 Jr) was PS#24DB and provides solid depth. Vanderlinden also signed JUCO TB Chris Downs who had 2,013 yards rushing & 23 TD 's in two JUCO seasons. This should be the ACC's best group of RB's.

**RECEIVERS** - Three years ago this unit was comprised mostly of redshirt freshmen and a good portion of them have made it to their senior seasons. Vanderlinden, with an eye to the future, brought in 3 of the top 100 WR's out of high school this year and some could play immediately (see Top Newcomers). They do lose a pair of starters from this group. TE John Waerig was 2nd team ACC and was called "the best blocking TE in the ACC bar none" by Vanderlinden. WR Jermaine Arrington (17 rec, 17.8) had track speed and was a 2 year starter. Basically everyone else is back and Vanderlinden has some HT's which have yet to live up to their promise including Omar Cheeseboro (PS#20) who has just 30 rec and 5 sts in 3 years. I list the 2 deep below, and like the talent level here. Even with the loss of Waerig, this unit looks stronger in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Terps ranked 106th in the country in rushing in 1997. OL's Brad Messina, Jaime Wu and TE Waerig started 21 of the next 22 games and MD's rush attack showed solid improvement. They went to #50 rushing in 1998 and all the way up to #12 last year. All 3 were named 2nd Team All ACC last year but all depart. They did start 3 underclassmen on the line last year and all 3 return, plus there are a lot of HT's in the 2 deep that I list below. Last year they allowed just 11 sacks, which was the fewest sacks in the ACC, and this year's group could come close to 1999 standards.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Terps had a veteran front wall last year with 3 returning senior starters but this year lose DE Peter Timmins (10 sts, 7 tfl), NT Delbert Cowsette (#7DC of WAS, 11 sts, 1st tm ACC, 81 tkls, 6 sks) and DE Erwyn Lyght (11 sts, 80 tkls, 10 tfl). This is a much younger group with just 2 players returning with starting experience, and all but 3 players being underclassmen. This year they are changing the terminology calling one of the DE's an RLB but for simplicity's sake, I'm listing that position under the D-line.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Terps had to replace a pair of NFL DC's and ended up with 3 soph starters and all six members of the 2 deep were underclassmen. Naturally everyone is back including 4 players with starting experience and there are plenty of HT's in the lineup that I list below. Not listed is Monte Graves (6-0 229 Jr) who was PS#112LB and had 8 tackles last year. With the two talented rFr newcomers, this unit is deeper, more talented and experienced.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Terp's star of the secondary was Lewis Sanders (#4DC of CLE) who was 1st Team All ACC and at one point last year led the country in both int's and KR's. He finished with 6 int's and 3 fumble recoveries. The Terps ranked #33 in my pass defense rankings in 98 and lost 2.5 starters last year but did get Sanders back from injury. Tony Jackson won the starting SS job but was lost for the season in the first game. They dropped to #88 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 59.2% with a 20-15 ratio and 247.5 ypg passing. They are loaded at safety this year with 4 players capable of starting including Tony Jackson who returns and Randall Jones who moved in from QB last year. They have some promising youngsters at CB but are not as deep there as they not only had to replace Sanders but also CB Renard Cox (8 sts, 46 tkls) and CB Bryn Boggs (1 st, 27 tkls). If Lewis Sanders had not decided to leave early for the NFL this would probably be one of the better secondaries in the ACC, but despite his loss should improve on last year's pass efficiency defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This unit had been a weak spot under Vanderlinden his first two seasons, ranking 98th and 93rd. Keep in mind my special teams rankings do not include FG percentage or they probably would have ranked higher in those years as Brian Kopka is one of the best and has been mentioned for the Lou Groza trophy the last 2 seasons. Last year I thought they had a top 20 caliber special teams unit, but they finished #42. Part of the reason was the inconsistency of P Sean Starner who averaged just 32.3. Brooks Barnard took over and was 35th in the NCAA with a 42.1 average, and should improve the team's net in his soph year. Kopka (PS#8) is back after connecting on 16 of 21 FG's but had a long of just 41 and was 1 of 4 from 40+. He has had 47 and 46 yard FG's in his career. Maryland had one of the best KR units in the country, averaging a lofty 26.4 per return with Lewis Sanders, Jermaine Arrington and Guilian Gary combining to average over 31.7 ypr. PR Guilian Gary returns. With the majority of players back this unit clearly has the potential to rank in the top 20 in 2000.

LB Aaron Thompson who had 13 tfl's in 99 & is poised for another.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LaMont Jordan | 266 | 1740 | 108 | 1632 | 16 | 6.1 |
| Calvin McCall | 79 | 385 | 129 | 256 | 1 | 3.2 |
| Bruce Perry | 30 | 197 | 2 | 195 | 0 | 6.5 |
| Matt Kalapinski | 34 | 158 | 1 | 157 | 3 | 4.6 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calvin McCall | 179 | 93 | 52.0 | 1264 | 5 | 3 |
| Latrez Harrison | 24 | 5 | 20.8 | 30 | 0 | 3 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Guilian Gary | 24 | 257 | 10.7 | 0 | 30 |
| LaMont Jordan | 19 | 208 | 11.0 | 1 | 70 |
| Jermaine Arrington | 17 | 302 | 17.8 | 1 | 62 |
| John Waerig | 14 | 181 | 12.9 | 1 | 26 |
| Jason Hatala | 11 | 250 | 22.7 | 1 | 76 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brooks Barnard | 42 | 1767 | 42.1 | - | - | 2 | - |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brian Kopka | 8-9 | 7-8 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 16-21 | 41 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marlon Moore | 130 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Aaron Thompson | 111 | 3.5 | 13 | 3 | 0 |
| Kevin Bishop | 84 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Rod Littles | 84 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Delbert Cowsette | 81 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Erwyn Lyght | 80 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Lewis Sanders | 56 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 6 |
| Peter Timmins | 47 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Shawn Forte | 47 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| Renard Cox | 46 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Kris Jenkins | 39 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| E. J. Henderson | 39 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tony Okanlawon | 31 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Guilian Gary | 35 | 312 | 8.9 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lewis Sanders | 18 | 482 | 26.8 | 1 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT TEMPLE -5' 6-0 WIN** TU was switching from the option to a pass attack & passed 51 times. MD dominated the 1st 3Q's, crossing into TU terr 10 times while the Owls did not cross midfield until 11:08 was left. MD settled for FG's from the 10 & 9, missed two 46 yd FG's & were stopped on a fake FG from the TU 6 & led just 6-0 after 3Q's. On a final drive TU got to the MD 3 but a TD pass was called back & the final pass fell inc.

**W CAROLINA NL 51-10 -** MD outgained WC 307-91 in the 1H. WC's only scores were set up by fmbl's. Sanders ref'd a KO 98 yds in the 3Q &MD led 23-3 at half, 44-10 after 3Q's.

**W VIRGINIA +6 33-0 WIN** I used MD as my 4★ Top Weekly College Late Phone Play. WV missed an early 44 yd FG & after rec a fmbl was int'd at the MD 9. MD was SOD at the WV 5. MD drove 65 yds for a TD & foll an int drove 44 yds for a 31 yd FG. They added a 27 yd FG on the last play of the half, 13-0. MD drove 77 yds for a TD & added a 28 yd fmbl ret for a TD on the last play of the 3Q, 26-0. MD drove 42 yds for a TD foll an int (Bulger's 4th). MD had a 427-249 yd edge.

**AT GEORGIA TECH +19' 31-49 WIN** Tied 14-14 when MD added a 32 yd FG foll a fmbl. MD missed 2 close range scoring chances & GT drove 70 yds for a TD & an 8 yd punt set them up for a TD w/:18 left & a big turnaround, 28-17. Each team got 80 yd TD drives to open the 2H. MD was SOD at the GT 30 & the Jackets got a 63 yd pass to set up a TD, 42-24. Jordan's HB option pass to Arrington of 60 yds made it 42-31 after 3Q's. GT got a TD w/5:46 left & foll another shanked punt missed a 41 yd FG, giving MD the cover.

**AT WAKE FOREST -1 17-14 WIN** MD opened with a 50 yd drive for a TD but would get just 5 FD's the rest of the half. WF got a 56 yd drive for a TD late 1Q, 7-7. WF was int'd at the 3 & neither team threatened the rest of the half. WF opened the 3Q with an 80 yd 14 play drive & appeared in control as MD did not get a FD in the 3Q. The key play happened mid 4Q. QB McCall was almost sk'd but broke away & threw to Jordan at midfield who took it all the way for a TD (70 yards), 14-14 with 9:37 left. WF punted & MD drove 67 yds for a 19 yd FG, 17-14. WF missed a 55 yd FG & MD ran out the clock.

**CLEMSON -1 30-42 LOSS** MD opened with a 54 yd TD drive & CU answered with an 80 yd TD drive. CU finished with a 542-392 yd edge. After an exchange of TD's, CU got the lead with an 88 yd TD drive. MD settled for a 36 yd FG & trailed 21-17 at half. Both teams punted but CU went on a 78 yd TD drive. MD's drive stalled when QB McCall was inj'd on 3rd & 4. CU drove 84 & 54 yds for TD's, 42-24. MD drove 94 yds for a TD (2 pt ng) but its final drive ended with a sack on 4th down.

**N CAROLINA -9 45-7 WIN** NC had 7 TO's & mistakes early put them in a insurmountable hole. They roughed the MD punter & MD got a 39 yd FG. MD added a 51 yd int ret for a TD & after Bailey fmbl'd the KO drove 12 yds for a TD, 17-0 with 5:16 left in the 1Q. MD drove 34 yds for a TD foll a PR & NC fmbl'd at the MD 30. The Terps drove 38 yds for a TD with :47 left foll an int, 31-0. MD took its 1st 2 drives of the 2H for TD's 45-0 & NC got most of its yds late & finished w/ a misleading 19-17 FD edge.

**DUKE -9' 22-25 LOSS** Duke QB Romine passed for a career high 404 yds & Jordan rushed for a career high 227 yds. MD was trying to clinch its 1st winning season since 1990. MD was int'd in the EZ then settled for a 32 yd FG. Duke got a 69 yd TD pass. MD drove 80 yds for a TD & a 73 yd run by Jordan set up a TD, 17-7. Duke drove 80 yds & got a TD with :16 left, 17-14. Intentional grounding in the EZ cost Duke a safety, 19-14 but MD fmbl'd the kick & Duke got a 32 yd FG. MD then settled for a 28 yd FG w/8:46 left, 22-17. Duke drove 55 yds. They faced a 4th & 15 w/1:42 left & got a TD pass. MD was int'd.

**AT NC STATE -1' 17-30 LOSS** NCS dominated more than the final shows. MD ret'd a fmbl on the 1st play for a TD but after 3Q's NCS led 30-10 w/ a commanding 388-103 yd edge & 22-4 FD edge. MD gained 138 yds in the 4Q.

**AT FLORIDA ST +33 10-49 LOSS** McCall DNP & MD lost Harrison early 1Q. Harrison had shown his mobility would be a factor but 3rd string QB Evans hit 9 of 16 with 4 crucial int's. MD suffered 5 TO's & a blk'd punt. FSU led 7-3 when Harrison was inj'd & the Noles extended the lead to 28-3. FSU got a 72 yd TD drive & MD was int'd in the EZ after having a 1st & goal. FSU added 2 TD drives, 49-3 & MD got a garbage TD drive late.

**VIRGINIA +9 30-34 WIN** UVA dominated early with a 42 yd FG, 16 yd TD drive foll a fmbl and 1 play 50 yd TD drive, 17-0. Harrison was benched for MD & Randie Jones came in. The Terps drove 57 yds for a FG, 34 yds for a TD foll an int and 93 yds in 7 plays for a TD to tie. MD missed a 34 yd FG on the final play of the half. RB Jordan rushed for 306 yds on 37 carries & his 90 yd run for a TD made it 24-17. MD had a 47 yd FG blk'd & UVA drove 60 yds for a TD. MD drove 71 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG. UVA fmbl'd a punt & MD got a short drive for a 22 yd FG. UVA was SOD but MD punted & the Cavs drove 69 yds & hit a 20 yd TD pass w/:26 left getting the win despite being outgained 514-386.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Things looked great for Coach Vanderlinden and the Terps last year. They stood 5-2 after 7 games but would drop their final 4, including a couple of losses very late, to miss out on a winning season. Had they not given up a TD versus Virginia in the final seconds, they would have likely gone to the Aloha Bowl and recorded their 2nd winning season of the 1990's. Vanderlinden's contract was extended 2 years at the end of the season. The Terps were 5-4 with QB McCall as the starter but he missed the last 2 games with a torn MCL. While the Terps outscored their opponents by a 26.5-23.6 average, they were outgained on the season by 13 yards. On offense they boast a future NFL RB in LaMont Jordan. Despite the loss of 3 starters from the offensive front, they should be more potent. The defense does suffer some big losses up front and also lost their top CB Lewis Sanders, but will be at least as strong as the '99 version with 6 starters returning. They do have six home games this year and a very manageable non conference slate. They will likely open up 0-3 in ACC play but could win 4 of the last 5 and that would get them their first winning season since 1995. The difference between a winning or a losing season may be determined in the final week vs GT. Vanderlinden has increased the win total each year, now can he get them over the hump to the plus side of the ledger?


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| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Chris Kelley 6-2 190 PS#18 |
| WR | Maurice Shanks 6-4 175 PS#26 |
| OL | Kyle Schmitt 6-5 275 PS#50 |
| OL | Reggie Kemp 6-4 300 PS#75 |
| RB | James Lynch 5-11 250 PS#104 |
| DB | Rovel Hamilton 6-1 180 PS#82 |
| WR | Steve Suter 5-9 175 PS#72 |
| WR | Ike Roberts 5-11 175 PS#73 |
| OL | Lou Lombardo 6-6 280 PS#114 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB CALVIN MCCALL SO.** 6-3 189 *PS#86. 9 sts in 99, 5-4 as starter, 1264 yds (52%) 5-3 ratio, 385 rush.* ***Latrez Harrison*** *(6-3 222 So) was PS#16, 74 yds as true.*

**TB LAMONT JORDAN SR.** 5-11 219 *PS#39RB. 689 yds (4.3) as true. 906 yds (5.4) in 98. 1632 yds in 99 (6.1), 19 rec (11.0), 1st tm ACC. Bruce Perry (PS#35).*

**FB MATTHEW KALAPINSKI SR.** 6-1 224 *PS#153. 4 sts in 97, 29 yds. 11 sts in 98, 370 yds (4.9). 10 sts in 99, 157 yds (4.6), 6 rec (7.7). Marc Riley (6-3 220 Jr) was PS#24.*

**WR Omar Cheeseboro Sr.** 6-2 185 *PS#20. 5 sts in 3 yrs. 30 rec (13.5). "Scooter" Monroe (6-1 189 So) was PS#64WR, 3 rec (26.7) as true. Doug Patterson has 12 career rec.*

**WR GUILIAN GARY JR.** 6-0 177 *PS#103 in 98. 99 ret yds as true. #1 ly, 24 rec (10.7), 396 ret yds.* ***Jason Hatala*** *(5-10 174 Sr) has 4.3 spd, 8 sts, 32 rec (17.8) 3Y.*

**TE Mike Hull Sr.** 6-5 253 *PS#86OL. 10 sts, 13 rec in 97. Jeff Dugan (6-4 257 rFr) PS#108TE in 99. Eric James PS#54DL, 2 sts, 6 rec ly.*

**C MELVIN FOWLER JR.** 6-3 267 *11 sts in 98, played every snap. 11 sts in 99. Most improved Jr in spring. Sam Marvis (6-3 265 So) PS#266.*

**RG Bob Krantz So.** 6-5 283 *PS#66, 2nd string in 99, 0 letters. Ed Tyler (6-3 276 rFr) PS#152. Lou Lombardo (6-6 280 Fr) is PS#114.*

**LG TODD WIKE SO.** 6-3 282 *PS#30TE. 10 sts as rFr in 99. Added 17 lbs. Lamar Bryant (6-3 274 rFr) PS#103OL, added 14 lbs.*

**RT MATT CRAWFORD SO.** 6-6 290 *PS#111 in 98. 11 sts as rFr in 99. Aaron Wormley (6-5 268 rFr) PS#342. Chris Snader (6-5 285 Jr) 1 st ly.*

**LT Tim Howard Sr.** 6-4 296 *PS#59 in 96. Limited PT last 2 years, 2nd string in 99. Eric Dumas (6-6 288 rFr) PS#139DL in 99.*

**K BRIAN KOPKA SR.** 5-7 174 *PS#8K in 97, long of 56 in HS. 6 of 10 long 47 as true. 12 of 18, long 46 in 98. Groza semifinalist. 16 of 21 in 99 long of 41.*

**DE Landon Jones rFr.** 6-4 251 *PS#196LB in 99, added 25 lbs. William Shime (6-4 265 So) 4 tkls in 99, +10 lbs. CJ Feldheim is PS#137LB.*

**DT KRIS JENKINS SR.** 6-5 292 *PS#204, 17 tkls as true. 8 sts, 36 tkls, 5 tfl in 98. 8 sts, 39 tkls, 1.5 tfl in 99. Jamar Perrin (6-3 249 rFr) PS#131.*

**NT Charles Hill Jr.** 6-2 283 *3 sts as true, 16 tkls, 1 sk. 3 sts in 99, 23 tkls, 3 tfl. Chris Earhart (6-4 300 Jr) PS#204JC. Durrand Roundtree PS#243.*

**RLB Ryan Swift Jr.** 6-1 231 *PS#212RB in 97. 21 tkls, 1 sk in 2 years. Michael Whaley (6-1 230 rFr) PS#292DL. Kevin Eli (6-4 230 Fr) PS#117.*

**ILB MARLON MOORE JR.** 6-1 221 *PS#63, 9 tkls as a true. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/130 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 pbu, 1 int. Leon Joe (6-1 212 rFr) PS#111 LB.*

**ILB KEVIN BISHOP JR.** 6-2 227 *S Fla trans. 9 sts here in 99 til torn ACL, 84 tkls, 7 tfl. EJ Henderson (6-2 229 So) PS#82, 2 sts, 39 tkls.*

**OLB AARON THOMPSON JR.** 6-1 233 *PS#120RB. 11 sts, 87 tkls, 10 tfl in 98. 11 sts, 111 tkls, 16.5 tfl in 99. Leroy Ambush (6-1 218 rFr) PS#56.*

**CB Curome Cox rFr.** 6-1 192 *PS#125RB ly, good size. Sprinter on track tm in HS. Andrew Smith Jr. (6-0 196 rFr). James Blassingame (5-9 177 rFr).*

**CB Tony Okanlawon Jr.** 5-11 193 *PS#127. 6 sts as true, 39 tkls, 3 pbu. 4 sts ly, 31 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 pbu. MIP spg. Derrell Poland (6-1 175 Jr) trans from Morgan St.*

**SS ROD LITTLES JR.** 5-11 195 *PS#197. 1 st, 21 tkls as true. 9 sts in 99, 84 tkls, 2 int.* ***Tony Jackson*** *(6-1 210 Jr) PS#110, 3 sts, 29 tkls, 3 yrs.*

**FS SHAWN FORTE SR.** 6-0 201 *PS#63WR. 9 sts in 98, 64 tkls, 5 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 47 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu.* ***Randall Jones*** *(6-2 205 Jr) 4 sts at QB in 98, 2 sts, 27 tkls ly.*

**P BROOKS BARNARD SO.** 6-2 183 *Trans from Oklahoma in 99. 42 punts, solid 42.1 avg in L/7 gms. Sean Starner (5-11 185 Sr) had 25 punts (32.3).*

# MARYLAND TERRAPINS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score MARY | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite coming close LY at 5-6, the Terps have had just 2 winning SU seasons in the '90's. Maryland is 2-6-1 ATS L/9 prior to a bye. |
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | Temple | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Terps are 4-1 ATS L/5Y in their 1st lined game. UM is 9-4-2 ATS L/6Y vs non-conference foes. |
| Sep. 16 | at W Virginia | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 8-2-1 ATS the L/11 in this series. UM is 5-3-1 ATS L/9 art turf, 2-1 under Vanderlinden. |
| Sep. 23 | Mid Tenn St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fighting Turtles are 2-4-1 ATS when favored by 9 or more. Maryland is 7-1-2 ATS in the first of B2B home games. |
| Sep. 28 | Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The average score of the last 8 meetings is FSU 51, UM 14. The Terps are 3-5 ATS the L/8 vs the Seminoles. |
| Oct. 7 | at Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Maryland is 3-6 ATS in the first of 2 or more road games. The visitor is 11-5 ATS the last 16 in this series. |
| Oct. 14 | at Clemson | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 8-2-1 ATS the last 12 in this series. Maryland is 9-19-2 ATS as a road dog since 1993. |
| Oct. 21 | Wake Forest (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MD was 12-27-1 ATS in Oct in the '90's. Terps are 7-4-1 ATS L/12 as a home favorite. |
| Oct. 28 | at Duke | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 11-3 ATS L/14 in this series. Might apply here: Terps are 5-11 ATS as an away fav since 1987. |
| Nov. 4 | N Carolina St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Maryland has dropped 4 in a row SU vs the Wolfpack. The favorite is 1-4-1 ATS the L/6 in this series. |
| Nov. 11 | at N Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Maryland is 5-9-1 ATS L/15 travelling to Tobacco Road* schools. The Terps are 4-9 ATS the L/13 vs the Tar Heels. |
| Nov. 18 | Georgia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Maryland is 6-2 ATS in their final home game. Terps are 4-7 ATS L/11 vs the Yellow Jackets. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | *Tobacco Road schools are: Duke, North Carolina, NC State and Wake Forest. |

## STADIUM: BYRD STADIUM (48,055)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 2-9 | 4-7 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 2-9 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 27-50 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 3-6-1 | 3-6-2 | 4-5-1 | 6-4 | 33-37-4 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 0-1-1 | 1-2 | 7-5-1 |
| Home Dog | 3-2 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 0-3-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 13-8-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 4-5 |
| Away Dog | 1-5 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 0-4-1 | 1-2-1 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 9-19-2 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 0-1-1 | 3-3 | 11-10-1 |
| Dog | 4-7 | 5-3 | 4-3 | 1-4-1 | 1-5-2 | 4-4 | 3-1 | 22-27-3 |
| Grass | 4-6 | 5-3 | 5-4 | 3-6 | 2-6-2 | 4-4-1 | 5-4 | 28-33-3 |
| Artificial | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 0-0-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 5-4-1 |
| vs ACC | 3-5 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 2-4-2 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 23-31-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-0-1 | 1-2 | 0-1-1 | 2-0 | 10-6-2 |
| Off SU Win | 0-1 | 3-1 | 4-2 | 0-4 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 12-12 |
| Off SU Loss | 4-5 | 4-2 | 1-3 | 2-2-1 | 2-4-2 | 2-4-1 | 3-2 | 18-22-4 |

## Coach: RON VANDERLINDEN (Career 10-23)
### *Vanderlinden's records AT MARYLAND*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Maryland | | 2-4-1 | Home Favorite |
| 10-23 | Straight Up | 3-5-1 | Home Underdog |
| 13-15-3 | Vs The Spread | 3-1 | Away Favorite |
| 7-10-3 | Off A S/U Loss | 5-5-1 | Away Underdog |
| 10-12-2 | Vs ACC | 3-3-1 | Vs Non-ACC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 82 | Aloha | +1 | Washington | 20-21 | T |
| 83 | Citrus | -3' | Tennessee | 23-30 | L |
| 84 | Sun | -7 | Tennessee | 28-27 | L |
| 85 | Cherry | -7' | Syracuse | 35-18 | W |
| 90 | Independence | -1 | Louisiana Tech | 34-34 | L |

# MARYLAND (5-6)

CONFERENCE: **ACC**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 36 (18,14,4)**
**Lost: 23 (12,10,1)**

## MARYLAND'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 26.5 | 16 | 231 | 5.2 | 144 | 48.3 | 13.6 | +9 | 1999 | 6 | 23.6 | 20 | 126 | 3.4 | 247 | 59.2 | 12.5 |
| 6 | 18.4 | 15 | 161 | 3.8 | 117 | 45.5 | 15.2 | -2 | 1998 | 5 | 26.4 | 19 | 159 | 3.9 | 202 | 53.9 | 13.7 |
| 5* | 14.6 | 16 | 88 | 2.3 | 174 | 58.6 | 18.0 | +8 | 1997 | 4 | 32.3 | 22 | 175 | 4.2 | 227 | 62.5 | 12.5 |
| 8* | 17.0 | 14 | 135 | 3.1 | 135 | 48.3 | 15.9 | +9 | 1996 | 8 | 21.7 | 17 | 141 | 3.3 | 179 | 53.4 | 14.7 |
| 5* | 19.1 | 18 | 98 | 2.8 | 219 | 62.4 | 16.6 | +1 | 1995 | 9 | 22.8 | 20 | 157 | 3.8 | 194 | 56.8 | 15.4 |
| 9* | 24.5 | 21 | 94 | 3.3 | 273 | 68.0 | 14.9 | -3 | 1994 | 9 | 29.6 | 24 | 238 | 4.9 | 196 | 58.8 | 14.7 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Temple | 12 | 42-202 | 4.8 | 10-24 | 100 | 0 | | 12 | 21-26 | 1.2 | 32-51 | 228 | 2 | +3 |
| W Carolina | 22 | 43-345 | 8.0 | 12-22 | 237 | 1 | | 13 | 39-115 | 2.9 | 13-29 | 104 | 1 | 0 |
| W Virginia | 15 | 48-249 | 5.2 | 11-19 | 178 | 0 | | 16 | 31-90 | 2.9 | 18-33 | 159 | 1 | +4 |
| at Georgia Tech | 15 | 36-89 | 2.5 | 17-32 | 310 | 0 | | 22 | 43-200 | 4.7 | 19-31 | 387 | 1 | +2 |
| at Wake Forest | 13 | 35-131 | 3.7 | 12-22 | 182 | 1 | | 13 | 48-144 | 3.0 | 9-15 | 82 | 3 | +1 |
| Clemson | 20 | 46-244 | 5.3 | 9-19 | 148 | 2 | | 28 | 56-290 | 5.2 | 16-23 | 252 | 0 | 0 |
| N Carolina | 17 | 48-268 | 5.6 | 8-19 | 76 | 1 | | 19 | 48-154 | 3.2 | 12-26 | 133 | 5 | +6 |
| Duke | 19 | 51-318 | 6.2 | 7-19 | 72 | 2 | | 18 | 25-(-5) | -0.2 | 27-42 | 404 | 3 | -3 |
| at N Carolina St | 12 | 33-106 | 3.2 | 12-25 | 135 | 3 | | 27 | 44-180 | 4.1 | 23-37 | 324 | 2 | -3 |
| at Florida St | 12 | 42-148 | 3.5 | 11-20 | 73 | 1 | | 25 | 24-86 | 3.6 | 28-44 | 373 | 2 | -3 |
| Virginia | 22 | 68-445 | 6.5 | 7-19 | 69 | 0 | | 22 | 35-110 | 3.1 | 21-37 | 276 | 2 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 179 | 492-2545 | 5.2 | 116-240 | 1580 | 11 | | 215 | 414-1390 | 3.4 | 218-368 | 2722 | 22 | +9 |
| AVERAGES | 16.3 | 45-231 | 5.2 | 11-22 | 144 | 1.0 | | 19.6 | 38-126 | 3.4 | 20-33 | 247 | 2.0 | 0.8 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Tulane | -8 | 29-10 | W |
| N Carolina | +9 | 32-18 | W |
| W Virginia | +3 | 31-17 | W |
| Duke | -5' | 41-28 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | -2 | 3-31 | L |
| at Wake Forest | -13 | 9-6 | L |
| Clemson | +2' | 0-17 | L |
| at Louisville | +3' | 0-31 | L |
| at N Carolina St | +6 | 30-13 | W |
| Virginia | +11 | 18-21 | W |
| at Florida St | +33 | 17-59 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Illinois | -23' | 30-6 | W |
| Alabama-Birm | NL | 39-15 | – |
| at Virginia | +12 | 3-21 | L |
| at W Virginia | +13 | 0-13 | T |
| N Carolina St | -9 | 8-34 | L |
| at N Carolina | +26 | 7-38 | L |
| Wake Forest | -8' | 52-0 | W |
| at Duke | -7 | 22-19 | L |
| at Clemson | +6 | 3-35 | L |
| Georgia Tech | +6 | 13-10 | W |
| † Florida St | +34 | 10-48 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ohio Univ | -12 | 14-21 | L |
| at Florida St | +34 | 7-50 | L |
| N Carolina | +24 | 14-40 | L |
| at Temple | -2' | 24-21 | W |
| Duke | -3' | 16-10 | W |
| W Virginia | +9' | 14-31 | L |
| at Wake Forest | +7' | 17-35 | L |
| Clemson | +11 | 9-20 | T |
| Virginia | +8' | 0-45 | L |
| at N Carolina St | +17 | 28-45 | T |
| at Georgia Tech | +19' | 18-37 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| James Madison | NL | 23-15 | – |
| at Virginia | +30 | 19-31 | W |
| at W Virginia | +19 | 20-42 | L |
| Temple | -10 | 30-20 | T |
| Florida St | +28 | 10-24 | W |
| at Clemson | +7 | 0-23 | L |
| Wake Forest | -1 | 10-20 | L |
| Georgia Tech | +12' | 14-31 | L |
| at N Carolina | +16 | 13-24 | W |
| at Duke | +9 | 42-25 | W |
| N Carolina St | +10 | 21-35 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Temple | -5' | 6-0 | W |
| W Carolina | NL | 51-10 | – |
| W Virginia | +6 | 33-0 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | +19' | 31-49 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -1 | 17-14 | W |
| Clemson | -1 | 30-42 | L |
| N Carolina | -9 | 45-7 | W |
| Duke | -9' | 22-25 | L |
| at N Carolina St | -1' | 17-30 | L |
| at Florida St | +33 | 10-49 | L |
| Virginia | +9 | 30-34 | W |

# MEMPHIS TIGERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 1998 Memphis benched their top 2 QB's and 3rd stringer Neil Suber took over. Suber, who completed 46% of his passes as a senior in HS, is an avid weight lifter with a strong arm. He completed 60% of his passes vs a couple of weak defenses in Ark St and Tulane but then hit just 32% in the final 2 games versus tougher defenses. He started the first 7 in 99 throwing for just 852 yards (47.6%) with a 4-5 ratio. Travis Anglin (PS#119) is a mobile QB that started the last 4 games and threw for 856 yards (54.4%) with a 5-10 ratio while rushing for 231. There's talk they may change the offense a little to cater to his athleticism (i.e. more option). He had shoulder surgery and did not participate in spring scrimmages. Scott Scherer (5-10 181 So) is the coach's son and played in four games last year. Bran Webb (5-10 175 rFr) was PS#219 and redshirted in 99 recovering from a torn ACL. Some of this year's recruits are also QB's but none are in the HT category. Last year this group consisted of 2 underclassmen and I would expect both to improve with experience.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year Memphis had all of its top RB's returning including 1,000 yard rusher Gerard Arnold. Arnold suffered through an injury-plagued 99 season getting just 8 starts and his numbers dropped to 706 yards but he still had a solid 4.8 ypc. He finished his career as UM's #2 all-time leading rusher. Teofilo Riley was an HT that had a solid but unspectacular career with over 1,700 yards including 352 last year (4.2). They also lose FB Jeremy Scruggs who had 131 yards and FB Rashad Bailey who had 100 total yards and 5 starts. Jeff "Sugar" Sanders did well when called upon and had 2 starts and 254 yards (4.3). He figures to be the feature back this year. I list the two deep below and this group is underwhelming. Surprisingly Scherer was not able to land any HT true frosh this year but you can expect his 2 RB signees to have a shot at playing time. Call this group definitely weaker with the loss of 2 talented RB's.

**RECEIVERS** - Memphis had a pair of top notch WR's last year in Damien Dodson and Kenny Coutain. Dodson set a UM record for career pass receptions topping the likes of Issac Bruce and Russell Copeland and was a rare VHT recruit (PS#8). In an injury-plagued year he still finished #1 with 39 rec's (13.0). Kenny Coutain was an exciting WR but also battled injuries and had 23 rec's (14.8). With the injuries to the WR's TE Billy Kendall took on a bigger role in the offense and had 28 rec's (10.8). Kendall is back and there is a spattering of talent and experience at the WR position. They bring in JUCO Reginald Perkins who should have an immediate impact there. His addition will help offset the loss of the top 2 guys and I'll call this unit a little weaker in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Tigers had to replace 2 starters last year, but had 8 of 10 lettermen back and possessed good size across the front. This year they lose 3 players including C Tim Seymour (11 sts, 2nd tm CUSA, 643 plays, 3 yr st'r), OG David Sherrod (10 sts, 529 plays) and OT Tavares Middlebrooks (135 plays). Three starters return and once again this is a good sized line averaging 299 lbs per man. Eight of the top 11 are back and they have possibly the top tackle tandem in CUSA. While they paved the way for just 3.5 ypc rushing, the Tigers only allowed 18 sacks last year and this group looks even stronger.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Tigers returned just 2 starters to this unit last year and had to replace their star player, but they still improved in the new defense. They went from allowing 4.3 ypc to just 3.3 ypc rushing. This year only one player departs and it is once again their top guy, DE Tramont Lawless (11 sts, 35 tkls, 9 sks, 1st tm CUSA). Five players return with starting experience including CUSA 2nd teamer DT Marcus Bell. There is a spattering of HT's listed in the two deep below and not listed is Ross Estes (6-2 237 So) who is PS#167LB. This is a deeper, more experienced group in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year all 3 starters and 3 backups returned, and this year they must replace SLB Caspor Stiles (11 sts, 6 sks), MLB Corey Irby (41 tkls, 3 tfl) and two other LB's who combined for 25 tackles, 1 tfl. Two starters do return and they also add an HT true frosh who I list in the two deep below. While this group is not quite as experienced as last year, with 2 starters back they should be at least as good.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Memphis was off their worst finish ever in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 as they finished 93rd. Last year they had to replace two and a half starters and then lost a starting CB at mid-season, but thanks to the new defensive scheme rose all the way to 38th allowing 52% with a 13-9 ratio. This year they are in much better shape as they only lose CB Reginald Howard (22 tkls) who had 6 starts before suffering an injury. All 4 starters from the final 5 games return and there are 3 HT's in reserve (see 2 deep). Naturally this group is in much better shape than they were heading into last season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Ryan White had an amazing streak of not missing a FG from inside 40 yards from the time he was a sophomore in high school to his frosh season at Memphis when he hit 16 of 16 FG's. Last year he actually missed four but still finished the year a solid 13 of 19 with a long of 47 and two of his misses were from 50+. He is one of the most accurate K's in the country and should contend for the Lou Groza award again this year. The Tigers' special teams under Scherer are an aggressive group and have blocked many kicks (9 more last year). They ranked in the top 25 of my ratings twice from 94-96 but fell to 66th in 98 and even further to 87th last year. They had a solid punting performance from Jim Cande who averaged 41.9 with a net of 36.2 and he will be missed. The main reason for the low ranking was an extremely poor return game ranking near the bottom of the NCAA in both KR's and PR's. I expect those units to definitely improve but the punting to slip a notch. The KO's should remain strong with Ryan White's leg and I do expect improvement overall in the special teams rankings this year.

LB Kamal Shakir was by far the Tigers' top tackler with 143 in '99.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gerard Arnold | 146 | 768 | 62 | 706 | 7 | 4.8 |
| Teofilo Riley | 84 | 365 | 13 | 352 | 3 | 4.2 |
| **Jeff Sanders** | **59** | **272** | **18** | **254** | **2** | **4.3** |
| **Travis Anglin** | **57** | **231** | **108** | **123** | **3** | **2.2** |
| **Neil Suber** | **27** | **25** | **60** | **-35** | **1** | **-1.3** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Neil Suber** | **164** | **78** | **47.6** | **852** | **4** | **5** |
| **Travis Anglin** | **125** | **68** | **54.4** | **856** | **5** | **10** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Damien Dodson | | 39 | 507 | 13.0 | 4 | 43 |
| **Billy Kendall** | | **28** | **302** | **10.8** | **2** | **49** |
| Ken Coutain | | 23 | 341 | 14.8 | 2 | 82 |
| **Al Sermon** | | **16** | **208** | **13.0** | **1** | **49** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Jim Cande | 67 | 2808 | 41.9 | - | 36.2 | 1 | 13 |
| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Ryan White** | **4-4** | **4-7** | **5-6** | **0-2** | **13-19** | **47** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kamal Shakir** | **143** | **6** | **6** | **1** | **0** |
| **Marcus Bell** | **85** | **4** | **10** | **1** | **1** |
| **Idrees Bashir** | **71** | **0** | **2** | **5** | **1** |
| **Fred Powell** | **70** | **0** | **1** | **4** | **3** |
| **DeMorrio Shank** | **65** | **1** | **1** | **4** | **0** |
| Caspor Stiles | 62 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| **Michael Stone** | **60** | **1** | **1** | **8** | **1** |
| **Tony Brown** | **43** | **3** | **7** | **1** | **0** |
| **Calvin Lewis** | **42** | **2** | **2** | **0** | **0** |
| Corey Irby | 41 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Pat Willis** | **40** | **3** | **3** | **0** | **0** |
| **Keydrin Ward** | **37** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| Tramont Lawless | 35 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Tripp Higgins** | **25** | **141** | **5.6** | **0** |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Ken Coutain | 11 | 184 | 16.7 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**MISSISSIPPI +13' 0-3 WIN** Crowd of 57,523. Miss dominated w/ a 291-115 yd edge & 7 more FD's. 1H was scoreless & both teams missed chances. Miss fmbl'd at the 10 & was int'd at the 14 but got a 14 play drive for a FG w/ 7:13 left. On Mem's final drive a WR was open for a TD but dropped the ball. Mem gained just 19 yds in the 2H.

**AT MISSISSIPPI ST +13' 10-13 WIN** MSU had a 196-44 yd edge in the 1H & led 10-0. Mem blk'd a punt & got a 23 yd TD drive. MSU drove 72 yds but settled for a 21 yd FG. Mem drove 77 yds but settled for a 22 yd FG. Foll a MSU fmbl they missed a 51 yd FG & their final drive ended on an int at midfield. MSU finished w/ a 317-181 yd edge.

**ARKANSAS ST -18 31-26 LOSS** No Arnold but Riley rushed for 104 & Sanders had 94. Mem led 10-3 at half. Mem fmbl'd the 3Q KO & ASU got a TD. ASU added a 33 yd FG on a 54 yd drive & stunningly led 13-10. Mem answered w/ 3 TD's (75, 59, 87 yd drives) & led 31-13 in the 4Q. ASU closed the scoring w/ two 4Q TD drives.

**AT TENNESSEE +30' 16-17 WIN** UM almost bagged their 2nd straight upset of UT & won this everywhere except on the scoreboard. In the 1H UT had just 2 FD's & 49 total yds. UT got a 69 yd PR for a TD & UM a 32 yd FG. Later UM was int'd in the EZ. UT got a 37 yd 3Q FG but Suber hit an 82 yd TD pass. UM settled for a 34 yd FG & had a 1st & goal at the UT 6 but settled for a 21 yd FG w/ 3:20 left. UM had a 270-138 yd edge w/ 3:20 left but gave up a 78 yd TD (1:00 left) drive including a 53 yd pass.

**MISSOURI +2' 17-27 LOSS** Mem fmbl'd the opening KO & MO got a TD. MO got a 34 yd FG, was SOD at the 1 & missed a 45 yd FG but added a FG w/ :19 left, 13-0. At the half MO had a 201-35 yd edge. Mem got a 47 yd FG & drove 44 yds for a TD, 13-10. Mem was in MO terr again but Anglin was sk'd & fmbl'd & inj'd. MO drove 35 yds for a TD. MO put it away w/ a 64 yd TD drive. Mem got a 69 yd, 16 play drive for a TD w/ 4:40 left but MO rec'd the onside kick. Mem had 4 TO's.

**AT UAB +3 38-14 WIN** Despite coming into this with the 106th ranked offense in Div IA, UM outgained UAB 337-202 & Ryan White hit a school record 5 FG's, including 4 of 40+. UM got a safety after UAB botched a punt snap & White hit 2 FG's. 8-0 after 1Q. UM added a 19 yd TD pass & another FG, 18-0, before UAB went 85 yds (all on the ground) for a TD, 18-7. UM added a late FG, 21-7. UM added yet another FG & got a TD set up by a fake punt 4D conv, 31-7. UM missed a FG & UAB got a TD but UAB would get no closer & UM added a late 4Q TD.

**LOUISVILLE +2' 31-32 WIN** UL jumped out to a 19-0 lead. Anglin came in at QB & guided Mem to a TD & 22 yd FG before the half, 19-10. Mid 3Q Mem ret'd a fmbl 84 yards for a TD & instead of UL leading 26-10 it was 19-17. UM missed a 55 yd FG but foll an int drove 55 & 85 for TD's w/ 5:37 left, 31-19. UL got a 76 yd TD drive w/ 4:24 left. UM on 3rd & 3 came up inches short & punted. UL drove 65 yds & on 4th & 13 w/ :06 left, Redman hit a TD pass. UL had a 460-303 yd edge.

**AT TULANE E 49-7 WIN** UM dominated this as TU did not get their 1st FD until 4:17 was left in the 1Q & had just 71 yds in the 1H. UM had, by far, their best offensive day of the year w/ 500 yds offense including 264 rushing & 236 passing in Travis Anglin's 1st start. They led 14-0 after 1Q & got a 99 yd drive for a TD to open the 3Q including a 4th & 3 conversion. It was 28-0 at the half & 35-0 in the 3Q.

**S MISSISSIPPI +5 5-20 LOSS** UM came in thinking upset but were without their top 2 WR's Dodson & Coutain & also RB Arnold had just 3 carries because of a sprained ankle. SM had a 229-78 yd edge in the 1H. They drove 67 yds for a TD & then on 3rd & 12 got a 57 yd TD pass to complete an 83 yd drive. SM missed a 43 yd FG & had a punt blk'd for a UM safety to lead 14-2 at half. SM drove 49 yds for a 48 yd FG & then UM drove 70 yds for a 27 yd FG. SM drove 68 yds for a 28 yd FG early 4Q but then was SOD at the UM 7 at the end of a 55 yd drive. UM got to midfield but was int'd & SM ran out the clock, finishing w/ a 415-227 yd edge.

**ARMY -12 14-10 LOSS** Army moved well in the 1H w/ 170 yds rushing but their only TD came after UM fmbl'd a punt on their own 7. UM answered w/ a 72 yd TD drive. Army drove 59 yds for a 38 yd FG, 10-7 at half. UM was int'd at the Army 13. Despite UM switching to a less aggressive defense in the 2H, Army's deepest penetration was the UM 24. Early 4Q Suber came in & led a 69 yd drive. His 4th & 1 QB sneak for a TD gave UM the win.

**AT CINCINNATI -2 21-13 WIN** UC had a 378-330 yd edge but UM blocked 2 FG's & UC had almost 100 pen yds. UM drove 68 yds for a TD. UC missed a 28 yd FG after an int & UM drove 80 yds for a TD, 14-0 after 1Q. UC got an int at the UM 33 but had a 39 yd FG blk'd. UC drove 80 yds for a TD late 1H. UC was int'd & ret'd to the 4 but UM was int'd in the EZ. UC had a 44 yd FG blk'd to set up a 32 yd TD drive, 21-7. UM missed a 51 yd FG & UC drove 74 yds in 15 plays for a TD (xp blk) in the final minute.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Chuck Stobart was let go after three straight 6-5 seasons. Rip Scherer enters his 6th year and has yet to achieve one. Scherer had a great hire last August when he brought in John Thompson as defensive coordinator. Memphis had one of its worst defenses in recent memory in 1998 allowing 30.9 ppg and 455 ypg. Thompson's blitzing schemes lowered those totals to 16.5 ppg and 314 ypg. They lost to bowl teams Mississippi and Miss St by 3 points each and versus the defending National Champs on the road, lost by a single point in a game UM had a 270-138 yard edge with 3:20 left. They also suffered a one point loss to Louisville and narrowly missed out on a winning season going 5-6. Thompson left for Arkansas and Scherer brings in Tommy West, the former head coach at Clemson. Keep in mind that Memphis has usually fielded tough defenses with 1998 being an aberration. From 1990 to 1997 they allowed 19.5 ppg over that entire span. In 1998 John Thompson's S Miss defense was ranked 34th and last year they were #8. West should do quite well especially with nine defensive starters and most of their backups returning. A high point in Scherer's tenure was their upset of Tennessee in 1996 and after last year's four near misses, the school gave him a contract extension. Scherer was able to redshirt the majority of his freshmen classes the last two years giving the Tigers depth. They were 4-2 in CUSA games. The offense is still not what I would label potent but the defense looks even stronger and that makes them dangerous. This could finally be the year that Scherer tops the .500 mark and the key game could be a road trip to UAB. Keep in mind they won at that site convincingly last year. They have 6 home games this year (only 3 are in CUSA play out of 7) and will definitely flirt with a winning record.


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K Ryan White & DT Marcus Bell will both vie for CUSA honors this year.

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| LB | Shaka Hill 6-3 244 PS#60 |
| WR | Reginald Perkins 5-9 165 PS#54JC |
| DB | Henry Washington 5-9 165 PS#134 |
| LB | Derrick Ballard 6-2 200 PS#261 |
| DL | Kenyun Glover 6-3 250 PS#302 |
| WR | Devin Yarbrough 5-10 165 PS#261 |
| OL | Jerry Brown 6-7 320 PS#429 |
| QB | Danny Wimprine 6-1 201 PS#250 |
| RB | Jeremiah Bonds 5-9 175 PS#450 |
| TE | Jason Johnson 6-3 235 PS#145 |


What is a PS# & what does it mean? Turn to page 252 for a complete analysis.


## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB TRAVIS ANGLIN SO.** 6-4 201 *PS#119. 4 sts as rFr, 856 yds (54%), 5-10 ratio, 231 rush. Neil Suber (6-3 236 Jr) has 11 sts, 1782 yds (48%), 9-9 ratio 2Y.*

**RB Jeff "Sugar" Sanders So.** 5-10 206 *PS#269. Torn ACL. RS in 98. 8 gms ly, 2 sts; 254 yds (4.3). 1 rec (4.0). Demice Wherry (6-0 199 Jr) PS#144, 11 tkls at LB ly.*

**FB Darche Epting So.** 6-0 233 *340 lb bench. Recruited by Texas A&M. 20 ret yds as rFr. DeMarquis Terry (5-10 196 rFr) was PS#301 RB.*

**WR Al Sermon Sr.** 6-4 179 *7 career sts (4 in 99), 27 rec (13.2). **Reginald Perkins** is PS#54JC. 59 rec, solid 21.4 ypc at JUCO in 99.*

**WR Casey Rooney So.** 6-0 192 *PS#177OB. 2 sts as true, 5 rec (12.8). Ryan Johnson (5-11 185 So) was PS#139, 1 st, 7 rec (15.9) as true, 198 return yds.*

**TE BILLY KENDALL SR.** 6-5 235 *6 rec in 97 (7.8). 9 sts in 98, 19 rec (13.3). 11 sts in 99, 28 rec (10.8). Wade Smith (6-4 256 So) had 1 rec in 99.*

**C Josh Eargle Jr.** 6-2 270 *DT in 97. 30 snaps at G in 98, 2nd str C in 99, 31 plays & lettered. Jimond Pugh (6-2 298 So) trans Fla A&M, off scout POY.*

**RG LOU ESPOSITO SR.** 6-5 312 *Started last 8 as rFr. 1 start in 98, 222 snaps. 11 sts in 99, 692 plays. Matt Gehrke (6-2 280 So) 18 plays as rFr.*

**LG Trey Eyre So.** 6-2 283 *10 gms as rFr, 1 start, 208 plays, CUSA Fr tm. Jason Austin (6-3 300 Jr) 8 snaps in 98, 32 in 99, 0 letters.*

**RT DECORYE HAMPTON SR.** 6-8 333 *PS#12OL in 97! Prop 48 in 97. 23 snaps in 98. 11 sts at RT in 99, 586 plays, 1 letter. Baki Celaj (6-4 296 So).*

**LT ARTIS HICKS JR.** 6-4 295 *PS#368. 10 sts at LG in 98, 554 snaps. 11 sts at LT ly, 685 plays. Austin O'Dell (6-4 295 Sr) PS#176LB, 56 plays in 99.*

**K RYAN WHITE JR.** 5-9 193 *PS#28 in 97. Hit 16 of 16 as rFr! Had long of 52. Hit 13 of 19 in 99, long of 47 & 2 misses were from 50+.*

**DE ANDRE ARNOLD JR.** 6-4 234 *Def scout POY in 97. 7 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl as rFr. 9 sts in 99, 30 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. Boris Penchion (6-3 240 So) had 1 tkl in 99.*

**DT CALVIN LEWIS SR.** 6-4 282 *5 sts as rFr, 46 tkls, 1 tfl. 11 sts in 98, 49 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. 7 sts in 99, 42 tkls, 4 tfl. Joe Gerda (6-5 270 So) PS#183, 5 tkls, 2 tfl ly.*

**DT MARCUS BELL SR.** 6-2 305 *PS#116, 22 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 42 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 9 sts in 99, **2nd tm CUSA**, 14 tfl, 85 tkls. Jarvis Slaton (6-3 282 Sr) 38 tkls, 3 yrs.*

**DE Patrick Willis Sr.** 6-2 253 *PS#168 in 97. 2 sts at TE in 98. 5 sts at DE ly, 40 tkls, 6 tfl. Tony Brown (6-2 258 Jr) 1 start in 99, 43 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl.*

**WLB Ian Williams Sr.** 6-4 232 *HS QB in Canada. 12 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. 27 tkls, 1 sk in 98. Surg ly. **Shaka Hill** (6-3 244 Fr) PS#60. George Harper (6-1 223 Jr) PS#171.*

**MLB KAMAL SHAKIR SR.** 6-1 238 *PS#308. 6 sts in 97, 67 tkls, 6 tfl. 11 sts in 98, 87 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 pbu. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/143 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl, **2nd tm CUSA**.*

**SLB DEMORRIO SHANK SR.** 5-10 225 *PS#337. 19 tkls as true. 10 sts in 98, 63 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 65 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 pbu. Mowbray Rowand (6-3 235 So) PS#131TE.*

**CB Marcus Smith Jr.** 5-10 178 *Scout tm POY in 98. Started last 5 in 99, 28 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Derrick Harmon (6-0 197 So) PS#147WR, 2 tkls as rFr.*

**CB MICHAEL STONE SR.** 6-0 182 *8 tkls in 98. 11 sts in 99, 60 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 8 pbu. 4.38 speed, good size. Quincey Stephenson (5-5 169 So) 4 tkls as rFr.*

**SS IDREES BASHIR JR.** 6-3 202 *6 sts in 98, 51 tkls, 3 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 71 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu, 2 tfl. Glenn Sumter (6-0 196 So) PS#75DB, 2 sts, 26 tkls as true.*

**FS FRED POWELL SR.** 5-10 198 *72 yds rush as true. 12 tkls, 1 pbu in 98. 11 sts, 70 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu in 99. Keydrin Ward (6-0 177 Jr) 2 sts, 1 tfl, 1 pbu in 99.*

**P Ben Graves Sr.** 6-2 216 *JC trans. 36 punts at JC in 97. (40.8) with good hand time. 40 punts in 98 here, 38.8 avg, long of 51. No punts in 99.*

# MEMPHIS TIGERS

Memphis, Tennessee
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UM | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor and the dog have covered 9 of 11 & 7 of 8 in the Louisville series.<br>Tigers are 5-0 ATS their last 5 vs Arkansas.<br>Memphis is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS vs the Big 10 since 1995.<br>UM is 6-11-1 ATS vs Ole Miss since 1979.<br>Memphis is 4-8-1 ATS the L/13 after a bye. |
| Sep. 2 | Mississippi St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 11-4-1 ATS vs the Bulldogs since 1984.<br>Memphis is 6-8 ATS overall as a HD under Scherer, but 5-2 L/2Y. |
| Sep. 9 | UL Monroe | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | There were no meetings for these 2 schools in the 80's or 90's.<br>Tigers are 2-8-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. |
| Sep. 16 | at Arkansas St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Memphis is 8-2 ATS in their road opener the L/10 seasons.<br>Tigers are 7-0-1 SU, 4-4 ATS vs the Indians. |
| Sep. 23 | at Army | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM is 5-1 ATS the L/2Y after a SU victory.<br>Could apply here: Memphis is 3-1 ATS L/4 tries as an away fav. |
| Sep. 30 | at S Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Memphis is 3-5 SU, 3-2-1 ATS in their 3rd straight road game S/80.<br>Tigers are 1-10 ATS vs Southern Miss since 1989. |
| Oct. 7 | E Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Memphis is 2-7 ATS vs E Carolina since 1990.<br>The Pirates won the last meeting in '98 on the strength of a last second FG. |
| Oct. 14 | at Alabama-Birm | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Memphis is 2-0 SU & ATS in their history vs UAB.<br>Tigers are 8-3-1 ATS S/95 in sandwiched road games. |
| Oct. 21 | Houston | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 3-0 SU & ATS in this short series.<br>Each time the home team has been a favorite of 3 or less. |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Memphis is 15-4 ATS L/19 games vs SEC schools. |
| Nov. 4 | Tennessee | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 1-6 SU & 3-4 ATS vs their "Big Brother" but won SU in 96 and lost by just 1 point in Knoxville last season. |
| Nov. 11 | Cincinnati | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending LW's result, UM is 5-11-1 ATS their last 17 Nov games.<br>Memphis is 2-9 ATS their last 11 home finales. |
| Nov. 18 | at Tulane | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 9-0-2 ATS when swimming against the Green Wave.<br>UM is 1-9 SU (won LY) & 3-6-1 ATS in their final away game. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: Memphis is 7-4-1 ATS L/12 on artificial turf. |

## STADIUM: LIBERTY BOWL (62,380)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 6-5 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 2-9 | 5-6 | 30-47 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 6-4-1 | 5-6 | 4-7 | 5-5-1 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 38-37-2 |
| Home Fav | 1-3 | 1-2-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 9-13-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 2-2 | 8-9 |
| Away Fav | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3-2 |
| Away Dog | 2-1 | 4-1 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 2-2-1 | 1-4 | 3-0 | 17-13-1 |
| Favorite | 2-5 | 1-2-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 12-15-1 |
| Dog | 3-1 | 5-2 | 3-4 | 3-6 | 2-3-1 | 4-4 | 5-2 | 25-22-1 |
| Grass | 4-5 | 4-4-1 | 4-5 | 3-6 | 4-4 | 6-4 | 5-4 | 30-32-1 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1-1 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 8-5-1 |
| vs Conf | 1-4 | 4-2-1 | 1-5 | 2-4 | 2-3-1 | 3-3 | 4-2 | 17-23-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 4-2 | 2-2 | 4-1 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 21-14 |
| Off SU Win | 2-4 | 3-2-1 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 0-3-1 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 12-15-2 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-2 | 3-1 | 3-4 | 3-3 | 4-2 | 4-4 | 3-3 | 22-19 |

## Coach: RIP SCHERER (Career 47-56)
### *Scherer's records AT MEMPHIS*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at Memphis | | 7-8 | Home Favorite |
| 18-37 | Straight Up | 6-8 | Home Underdog |
| 27-27-1 | Vs The Spread | 2-0 | Away Favorite |
| 17-16 | Off A S/U Loss | 12-11-1 | Away Underdog |
| 12-17-1 | Vs Conf | 15-10 | Vs Non-Conf |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | Pasadena | NL | San Jose St | 28-9 | W |
| | | | | | |
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# MEMPHIS (5-6)

CONFERENCE: **USA**

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 5*** **Returning: 52 (23,26,3)**
**DEFENSE: 8** **Lost: 16 (9,5,2)**

## MEMPHIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 21.1 | 16 | 134 | 3.5 | 159 | 50.7 | 13.9 | -2 | 1999 | 6 | 16.5 | 17 | 144 | 3.3 | 170 | 52.0 | 19.0 |
| 7 | 20.5 | 17 | 140 | 3.9 | 187 | 45.9 | 15.9 | +1 | 1998 | 8 | 30.9 | 22 | 174 | 4.3 | 281 | 60.5 | 14.7 |
| 8 | 19.8 | 17 | 110 | 2.8 | 215 | 52.8 | 16.4 | -7 | 1997 | 4 | 22.1 | 18 | 165 | 4.0 | 162 | 58.2 | 14.8 |
| 6 | 12.8 | 16 | 103 | 2.8 | 153 | 48.9 | 19.9 | +4 | 1996 | 6 | 19.9 | 20 | 146 | 3.4 | 215 | 57.8 | 18.2 |
| 6 | 13.6 | 15 | 94 | 2.5 | 159 | 47.2 | 18.6 | -8 | 1995 | 6 | 21.8 | 20 | 141 | 3.2 | 209 | 56.1 | 16.0 |
| 2 | 14.8 | 15 | 130 | 3.2 | 125 | 42.0 | 17.2 | +1 | 1994 | 7 | 14.5 | 14 | 107 | 2.8 | 146 | 52.3 | 17.4 |

| | OFFENSE 1999 STATS BY GAME | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Mississippi | 8 | 30-(-8) | -0.3 | 14-32 | 123 | 5 | 15 | 47-192 | 4.1 | 12-26 | 99 | 2 | +3 |
| at Miss St | 12 | 34-101 | 3.0 | 10-22 | 80 | 0 | 16 | 41-161 | 3.9 | 13-25 | 156 | 1 | 0 |
| Arkansas St | 27 | 54-252 | 4.7 | 14-21 | 163 | 0 | 17 | 29-128 | 4.4 | 14-25 | 170 | 3 | 0 |
| at Tennessee | 12 | 38-62 | 1.6 | 10-25 | 228 | 3 | 10 | 32-44 | 1.4 | 15-28 | 172 | 3 | 0 |
| Missouri | 13 | 32-52 | 1.6 | 12-29 | 153 | 2 | 20 | 58-219 | 3.8 | 11-19 | 139 | 2 | -3 |
| at Ala-Birm | 18 | 36-148 | 4.1 | 16-38 | 189 | 1 | 16 | 49-87 | 1.8 | 12-28 | 115 | 9 | +1 |
| Louisville | 18 | 44-213 | 4.8 | 10-18 | 90 | 1 | 27 | 32-75 | 2.3 | 33-48 | 385 | 7 | 0 |
| at Tulane | 26 | 46-264 | 5.7 | 19-26 | 236 | 3 | 15 | 36-57 | 1.6 | 19-40 | 203 | 6 | +2 |
| S Mississippi | 13 | 28-64 | 2.3 | 14-29 | 163 | 2 | 17 | 52-188 | 3.6 | 11-18 | 227 | 3 | -2 |
| Army | 17 | 35-161 | 4.6 | 15-26 | 157 | 1 | 16 | 64-231 | 3.6 | 2-9 | 16 | 3 | -2 |
| at Cincinnati | 17 | 45-169 | 3.8 | 14-26 | 161 | 0 | 20 | 42-189 | 4.7 | 16-38 | 189 | 3 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 181 | 422-1478 | 3.5 | 148-292 | 1743 | 18 | 189 | 482-1584 | 3.3 | 158-304 | 1871 | 42 | -2 |
| AVERAGES | 16.4 | 38-134 | 3.5 | 13-27 | 159 | 1.6 | 17.2 | 44-144 | 3.3 | 14-28 | 170 | 3.8 | -0.2 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Mississippi St | +11' | 18-28 | W |
| at Michigan | +22 | 7-24 | W |
| SW Louisiana | -11 | 33-19 | W |
| at Arkansas | +10' | 20-27 | W |
| Louisville | -3' | 7-17 | L |
| at Tulane | -7 | 23-8 | W |
| at Cincinnati | +4 | 3-28 | L |
| Tulsa | -5' | 10-7 | L |
| Mississippi | +2 | 3-34 | L |
| S Mississippi | +4 | 9-17 | L |
| at E Carolina | +13 | 17-31 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miami (Fla) | +14 | 7-30 | L |
| Mississippi St | +4 | 10-31 | L |
| at Missouri | +5 | 19-16 | W |
| Tulane | -4 | 17-10 | W |
| Cincinnati | -2' | 18-16 | L |
| at Houston | +3 | 20-37 | L |
| at S Mississippi | +15' | 0-16 | L |
| at SW Louisiana | +1 | 9-13 | L |
| at Louisville | +10 | 10-13 | W |
| Tennessee | +27 | 21-17 | W |
| E Carolina | +7 | 10-20 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Mississippi St | +10 | 10-13 | W |
| Alabama-Birm | -15 | 28-7 | W |
| at Michigan St | +19' | 21-51 | L |
| Minnesota | -2 | 17-20 | L |
| at Cincinnati | +11' | 17-20 | W |
| Arkansas St | -23 | 38-9 | W |
| at E Carolina | +2' | 10-32 | L |
| Houston | -1' | 24-3 | W |
| at Tulane | +12 | 14-26 | T |
| Louisville | -10 | 21-20 | L |
| S Mississippi | +11 | 18-42 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Mississippi | +10 | 10-30 | L |
| Mississippi St | +10' | 6-14 | W |
| at Minnesota | +3' | 14-41 | L |
| at Houston | +2 | 14-35 | L |
| Arkansas | +17' | 9-23 | W |
| Cincinnati | -10' | 41-23 | W |
| at Louisville | +13 | 32-35 | W |
| Arkansas St | -12 | 35-19 | W |
| Tulane | +16 | 31-41 | W |
| at S Mississippi | +19 | 3-45 | L |
| E Carolina | -2 | 31-34 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mississippi | +13' | 0-3 | W |
| at Mississippi St | +13' | 10-13 | W |
| Arkansas St | -18 | 31-26 | L |
| at Tennessee | +30' | 16-17 | W |
| Missouri | +2' | 17-27 | L |
| at Alabama-Birm | +3 | 38-14 | W |
| Louisville | +2' | 31-32 | W |
| at Tulane | E | 49-7 | W |
| S Mississippi | +5 | 5-20 | L |
| Army | -12 | 14-10 | L |
| at Cincinnati | -2 | 21-13 | W |

# MIAMI (FLA) HURRICANES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year Miami had very little experience coming into the year but did have Kenny Kelly, PS#1. Kelly, who played minor league baseball in the summer, grasped the opportunity and had 10 starts, throwing for 2,040 yards (54.3%) with a 16-15 ratio and 196 yards rushing. In the offseason Kelly elected to devote himself to baseball full-time and will not return. Ken Dorsey may have helped make that decision. He was PS#18 and as a true frosh had 3 starts throwing for 888 yards (60%) with an 11-2 ratio for an amazing pass efficiency rating. Keep in mind, and this is important, two of those starts were versus depleted Rutgers and Temple teams. In the bowl game versus GT Dorsey hit just 7 of 15 for 81 yards. Davis signed 2 HT QB's (see Top Newcomers) and one or both could easily step into the backup role. Ethenic Sands (6-0 185 So - PS #196 DB) was 2nd string in the spring after moving over from WR. I'm concerned about the depth here if Dorsey gets injured but as long as he stays healthy, I look for improved numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year Miami had to replace Edgerrin James and then had the TB corps hit hard by injuries. Top RB James Jackson (PS#16) missed 3 games with a knee sprain but has 4.37 speed as well as solid size and rushed for 889 yards (4.7). His backup Najeh Davenport (PS#34) rushed for 400 yards in 1998 but was injured in 99's opener and missed the rest of the year. He had 81 yards in the 1H of that game and has a solid combination of speed and power. True frosh Clinton Portis (PS#124) led the team with 955 yards (6.2) including 4 straight 100 yard games. Jarrett Payton (Walter's son) was PS#35 and had 262 yards (4.9) as a true frosh. They also add to the mix their top offensive recruit this year in Willis McGahee (see Top Newcomers). They lose starting FB Mondriel Fulcher (10 sts, #7DC of OAK) but that position still looks solid. This unit has added talent, should be more healthy and is even stronger than last year's fine group.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year this was one of the top receiving corps in the country, loaded with explosive WR's and 2nd Team AA TE Daniel Franks. Franks, who had 48 rec's, was the #1DC of GB and leaves a big hole to fill. This WR corps is probably the deepest in the country. Santana Moss originally signed on a track scholarship and is a 2 time Big East champ in the 60 meters. Last year he hauled in 57 rec's (16.7) and had 671 return yards. He's been called this year's Peter Warrick and is faster than the FSU grad. Reggie Wayne is a VHT who has piled up 134 rec's in 3 years. Andre King (6-0 200 Sr) was PS#30 and has 60 rec's in 3 years. Daryl Jones (5-10 190 Jr) was PS#9 had 28 rec's in 97 & 98 and redshirted last year. He won 1st place in the Big East 100 meters. Andre Johnson (6-3 220 rFr) was PS#2 last year. Kevin Beard (6-2 175 rFr) was PS#18. Anthony Johnson (6-4 195 rFr) was PS#50. Odds are with this kind of talent already on the roster, Davis will redshirt his VHT true frosh signee Willie Dixon. This remains one of the top units in the country but looks a little weaker at TE.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Hurricanes' offensive front returned five players with starting experience last year including four full-time starters. This year two starters depart in LG Richard Mercier (13 sts, 2nd team AA, #5DC of BAL) and C Ty Wise (13 sts, 1st tm Big East) as well as backup LT Robert Hall (4 sts) & Eric Schnupp. In the past five years the team went 35-12 when Mercier started and just 4-7 when he was out. They do get big additions this year in PS#1 Vernon Carey who redshirted last year and has great size and a huge JUCO in Bryant McKinnie (6-9 330). I like the newcomers and the fact that there are 3 starters returning. This group could be just as solid as last year's.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - They are getting there. In 97 the once proud Miami defense allowed 4.9 ypc which was unheard of for the school which was known for its dominating defense in the 1980's & early 90's. They've reduced that total to 3.6 and 3.1 ypc the last 2 years and practically cut in half the defensive rushing ypg allowed from 220 to 114. Last year they returned 3 starters but one lost his job. This year two starters depart in DE Mike Boireau (13 sts, 9 tfl, #2DC of MIN) and DT Matt Sweeney (13 sts, 8 tfl) but six of the top eight return and I list the two deep below. They are big and strong inside with DT's Lewis and Wilson. Not listed below are four outstanding newcomers that will contend for time. Cornelius Green (6-5 245 Jr) is PS#79JC and had 12 sacks at JC last year. Larry Anderson (6-4 250 rFr) was PS#114DL. Davis also signed PS#10 and PS#45 this year. I look for continued improvement in the defensive numbers.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year Dan Morgan and Nate Webster were two of the 20 semifinalists for the Nagurski Trophy. Webster made himself eligible for the draft and then changed his mind but the NCAA ruled him ineligible. He will not have to move far as he was the #3DC of TB. Two starters return and I project this year's top true frosh DJ Williams to win Webster's vacated job immediately. Everyone else returns with the exception of MLB Rod Mack (2 sts, 32 tkls) and Michael Smith (3 sts, 15 tkls). Smith was lost for the season after 3 starts last year. They get two solid rFr, twin brothers in Jermell (PS#80) and Jerrell (PS#97) Weaver. Had Webster returned, this was arguably one of the top LB units in the country, but even with his departure it is still solid.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Miami's defense improved as the season went on in 1999 and they did not allow a TD pass over the final 27Q's of the season including their bowl game vs the #1 offense in the country, Georgia Tech. The Hurricanes had young units in both 97 & 98 and finished #57 each year in my pass efficiency defense rankings. Last year the top 8 players returned and the Hurricanes jumped all the way to #11, allowing 53.7% with only 8 TD's and 19 int's. Once again, almost everyone is back including 3 CB's who have each started more than 12 games and 3 safeties with starting experience. There are plenty of VHT's in the group (see Projected Starting Lineups) and they add 2 outstanding rFr newcomers. This is clearly a top 10 secondary.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Hurricanes have blocked a lot of kicks the last few years. SS Edward Reed, who had 2 blocks last year, returns and they were +4 in the TD/blk category. They also possess super returnman Moss who did not even return kicks in high school and gets better each year. He should really blossom in his senior season. P Freddie Capshaw is back and had an adequate year as a rFr and should improve. They must replace K Andy Crosland but he hit just 12 of 22 FG's with a long of 47 in 99. Todd Sievers, who hit a 63 yard FG and had 48 touchbacks 75 KO's in high school, redshirted last year. With one of the top return teams in the country, an aggressive kick blocking unit, and special teams that ranked #7 last year, you can expect Miami to finish in the top 10 once again & they are a contender for the top spot.

RB James Jackson is looking to eclipse 1,000 yards this season.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Clinton Portis** | 155 | 990 | 35 | 955 | 9 | 6.2 |
| **James Jackson** | 190 | 950 | 61 | 889 | 10 | 4.7 |
| **Jarrett Payton** | 53 | 280 | 18 | 262 | 1 | 4.9 |
| **Najeh Davenport** | 13 | 83 | 2 | 81 | 0 | 6.2 |
| **Will McPartland** | 9 | 51 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 5.7 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Kenny Kelly | 276 | 150 | 54.3 | 2040 | 16 | 15 |
| **Ken Dorsey** | 135 | 81 | 60.0 | 888 | 11 | 2 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Santana Moss** | | 57 | 952 | 16.7 | 6 | 80 |
| Daniel Franks | | 48 | 637 | 13.3 | 5 | 43 |
| **Reggie Wayne** | | 44 | 530 | 12.0 | 5 | 51 |
| **Andre King** | | 24 | 253 | 10.5 | 2 | 19 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Freddie Capshaw** | 52 | 2078 | 40.0 | - | - | 0 | 14 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Andy Crosland | 5-9 | 5-8 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 12-22 | 47 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nate Webster | 164 | 4 | 15 | 7 | 4 |
| **Dan Morgan** | 151 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 0 |
| **Al Blades** | 96 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| **Edward Reed** | 82 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| **Mike Rumph** | 78 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Michael Boireau | 68 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Matt Sweeney | 64 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| **Chris Campbell** | 59 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| **Damione Lewis** | 57 | 6.5 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Leonard Myers** | 55 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| **William Joseph** | 52 | 1.5 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Jeff Popovich | 49 | 1.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **James Lewis** | 40 | 1.5 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Santana Moss** | 35 | 482 | 13.8 | 2 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Santana Moss** | 8 | 189 | 23.6 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**† OHIO ST -5' 23-12 WIN** Kickoff Classic. UM got a 44 yd TD run by Jackson on their 2nd play. OSU got a 70 yd run by Wiley to set up a 23 yd FG & then a 7 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, 9-7. Each team missed a FG. UM got a 59 yd drive for a TD & then a short pass to Moss in which he zig zagged thru the OSU defense for a 67 yd TD with :08 left 1H. OSU settled for a 24 yd 3Q FG & UM missed a 27 yd'r but OSU did not threaten again.

**FLORIDA A&M NL 57-3 -** A&M (which avg'd 521 yds & 45 ppg in 1998) grabbed a 3-0 lead early on a 25 yd FG. Late in the 1Q they lost QB Gray & after totalling 75 yds with him, they got -7 yds the final 3Q's. UM led 14-3 after 1Q, 40-3 at the half.

**PENN ST +2 23-27 LOSS** It was rainy, PSU had a 142-89 yd 1H edge & led 10-0 after 1Q. UM got its 1st FD with 4:14 left 2Q & a 29 yd FG with :23 left, 10-3. PSU ret'd the 3Q KO 50 yds & drove for a TD, 17-3. UM drove 60 yds for a TD. UM got a 40 yd TD pass to tie. PSU settled for a 26 yd FG, 20-17. UM got a 39 yd TD run with 7:42 left, 23-20 (xpng). PSU was int'd but the Hurricanes somewhat surprisingly went for it but were SOD on 4th & 1 at the PSU 22 with 1:53 left. PSU QB Thompson came in & his 1st pass hit Fields for a 79 yd TD, 27-23. UM was int'd on their final 2 drives.

**† E CAROLINA -11 23-27 LOSS** EC spent the week at the S Car campus unable to return home due to flooding. This was played at NC St's stadium. After leading 7-0, UM got a FG after a blk'd a punt, had a 23 yd drive for a TD foll a fmbl & a 38 yd FG foll an int. EC got a late 1H FG, 20-3. UM got a 47 yd FG to open the 3Q but EC got an 83 yd TD drive. EC drove 85 yds early 4Q for a TD, 23-17. They added a 39 yd FG & after a UM 3 & out drove 79 yds for a TD with 4:47 left. UM drove for a FD at the EC 18 but was SOD.

**AT FLORIDA ST +14 21-31 WIN** I used UM as the Underdog Play in Power Sweep. FSU susp Warrick & the line dropped from 17 to 14. FSU got a 48 yd TD pass but UM answered with an 80 yd TD drive. FSU got a 65 yd TD drive but UM responded with an 80 yd TD pass, 14-14. FSU fmbl'd & UM drove 89 yds in 13 plays, 21-14. FSU drove 73 yds to tie with 5:19 2Q & UM had a 282-247 yd edge at half. FSU drove 76 yds for a 38 yd FG & 97 yds for a TD with 9:55 left, 31-21. UM drove to the FSU 30 & was int'd & got to the 28 on its final drive but ran out of time.

**AT BOSTON COLL +18 31-28 LOSS** Each of BC's 1st 2 poss were kept alive by Miami pen's on BC FG attempts & BC cashed in getting 80 and 81 yd TD drives. BC had a 250-101 yd halftime edge, 21-0. BC led 28-0 in 3Q. UM drove 74 yds for a TD. BC missed a 33 yd FG early 4Q. UM drove 80 yds for a TD. BC fmbl'd to set up another UM TD, 28-21. UM drove 77 yds for a TD with 3:51 left. Later UM had a 4th & 16 & elected not to kick a 51 yd FG & conv a 21 yd pass. With :03 left the Canes got the game winning FG.

**W VIRGINIA -17' 28-20 LOSS** WV controlled the 1H but 5 TO's did them in. WV drove 56 yds for a TD but fmbl'd at the UM 5 & later was int'd at the UM 1. WV added a 33 yd FG. UM missed a 31 yd FG foll an int & WV got a 33 yd FG just before the half but only led 13-0. UM drove 56 yds for a 3Q TD & WV drove 80 yds for a TD. UM drove 52 & 80 yds for TD's, 21-20. UM drove 80 yds for a TD with 1:49 left & WV was int'd at the 6 with :06 left.

**AT PITTSBURGH -8 33-3 WIN** Pitt lost their starting QB early 1Q. UM got a 28 yd FG, but Pitt got a 34 yd'r to tie. UM drove 73 yds for a TD but later was int'd at the 35. UM had a 220-137 halftime yd edge. UM drove 68 yds for a TD late 3Q. Then, after a long PR, UM drove 32 yds for a 26 yd FG. UM added a 34 yd TD run the 1st play after rec a fmbl & then had a 4 yd TD drive w/ 3:31 left after a Pitt int.

**AT VA TECH +8' 10-43 LOSS** TO's & inj's were the key as UM had 6 TO's. UM led 10-0 in the 1Q but QB Kelly was lost to inj & VT got a 12 yd TD drive foll a fmbl. Kelly ret'd but with an injured shoulder, fired an int & VT got a 41 yd TD run by Stith, 14-10. In the 3Q VT got a 42 yd FG as Kelly went out on the 1st series with a sprained ankle. They added a 28 yd FG on a 34 yd drive, 20-10 with :24 left 3Q. Kelly went out for the final time on a 2nd & 10 sk. VT got a 64 yd PR for a TD, ret'd a fmbl 51 yds for a TD 1 play later and then got a 42 yd FG after a Dorsey int. UM was SOD & VT rec'd a fmbl in the EZ for a TD.

**RUTGERS -33 55-0 WIN** Rutgers was w/o 10 starters (inj) gave extensive playing time to 3 walk-ons and was off a big upset of Syr. Dorsey started at QB as Kelly & RB Jackson were inj'd. UM had 223 yds rush & 227 pass & held RU to just 5 FD's & 64 total yds. It was 34-0 at the half & 48-0 after 3Q's. UM sk'd RU QB Schwenk 9 times.

**SYRACUSE -10' 45-13 WIN** UM got a safety on a bad snap on a punt but SU drove 69 yds in 14 plays for a TD, 7-2. UM missed 47 & 29 yd FG's, the 2nd after a blk'd punt. Moss ret'd a punt 61 yds for a TD & SU missed a 43 yd FG. UM drove 72 yds for a TD with 2:06 left in the half & added a 54 yd int ret for a TD, 24-7. UM drove 40, 60 & 40 yds for TD's on their 1st 3 poss of the 3Q, 45-7. SU had 80 & 77 yd drives on their final 2 poss.

**TEMPLE -31 55-0 WIN** UM simply dominated & had 26-12 FD & a 540-138 yd edges. TU crossed midfield just once in the 1H & had 2 drives into UM terr late but were stopped. UM had 239 rush yds & secured their 1st Jan 1 bowl since 1995.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

In the late 80's and early 90's, Miami had arguably one of the top two or three programs in the country. A tough probation, which cost them 31 scholarships over 4 years, began to weaken the program and in 1997 they actually finished 5-6 and missed a bowl game. A young team in 1998 went 8-3 and won their bowl game. Last year Miami took on one of the toughest schedules in the country (facing a #1 team and a pair of #2 teams) but still came out a solid 8-4 with their 4 losses to teams that were a combined 40-5 during the regular season. They got to their first Jan. 1 bowl game since 1995 and dispatched Georgia Tech. They are over their scholarship reduction problems and appear poised to once again be a perennial national title contender. One of the big improvements for Miami last year was their defense. They allowed a very unMiami-like 25.9 and 24.8 ppg in '97 & '98, but dropped that to just 16.9 last year despite the tough schedule. They return 8 starters on that side of the ball including my #2 rated secondary and will be even stronger and clearly a top 10 defense. The offense has a potent set of RB's and WR's including Heisman candidate Santana Moss and QB Dorsey was impressive when called on last year. There are only a couple of games on the schedule for this loaded team to worry about. They should be able to win at Washington and at home vs VT but a home game vs Florida St will be the determining factor if this team can compete to win it all. Call them a national title contender!


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| | |
|---|---|
| LB | D.J. Williams 6-2 235 PS#1 |
| RB | Willis McGahee 6-1 215 PS#6 |
| WR | Willie Dixon 5-11 182 PS#6 |
| DL | Vincent Willork 6-2 310 PS#10 |
| OL | Carlos Joseph 6-6 303 PS#11 |
| DB | Carl Walker 6-3 190 PS#11 |
| TE | Willie Roberts 6-7 235 PS#11 |
| QB | Derrick Crudup 6-0 185 PS#22 |
| DL | Alton Wright 6-6 235 PS#45 |
| QB | T.J. Prunty 6-3 205 PS#37 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Ken Dorsey So.** 6-5 195 *PS#18 in 99. 3 sts as a true, 888 yds (60%), 11-2 ratio, 15 yds rush in 6 games. Ethenic Sands (6-0 185 So) moved from WR in spg.*

**RB JAMES JACKSON SR.** 5-11 215 *PS#16 in 96. 1239 yds (7.1) in 97 & 98. 8 sts in 99, 889 yds (4.7). Clinton Portis (5-11 190 So) had 955 yds (6.2) as true.*

**FB Will McPartland Sr.** 6-0 230 *4 sts in 3 yrs, 67 yds (3.9), 14 rec. Robert Williams (6-4 240 Jr) PS#16WR, 52 yds in 99. Willis McGahee is PS #6.*

**WR REGGIE WAYNE SR.** 6-1 195 *PS#14. 10 sts as true, 48 rec (13.3). 2nd tm BE. 9 sts in 98. 42 rec (15.0). 13 sts in 99, 44 rec. Andre King PS#30. 60 rec (12.3), 3 yrs.*

**WR SANTANA MOSS SR.** 5-10 175 *2X60m champ in BE. 49 rec in 97 & 98. 57 rec (16.7), 671 ret yards, 13 sts in 99. Daryl Jones (5-10 190 Jr) PS#9. 28 rec, 2 yrs.*

**TE Ivan Mercer Sr.** 6-7 245 *PS#168JC, 55 rec at JC in 98. 5 rec (12.2) here in 99. Willie Roberts is PS#11. Robert Williams was PS #16 WR.*

**C Scott Puckett Jr.** 6-3 275 *PS#279 in 97. Backup C L/2Y, 2 letters. Brett Romberg (6-3 290 Jr) PS#306, 1 letter. James Sikora was PS#172.*

**RG MARTY BIBLA JR.** 6-4 285 *PS#25 in 97. 4 sts in 98, 13 sts in 99 at RG. Joe McGrath (6-5 285 rFr). Joey Fantigrassi (6-4 280 So) PS#173.*

**LG VERNON CAREY rFR.** 6-5 360 *PS#1OL in 99. Greg Laffere (6-5 305 Sr) PS#293JC in 98, and redshirted here. 9 starts in 99, lettered.*

**RT JOAQUIN GONZALEZ JR.** 6-5 290 *12 sts as rFr & Big East Rookie of the Year. 13 sts in 99 & only allowed 1 sk. Ed Wilkins (6-4 300 So) PS#46, 9 gms ly.*

**LT Bryant McKinnie Jr.** 6-9 330 *PS#26JC in 98 & reds. Huge & good feet. Sherko Haji-Rasouli (6-6 310 So) 9 gms as 2nd string in 99.*

**K Todd Sievers Jr.** 6-3 215 *PS#3K in 98. Did KO's as true. Hit 63 yd FG in HS & 48 of 75 KO's in HS were TB's. 14 of 53 KO's were TB's here.*

**DE Quincy Hipps Sr.** 6-4 265 *PS#28 in 96. 22 tkls, 4 sks as rFr. 8 sts in 98, 35 tkls, 3 tfl. 17 tkls, 2.5 tfl ly. Jamaal Green (6-2 250 So) PS#184, 4 sks ly.*

**DT Adrian Wilson Sr.** 6-2 315 *PS#11, 14 tkls as true. 5 tfl in 98. 34 tkls, 4.5 tfl in 99. Matt Walters (6-5 260 So) PS#279, 29 tkls, 5 tfl in 99.*

**DT DAMIONE LEWIS SR.** 6-3 290 *PS#11. 11 sts, 9 tfl as rFr. 12 sts in 98, 55 tkls, 6 tfl. 13 sts in 99, 57 tkls, 6.5 sks, 5 tfl. Brian Stinson (6-3 270 Sr) PS#48.*

**DE WILLIAM JOSEPH SO.** 6-5 290 *PS#69DL. 13 sts as rFr, 52 tkls, 5.5 tfl, 17 hurries. Jevon Rhodes (6-2 245 Sr) PS#59, 23 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 yrs.*

**WLB DAN MORGAN SR.** 6-3 230 *8 sts, 105 tkls, 7 tfl as true, 12 sts, 1st tm BE in 98, 162 tkls, 12 tfl. 13 sts in 99, Butkus semifinalist, 151 tkls, 6 sks, 12 tfl.*

**MLB D.J. Williams Fr.** 6-2 235 *PS#1LB. 4.45 speed. Shevon Marshall (6-2 235 Jr) PS#52, 2 sts as true, 31 tkls. 4 tkls ly (inj). Jerrell Weaver PS#97.*

**SLB CHRIS CAMPBELL JR.** 6-2 225 *PS#129DL in 98, 20 tkls as true. Susp 1st 4 in 99 but 9 sts, 59 tkls, 9 tfl, 4.5 speed. Howard Clark (6-1 220 So) was PS#10.*

**CB LEONARD MYERS SR.** 6-0 200 *PS#100. 30 tkls, 5 pbu as true. 7 sts in 98, 2nd tm BE, 13 pbu. 6 sts in 99, 55 tkls, 4 int, 8 pbu. Tory Mitchell (6-1 180 rFr) PS#14.*

**CB MIKE RUMPH JR.** 6-2 200 *PS#8, 3 sts as true, 1 int, 5 pbu. 13 sts in 99, 4 int, 5 pbu. Markese Fitzgerald (5-11 180 Jr) PS#19, 13 sts, 7 pbu, 2 yrs.*

**SS EDWARD REED JR.** 6-0 190 *PS#135. 12 sts as rFr, 96 tkls, 8 tfl, 7 pbu. 12 sts in 99, 82 tkls, 13 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Maurice Sikes (5-11 180 rFr) PS#34.*

**FS AL BLADES SR.** 6-2 200 *PS#29. 8 sts in 98, 88 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. 13 sts in 99, 96 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. James Lewis (5-11 190 Jr) 56 tkls, 2 yrs.*

**P FREDDIE CAPSHAW SO.** 5-11 180 *Took over P duties in 3rd game as rFr, 52 punts, 40.0 avg. Todd Sievers (6-3 215 Jr) was PS#3K, RS in 99.*

# MIAMI (FLA) HURRICANES

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UM | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miami's avg margin of victory in "NL" games is 49 pts since 1994. Hurricanes are 13-1 SU in their 1st home game since 1986. They do not play this year but UM is 1-6-1 ATS vs E Carolina since 1983. |
| Aug. 31 | McNeese St (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miami is 6-0 SU & ATS in August, but this of course won't be lined. McNeese St was 6-5 SU LY, 5-2 in Southland Conference play. |
| Sep. 9 | at Washington | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miami is 8-1 ATS their last 9 road openers. Hurricanes are 8-4 ATS the L/4Y on artificial turf. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: UM was 15-7 ATS the week before a bye in the 90's. |
| Sep. 23 | at W Virginia | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The road team has covered 8 of the L/9 series meetings. Hurricanes are 4-8 ATS after a bye under Davis. |
| Sep. 30 | at Rutgers | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miami is 5-1 ATS L/6 & the avg victory margin has been 35 ppg. Canes are 6-1 SU & 3-3 ATS prior to FSU, UM had a bye LY. |
| Oct. 7 | Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miami is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS in this fierce rivalry. LY's 10 point loss was the closest they have come in that span. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | at Temple | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the FSU result, UM is 7-10 ATS in October under Davis. Miami was 17-11 ATS as away chalk coming into the 2000 season. |
| Oct. 28 | Louisiana Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM did not play the Bulldogs in either the 80's or 90's. First of 3 uninterrupted HG's, UM destroyed Rutgers in a similar spot LY. |
| Nov. 4 | Virginia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM came into 2000 w/a 3-8 ATS mark under Davis as a single digit fav. Canes are 0-5 SU, 1-4 ATS L/5Y vs the Hokies. |
| Nov. 11 | Pittsburgh | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Miami is 7-10 ATS L/17 but 5-2 L/7 after a SU loss. The home team is 6-2 ATS in this series. |
| Nov. 18 | at Syracuse | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Canes last visit to the Carrier Dome in 98 resulted in a 13-66 shellacking. Prior to that loss Miami had won 3 in a row SU at Syracuse. |
| Nov. 25 | Boston College | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hurricanes are 6-2 ATS in their Orange Bowl finale. The home team is 5-1 ATS the L/6 years in this series. |
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## STADIUM: ORANGE BOWL (74,476)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-2 | 10-1 | 8-3 | 8-3 | 5-6 | 8-3 | 8-4 | 56-22 |
| ATS | 5-5 | 7-3 | 3-7 | 6-4 | 3-8 | 7-3 | 6-5 | 37-35 |
| Home Fav | 3-2 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 1-4 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 15-15 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-4 |
| Away Fav | 2-2 | 4-1 | 0-4 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 14-11 |
| Away Dog | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 6-5 |
| Favorite | 5-4 | 6-3 | 3-6 | 4-3 | 2-6 | 5-1 | 4-3 | 29-26 |
| Dog | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 8-9 |
| Grass | 3-3 | 5-2 | 3-5 | 3-4 | 2-6 | 4-2 | 5-4 | 25-26 |
| Artificial | 2-2 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 12-9 |
| vs BIG EAST | 3-4 | 5-2 | 2-5 | 5-3 | 2-5 | 5-2 | 4-3 | 26-24 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 11-11 |
| Off SU Win | 2-5 | 6-3 | 2-5 | 5-2 | 2-3 | 4-3 | 3-3 | 24-24 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-5 | 3-0 | 2-2 | 10-10 |

## Coach: BUTCH DAVIS (Career 40-19)
### *Davis' record AT MIAMI (FLA)*

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|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at Miami (Fla) | | 10-11 | Home Favorite |
| 40-19 | Straight Up | 1-4 | Home Underdog |
| 25-27 | Vs The Spread | 8-8 | Away Favorite |
| 7-10 | Off A S/U Loss | 6-4 | Away Underdog |
| 18-18 | Vs BIG EAST | 7-9 | Vs Non-BIG EAST |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | Fiesta | -6 | Arizona | 0-29 | L |
| 94 | Orange | +1' | Nebraska | 17-24 | L |
| 96 | Carquest | -3' | Virginia | 31-21 | W |
| 98 | MicronPC | -6' | NC State | 46-23 | W |
| 99 | Gator | -4' | Georgia Tech | 28-13 | W |

# MIAMI (FLA) (9-4)

CONFERENCE: **BIG EAST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 6**
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 49 (20,28,1)**
**Lost: 20 (10,8,2)**

MIAMI

## MIAMI (FLA)'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 33.2 | 20 | 177 | 4.5 | 229 | 56.5 | 12.2 | +5 | 1999 | 9 | 16.9 | 18 | 114 | 3.1 | 196 | 53.6 | 18.4 |
| 6 | 37.3 | 23 | 208 | 5.1 | 255 | 58.8 | 12.4 | +6 | 1998 | 6 | 24.8 | 21 | 149 | 3.6 | 235 | 55.5 | 15.5 |
| 7* | 28.6 | 21 | 170 | 4.6 | 222 | 56.0 | 13.7 | 0 | 1997 | 3 | 25.9 | 22 | 220 | 4.9 | 177 | 58.2 | 15.3 |
| 8* | 30.6 | 21 | 147 | 4.0 | 265 | 59.7 | 13.4 | -4 | 1996 | 10 | 17.5 | 16 | 134 | 3.4 | 147 | 46.8 | 16.0 |
| 5 | 26.7 | 20 | 142 | 3.8 | 224 | 59.7 | 13.7 | -5 | 1995 | 5 | 18.3 | 18 | 183 | 4.2 | 148 | 48.0 | 18.1 |
| 7* | 30.4 | 23 | 167 | 4.3 | 248 | 52.9 | 13.6 | +2 | 1994 | 5 | 11.9 | 14 | 105 | 2.8 | 123 | 49.2 | 19.1 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Ohio St | 14 | 43-153 | 3.6 | 17-25 | 245 | 3 | | 12 | 33-116 | 3.5 | 11-23 | 104 | 3 | 0 |
| Florida A&M | 18 | 48-191 | 4.0 | 13-28 | 163 | 0 | | 6 | 29-(-17) | -0.6 | 8-29 | 85 | 6 | +3 |
| Penn St | 15 | 40-160 | 4.0 | 11-21 | 160 | 2 | | 17 | 45-110 | 2.4 | 16-24 | 246 | 6 | -2 |
| at E Carolina | 22 | 49-230 | 4.7 | 15-37 | 159 | 3 | | 27 | 32-122 | 3.8 | 30-48 | 328 | 2 | +1 |
| at Florida St | 23 | 31-78 | 2.5 | 27-41 | 370 | 2 | | 23 | 41-153 | 3.7 | 23-35 | 332 | 3 | +1 |
| at Boston Coll | 20 | 33-178 | 5.4 | 20-36 | 218 | 1 | | 26 | 48-237 | 4.9 | 18-35 | 139 | 0 | +1 |
| W Virginia | 21 | 36-180 | 5.0 | 21-34 | 268 | 0 | | 23 | 29-88 | 3.0 | 32-49 | 346 | 0 | +4 |
| at Pittsburgh | 20 | 46-190 | 4.1 | 13-33 | 236 | 5 | | 17 | 29-72 | 2.5 | 18-41 | 193 | 2 | +2 |
| at Virginia Tech | 18 | 40-126 | 3.2 | 14-34 | 183 | 2 | | 18 | 50-248 | 5.0 | 11-23 | 151 | 5 | -4 |
| Rutgers | 24 | 44-223 | 5.1 | 23-30 | 227 | 0 | | 5 | 32-13 | 0.4 | 8-21 | 51 | 9 | -2 |
| Syracuse | 21 | 29-139 | 4.8 | 22-31 | 236 | 2 | | 16 | 40-130 | 3.3 | 19-29 | 235 | 1 | +2 |
| Temple | 26 | 34-239 | 7.0 | 25-37 | 301 | 4 | | 12 | 25-41 | 1.6 | 20-39 | 97 | 1 | -1 |
| Georgia Tech (Bowl) | 22 | 36-239 | 6.6 | 16-32 | 208 | 1 | | 29 | 48-217 | 4.5 | 20-40 | 245 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 264 | 509-2307 | 4.5 | 237-419 | 2974 | 25 | | 231 | 481-1489 | 3.1 | 234-436 | 2552 | 41 | +5 |
| AVERAGES | 20.3 | 39-177 | 4.5 | 18-32 | 229 | 1.9 | | 17.8 | 37-114 | 3.1 | 18-34 | 196 | 3.2 | 0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at UCLA | -3' | 8-31 | L |
| Florida A&M | NL | 49-3 | – |
| at Virginia Tech | -9' | 7-13 | L |
| at Florida St | +19 | 17-41 | L |
| Rutgers | -14 | 56-21 | W |
| at Pittsburgh | -14 | 17-16 | L |
| Temple | -26 | 36-12 | L |
| Baylor | -6 | 35-14 | W |
| at Boston College | -7 | 17-14 | L |
| W Virginia | -12 | 17-12 | L |
| Syracuse | -4' | 35-24 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Memphis | -14 | 30-7 | W |
| Citadel | NL | 52-6 | – |
| at Rutgers | -26 | 33-0 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -36 | 45-0 | W |
| Florida St | +4' | 16-34 | L |
| E Carolina | -17' | 6-31 | L |
| at W Virginia | +3 | 10-7 | W |
| at Temple | -24 | 57-26 | W |
| Virginia Tech | -6' | 7-21 | L |
| Boston College | -21' | 43-26 | L |
| at Syracuse | +7' | 38-31 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Baylor | -15' | 45-14 | W |
| Arizona St | -9' | 12-23 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | -15' | 17-21 | L |
| W Virginia | -8' | 17-28 | L |
| at Florida St | +22 | 0-47 | L |
| at Boston College | -6 | 45-44 | L |
| Temple | -20 | 47-15 | W |
| Arkansas St | -41 | 42-10 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +6' | 25-27 | W |
| Rutgers | -34 | 51-23 | L |
| Syracuse | +6 | 13-33 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| E Tenn St | NL | 66-17 | – |
| at Cincinnati | -13' | 38-12 | W |
| Virginia Tech | -4 | 20-27 | L |
| at Rutgers | -28 | 53-17 | W |
| Florida St | +9' | 14-26 | L |
| at W Virginia | +4 | 34-31 | W |
| Boston College | -15 | 35-17 | W |
| at Temple | -23' | 42-7 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -23' | 38-10 | W |
| at Syracuse | +3' | 13-66 | L |
| UCLA | +9' | 49-45 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Ohio St | +5' | 23-12 | W |
| Florida A&M | NL | 57-3 | – |
| Penn St | +2 | 23-27 | L |
| at E Carolina | -11 | 23-27 | L |
| at Florida St | +14 | 21-31 | W |
| at Boston College | -18 | 31-28 | L |
| W Virginia | -17' | 28-20 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | -8 | 33-3 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +8' | 10-43 | L |
| Rutgers | -33 | 55-0 | W |
| Syracuse | -10' | 45-13 | W |
| Temple | -31 | 55-0 | W |

# MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Lloyd Carr wanted Drew Henson (PS#2) to be his QB so badly that he promised not to recruit another QB in the 1997 or 1998 classes. Henson is a big (6-4 218), mobile (4.6 speed) QB that plays minor league baseball with the NY Yankees organization. Despite his lauded arrival he was not able to beat out Tom Brady (#6DC of NE) as the starter. Brady had 13 starts in 98, throwing for 2,636 yards with a 15-12 ratio. Last year he split time with Henson in the first 5 games but took over full-time at midyear and ended up with 2,586 yards passing (62.8%) with a 20-6 ratio. After seeing 7 games of action as a true frosh, Henson played in 10 last year. In 2 years he has thrown for 779 yards (50%) with a 6-3 ratio while rushing for 127 yards. Carr hopes that he lives up to his advance billing this year and he has plenty of experience even though he has not been a starter. Andy Mignery was PS#24 & John Navarre (6-6 228 rFr) was PS#32. Even with the loss of Brady, this group should be among the Big 10's best.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Michigan has been known as a power running team throughout the years. However, amazingly over the last 4 seasons the team has had ypc's of just 3.9, 3.9, 3.8 and an incredibly low 3.2 last year. Anthony Thomas has been the leading rusher the last 2 seasons. After gaining 891 yards (5.3) in 98, he had 1,297 yards (4.3) in 99. Last year was an unusual year for Michigan, not only in the fact that they averaged just 122 ypg rushing as a team, but also in the fact that they stuck with basically one RB all year. The second leading rusher on the team was WR David Terrell who had just 89 yards (on reverses) as Thomas had 301 carries and the next closest RB (Walter Cross) totalled just 30. They lose FB Aaron Shea (11 sts, 320 total yds, #3 rec, #4DC of CLE) but everyone else is back plus they regain TB Justin Fargas who was PS#1. He had 1 start as a true frosh in 98 and broke his leg and missed 99 due to complications from the injury. If 100% healthy he is a big time addition. Carr was hesitant to play a lot of the young RB's last year and they all have an added year of seasoning and there are plenty of VHT's in the group. Walter Cross (5-11 201 Jr) was PS#16 and has 212 yards in 2 years. Ryan Beard (5-9 207 rFr) was PS #44. I list the top 3 FB's below. This group is much deeper than it was last year at TB and Thomas should be able to stay fresher with backups getting more carries.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Wolves had to replace 2 of their top 3 receivers but David Terrell and Marcus Knight set the record for UM receiving yards by a tandem with 1,832 yards. This year two of the three starters return. The only loss is Knight who had 12 starts and a super 20.4 ypc. Carr has done a tremendous job recruiting in this area and has three WR's on hand who were among the top five coming out of high school and I list them in the 2 deep below. Brent Cummings (PS #17 RB) also moves to WR. TE is also very deep with 3 players having starting experience. This group has more experience than last year and is clearly one of the Big 10's best and is loaded with NFL caliber talent.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Wolves always find their way into my top 10 rankings in the offensive line category due to the incredible recruiting done by Carr. There are 12 players listed in my 2 deep below, and this may be the only school in which all 12 players fall into the category of VHT (see What Exactly Is a PS # on page 252). One interesting note is that not a single one of the year's starting five tops the 300 lb mark. Last year they had all 5 starters returning but this year do have some losses in RT Steve Frazier (7 sts), RT Chris Ziemann (8 sts) and RG Adam Adkins (2 sts). Last year's line did not perform as expected, opening the way for just 3.2 ypc rushing, the lowest that I can recall UM ever having. With the incredible amount of talent that Carr has compiled, I expect him to put together an outstanding starting 5 and this is once again one of the top offensive lines in the country.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Michigan had a veteran D-line last year, returning 3 of 4 starters and 6 of 9 lettermen. This year the losses are much heavier as DT Josh Williams (12 sts, 12 tfl, 52 tkls, #4DC of IND), NT Rob Renes (12 sts, 46 tkls, 5 tfl, 2nd tm AA, #7DC of IND), RE James Hall (12 sts, 7 sks, 5 tfl, HM Big 10), DE Pat Kratus (6 tkls) and DT Jason Ptak (5 tkls) all depart. Only one player returns with starting experience but Carr does have 5 VHT's listed in the 2 deep below. While talented, this group is a lot younger and less experienced than last year.

**LINEBACKERS** - In each of the last 2 years UM has returned 4 of their top 6 LB's while replacing just one starter. This year they lose OLB Ian Gold (12 sts, 1st tm Big 10, 95 tkls, #2DC of DEN), ILB Dhani Jones (12 sts, 81 tkls, 13 tfl, 2nd tm Big 10, #6DC of NYG) and LB Grady Brooks (7 sts, 26 tkls til inj). Brooks' injury allowed Victor Hobson to start the last five games and Larry Foote also returns after having started 4 games last year. All six players on the 2 deep are VHT's and Carr signed another pair of VHT's this year (see Top Newcomers). All three of the VHT starters I list below have at least 4 starts to their credit. I like the talent available here but much like the D-line, they are not quite as seasoned as last year and clearly look weaker.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Last year Carr labeled this group the "suspects" and they were shredded early and often early in the season but got stronger as the season went on. In last year's write-up I said the Wolves would have perhaps the best secondary in the NCAA...in the year 2000. After finishing #20 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98, they shockingly fell to #82 last season while allowing 212 ypg (51.7%) and an 18-10 ratio. Not only are 7 of the top 8 DB's here all VHT's but six of the 7 were among the top 25 at their position coming out of high school. Carr signed yet another VHT this year (see Top Newcomers). Carr moved 2 RB's into this position in Charles Drake and Jonathan Shaw (5-11 186 rFr, PS#93RB). DeWayne Patmon, who has 19 career starts at FS, is a second stringer, surely the sign of a deeply talented group. This group will not only improve on their pass efficiency defense ratings, they will contend for top 10 honors this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - When a team stockpiles VHT's like Michigan does, I expect them to perennially finish in the top 25 of my special teams rankings. Unfortunately this has been one of Carr's weaknesses. In the last 5 years Michigan's highest ranking has been just #49 and last year they finished all the way down at 79th. I'll cut Carr some slack for last year as Hayden Epstein (PS#1K) was supposed to handle all of the kicking duties but tore his ACL in the spring. He wasn't expected to see action until later in the year but ended up taking over all 3 duties sooner than expected and should be much healthier this season. The players who filled in at P and K are both back. There are plenty of explosive returnmen to replace PR Diallo Johnson (10.4). Overall there is plenty of talent and with Epstein much healthier than he was heading into last season, I look for solid improvement in the special teams rankings.

Anthony Thomas and the rest of the Wolves have their eye on the Big 10 Title.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Anthony Thomas** | 301 | 1347 | 50 | 1297 | 17 | 4.3 |
| **David Terrell** | 5 | 89 | 0 | 89 | 1 | 17.8 |
| **BJ Askew** | 23 | 82 | 12 | 70 | 1 | 3.0 |
| **Walter Cross** | 30 | 78 | 11 | 67 | 0 | 2.2 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Tom Brady | 341 | 214 | 62.8 | 2586 | 20 | 6 |
| **Drew Henson** | 90 | 47 | 52.2 | 546 | 3 | 2 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **David Terrell** | | 71 | 1038 | 14.6 | 7 | 57 |
| Marcus Knight | | 39 | 794 | 20.4 | 6 | 81 |
| Aaron Shea | | 38 | 289 | 7.6 | 3 | 36 |
| **Marquise Walker** | | 37 | 396 | 10.7 | 2 | 37 |
| **Anthony Thomas** | | 33 | 168 | 5.1 | 0 | 32 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cory Sargent** | 34 | 1339 | 39.4 | - | - | 0 | 7 |
| **Hayden Epstein** | 32 | 1282 | 40.1 | - | - | 0 | 7 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jeff Del Verne** | 5-6 | 5-6 | 1-2 | 0 | 11-14 | 41 |
| **Hayden Epstein** | 2-2 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 5-8 | 56 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ian Gold | 95 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Dhani Jones | 81 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Tommy Hendricks | 74 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| **James Whitley** | 66 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
| James Hall | 54 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Josh Williams | 52 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| **Todd Howard** | 51 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| **DeWayne Patmon** | 50 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Rob Renes | 46 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Victor Hobson** | 40 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Eric Wilson** | 29 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Larry Foote** | 29 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| **Cato June** | 27 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DiAllo Johnson | 23 | 239 | 10.4 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Walter Cross** | 11 | 270 | 24.5 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**NOTRE DAME -7' 26-22 LOSS** UM settled for 3 FG's & ND drove 80 yds for a TD, 9-7. ND drove 41 yds for a TD with :51 left, 14-9. UM drove 80 yds for an early 3Q TD, 16-14. After rec a fmbl, UM missed a 27 yd FG but then made a 27 yd FG. After a ND int UM had a 52 yd FG bounce off the upright. The Irish drove 65 yds for a TD, 20-19. A celeb pen forced ND to kick off from the 20 & UM started at their own 42. A late hit pen also helped UM which got a Thomas 1 yd TD run with 1:38 left. ND got to the UM 11 but ran out of time.

**RICE -27 37-3 WIN** UM was simply bigger, stronger and faster. They finished with a 356-157 yd edge & led 20-0 at half. Rice got a late FG to avoid the shutout.

**AT SYRACUSE -5' 18-13 LOSS** UM dominated the 1H with a 232-70 yd edge. UM had a FG blk'd & settled for 41 & 25 yd FG's, 6-0. SU hit a 59 yd pass to set up a TD, 7-6. UM drove 88 yds for a TD with :54 left, 13-7. SU opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive, 13-13. UM was int'd at the SU 22. SU QB Nunes was called for int grounding giving, UM a safety, 15-13. SU drove to the UM 31 but had a high snap on a FG. UM got a 31 yd FG, 18-13 with 4:00 left. SU drove and had a FD at the UM 15 but a 4th & 4 pass fell inc in the EZ & UM escaped.

**AT WISCONSIN -3' 21-16 WIN** UM's 1st drive TD was kept alive by a pers foul. Later UM rec'd a fmbl & ran a double reverse 45 yds for a TD. UW got a 33 yd FG & UM had a 36 yd FG blk'd. Dayne's 34 yd TD run made it 14-9 (xpng) at half. UM got a 91 yd drive for a TD late 3Q. UW was SOD at the UM 25. Bollinger replaced Kavanagh who was inj'd. 2 poss later Bollinger's 13 yd TD run made it 21-16 w/ 1:29 left but UM rec'd the onside kick to hang on.

**PURDUE -6 38-12 WIN** Pur got a 28 yd FG after a fmbl recov & UM drove 83 yds for a TD. Pur fmbl'd at the UM 16 & UM got a TD. Pur missed a 42 yd FG. Henson replaced Brady & guided then 64 yds for a TD, 21-3. Pur rec'd a fmbl with 1:08 left & got a 31 yd FG, 21-6 at half. Pur was SOD at the UM 34 but got a 66 yd TD pass, 21-12 (2 ptng). UM drove 75 yds for a TD & then after an int drove 78 yds for a TD, 35-12. UM added a 25 yd FG.

**AT MICHIGAN ST -2' 31-34 LOSS** A 63 yd MSU flea flicker keyed a TD drive, 7-0. Epstein hit a 56 yd FG. MSU drove 59 yds for a FG. UM, on 3rd & 9, got an 82 yd TD pass from Henson, 10-10. MSU got a 43 yd FG, 13-10. Henson played the 1st 3 series of the 3Q. MSU missed a 44 yd FG & drove 49 yds for a TD. An int set MSU up for an 18 yd TD drive, 27-10. Brady ret'd & hit 15 straight passes and UM sandwiched 2 long TD's around an MSU TD, 34-24. UM drove 96 yds for a TD, 34-31 with 2:47 left. MSU rec'd the onside kick.

**ILLINOIS -24' 29-35 LOSS** UI got a 50 yd TD drive but UM dominated the rest of the half w/ 3 long TD drives, 20-7. UM had a 236-138 1H yd edge. UM drove 89 yds in 15 plays, 27-7 in the 3Q. UI drove 80 yds for a TD then had an amazing 78 yd, 20 play TD drive scoring with 6:24 left, 27-21. Next, Kittner hit a short pass to Harvey for a 59 yd TD w/ 2:43 left, 28-27! UM was int'd on 4th & 30 but UI w/ 1:15 left got a 54 yd TD run by Harvey giving UM life as they trailed by 8 but had the ball. UM drove to the UI 16 but was int'd & the ball was fmbl'd into the EZ for a safety with :09 left.

**AT INDIANA -16' 34-31 LOSS** UM dominated early. Their 1st 2 drives covered 141 yds & IU's 1st 2 poss went for -4 yds & UM led 10-0. UM blk'd a punt but IU rec'd & got a FD but UM blk'd the next punt & got a FG, 17-0. IU drove 80 yds for a TD & then 88 yds for a 24 yd FG on the final play of the half, 17-10. IU went on a 70 yd drive for a TD early in the 4Q, 17-17. UM fmbl'd the KO & IU got a 9 yd TD drive. UM drove 65 & 67 yds for TD's on its next 2 poss. IU got a 70 yd TD pass to tie with 4:59 left. UM got a 20 yd FG w/ :18 left to pull out the victory.

**NORTHWESTERN -23 37-3 WIN** UM simply dominated with 223 yds rushing & 226 passing while holding held NU to 210 total yds. The Wolves had 83, 74, 82 and 50 yd TD drives in the 1H, 27-0 and had a commanding 310-93 yd 1H edge. UM opened the 3Q with a 64 yd TD drive, 34-0. NU did get a FG in the 3Q, UM nailed a 26 yd FG w/:33 left.

**AT PENN ST +6 31-27 WIN** For the 3rd straight year UM controlled the line of scrimmage. TY UM had a 481-278 yd edge. PSU fmbl'd on its 1st two poss & UM got 2 1Q scores, 10-0. PSU got a 79 yd PR TD, 10-7. UM opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive. PSU drove 8 yds foll a blk'd punt for a 39 yd FG & then drove 66 & 68 yds for TD's, 20-17. PSU got a 46 yd int TD ret, 27-17 with 9:44 left. UM drove 81 yds for a TD with 3:26 left & foll a 24 yd PR drove 35 yds for a TD with 1:46 left. PSU got to UM's 34 but fmbl'd.

**OHIO ST -11 24-17 LOSS** OSU had a 368-252 yd edge. Thomas had his 5th straight 100 yd game. OSU drove 51 yds for a TD but UM got a 70 yd TD drive mid 2Q. OSU got an 80 yd TD drive, 14-7 at half. UM got a 42 yd FG on a [-3] yd drive foll an int. OSU drove 47 yds but settled for a 27 yd FG. The key play was when OSU RB Wells appeared headed to the EZ, but instead was tkl'd at the UM 3. OSU settled for a FG attempt & missed it! UM got an 8 yd TD drive foll an int & then drove 77 yds after OSU fmbl'd. OSU's final poss was SOD & UM took advantage of all 3 OSU TO's.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1997 Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a national title playing perhaps one of the tougher schedules in the country. Last year Michigan again had the nation's toughest rated schedule coming into the season and had a couple of slip ups at midyear before finishing 10-2. Carr has an amazing record versus Top 10 teams at 11-1, including another big win in the Orange Bowl versus Alabama. Michigan has gone bowling 25 straight times, the 2nd longest streak in the country. This year could be a big one for the Maize and Blue. They are loaded on offense at the skill positions and most will be competing in the NFL in the next few years. The offensive line has underperformed as of late but has the talent to be among the best. They should be among the most potent in the country and top last year's 30.1 ppg. The defense has an excellent secondary but must replace 5 starters from the front 7, making that the main question mark for the 2000 season. They are 17-2 SU at home the last 3 years and should sweep those games this year. They have 4 tough road tilts vs UCLA, Illinois, Purdue and Ohio St. They are very capable of sweeping those also provided the front 7 comes together quickly. That means this team has the potential for a big year and while it is extremely difficult to get thru Big 10 play undefeated this team has that capability and are frontrunners for the Big 10 crown.

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Drew Henson Jr.** 6-4 218 *PS#2 in 98. 233 yds (42%) as true. 10 gms in 99, 546 yds (52.2%), 3-2 ratio. 4.6 speed. Andy Mignery was PS#24.*

**TB ANTHONY THOMAS SR.** 6-2 225 *PS#12, 549 yds (4.0) as true. 2 sts, 893 yds (5.3) in 98. 1297 yds (4.3), 33 rec ly. Justin Fargas (6-1 187 So) PS#1, 277 yds in 98.*

**FB BJ Askew So.** 6-3 206 *PS#55, 70 yds as true, 4.34 speed. Evan Coleman (6-0 252 Jr) PS#98. 2 sts as true, 12 gms ly. Dave Armstrong (6-3 274 So) PS#5DL.*

**WR DAVID TERRELL JR.** 6-3 208 *PS#2 in 98, 14 rec (10.6) as true. 10 sts in 99, #1 w/71 rec (14.6), 1st tm Big 10. Ron Bellamy (6-0 179 So) PS#28, 9 gms as true.*

**WR Marquise Walker Jr.** 6-3 202 *PS#1 WR in 98. 4 rec (7.8) as true. #4 in 99, 37 rec (10.7). Tyrece Butler (6-3 196 So) PS#5 in 99, 5 gms as true.*

**TE SHAWN THOMPSON JR.** 6-4 255 *5 gms in 98. 10 sts in 99, 14 rec (11.6). Bill Seymour (6-3 255 Jr) PS#35DL, 2 sts ly. Ben Joppru (6-4 247 So) PS#8, 3 rec.*

**C DAVID BRANDT SR.** 6-4 297 *PS#42DL. 2 sts at RG as rFr. 13 sts (8 @C, 5 @ G) in 98. 9 sts in 99 (inj) at C. Andy Brown (6-2 293 rFr) was PS#43.*

**RG Todd Mossa Jr.** 6-3 296 *PS#11OL in 97. 5 gms in 98 & 99, 2nd string in 99. Tony Pape (6-6 293 rFr). PS#3. Kurt Anderson (6-4 273 Jr) PS#12.*

**LG STEVE HUTCHINSON SR.** 6-5 298 *PS#19DL. 12 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 98. 11 sts in 99. 1st tm Big 10 ALL 3 YRS!!! 2nd tm AA. Courtney Morgan (6-2 304 rFr) PS#44.*

**RT BEN MAST JR.** 6-4 291 *PS#31. 4 gms as rFr. 11 sts in 99 (10 @ RT, 1 @ G). Maurice Williams (6-5 297 Sr) PS#3. 2 sts in 98. 28 career gms, 3 letters.*

**LT JEFF BACKUS SR.** 6-6 298 *PS#6. 12 sts as rFr. 13 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99. 2nd tm Big 10 all 3 yrs. Top OL here ly. Joe Denay (6-7 291 So) PS#26.*

**K HAYDEN EPSTEIN JR.** 6-2 200 *PS#1. Tore ACL in 99 spg but 5 of 8 FG's, long of 56 in 99! Jeff Del Verne (5-11 200 Sr) PS#25, 11 of 14 FG's, long 41 ly.*

**DE Jake Frysinger Sr.** 6-4 278 *PS#44LB, 6 tkls as true. 30 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl in 98. 6 tkls in 99, 2 tfl. Norman Boebert (6-5 249 rFr) PS#27. Shantee Orr (6-1 226 rFr) PS#66.*

**NT ERIC WILSON SR.** 6-4 285 *PS#81. 12 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. 2 sts in 98, 22 tkls, 8 sts in 99, 29 tkls, 2 tfl. Grant Bowman (6-1 267 rFr) added 12 lbs.*

**DT Dave Petruziello So.** 6-4 280 *PS#6TE in 98. 7 tkls, 1 pbu in 6 gms in 99. David Pearson (6-2 249 rFr) PS#48LB. Shawn Lazarus (6-3 267 So) PS#122LB.*

**DE Eric Brackins Jr.** 6-2 233 *PS#88LB in 97. 1 st, 25 tkls, 1 sk in 98. 13 tkls in 99, 11 gms. Dan Rumishek (6-3 261 So) PS#26LB, 4 tkls as rFr.*

**OLB VICTOR HOBSON SO.** 6-1 235 *PS#13LB, started L/5 as rFr, 40 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl. Phillip Brackins (6-4 199 So) PS#45DB in 99, 13 tkls, 1 pbu as true.*

**ILB Larry Foote Jr.** 6-1 226 *PS#15LB, 17 tkls, 1 sk as true. 4 sts in 99, 29 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. Carl Diggs (6-1 253 rFr) was PS#26LB in 99.*

**OLB Anthony Jordan Jr.** 6-0 215 *PS#49LB. 4 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu, 1 tfl. 5 tkls in 99. John Spytek (6-3 218 rFr) PS#38. Larry Stevens PS#8.*

**CB JAMES WHITLEY SR.** 5-11 188 *PS#8. 12 sts in 98, 53 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. 12 sts ly, 66 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu, 7 tfl. Brandon Williams (5-11 167 So) 1 st, 4 pbu ly.*

**CB TODD HOWARD JR.** 5-10 180 *PS#13DB, 4.39 speed. 15 tkls, 1 pbu as true. 11 sts in 99, 51 tkls, 14 pbu, 1 sk. Jeremy LeSueur (6-0 185 rFr) PS#9DB,*

**SS Julius Curry So.** 6-0 186 *PS#25RB in 98. 9 tkls in 8 gms as rFr. Charles Drake (6-1 183 So) PS#16RB, 13 yds rush as true. Moved to SS.*

**FS CATO JUNE SO.** 6-1 213 *PS#2 in 98, CB as Fr then started L/4 at FS, 27 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. DeWayne Patmon (6-0 190 Sr) PS#79, 19 sts, 100 tkls, 8 int, 3 yrs.*

**P HAYDEN EPSTEIN JR.** 6-2 200 *9 punts as true, 40.1 avg. 32 punts in 99, 40.1 avg. Cory Sargent (6-3 209 Sr) PS#12, 34 punts, 39.4 avg in 99.*

# MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UM | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Michigan is 5-9 ATS L/14 meetings with Iowa.<br>Mich & Minny fight for the Little Brown Jug & the visitor has a 10-3 ATS mark in the series.<br>The dog is 9-1-1 & the visitor 8-2-1 ATS in the Notre Dame series.<br>Wolverines are 17-28 ATS at home since 1993. |
| Sep. 2 | Bowling Green | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM is 1-5 ATS their L/6 in home openers.<br>Wolverines are 6-11 ATS in non-conference home games S/93. |
| Sep. 9 | Rice | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Maize & Blue are 12-31 ATS as a DD favorite since 1993.<br>Michigan is 4-1 SU, 3-1-1 ATS vs current WAC schools S/76. |
| Sep. 16 | at UCLA | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Including Bowls, UM is 4-0 SU, 3-1 ATS vs the Pac 10 S/92.<br>Wolverines are 11-4 ATS away after 2 or more home games. |
| Sep. 23 | at Illinois | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Last year Illinois pulled a big upset of UM at the "Big House".<br>Michigan is 9-6 ATS L/15 but 1-3 ATS L/2Y on artificial turf. |
| Sep. 30 | Wisconsin | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolves are 5-11 ATS L/16 sandwiched home games.<br>Michigan is 11-17 ATS at the Big House vs conference foes. |
| Oct. 7 | at Purdue | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM is 8-1 SU but just 3-6 ATS vs the Boilers S/86.<br>Strange but true: Wolves are 7-1 ATS L/8 prior to Homecoming. |
| Oct. 14 | Indiana (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Visiting team is 7-1 ATS in this series the last 10 years.<br>UM is 3-15 ATS the L/18 as a Big 10 double digit favorite. |
| Oct. 21 | Michigan St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolverines are 7-4 SU but 4-7 ATS vs the Spartans.<br>The home team is 10-3 ATS the L/13 in this series. |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | at Northwestern | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Michigan is 1-7 ATS their last 8 after a bye week.<br>Maize & Blue are 1-5 ATS vs the Wildcats since 1992. |
| Nov. 11 | Penn St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM has won 3 in a row SU vs PSU, one of only 2 teams to do that vs Paterno.<br>Visitor is 5-2 both SU & ATS in this series. |
| Nov. 18 | at Ohio St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | If a dog here, remember UM is 12-5 ATS L/17 overall & 8-2 ATS L/10 as an AD.<br>Home team is 7-2 and 13-5 ATS in this "Big 2" rivalry. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: MICHIGAN STADIUM (107,501)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 7-4 | 7-4 | 9-3 | 8-3 | 11-0 | 9-3 | 9-2 | 60-19 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 4-7 | 5-7 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 4-8 | 5-6 | 33-46 |
| Home Fav | 2-5 | 1-4 | 1-5 | 2-4 | 3-4 | 3-2 | 3-3 | 15-27 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Away Fav | 1-2 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-5 | 1-3 | 10-16 |
| Away Dog | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 6-2 |
| Favorite | 3-7 | 3-6 | 4-6 | 3-6 | 5-5 | 3-7 | 4-6 | 25-43 |
| Dog | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 8-3 |
| Grass | 3-5 | 3-7 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 4-7 | 4-4 | 23-38 |
| Artificial | 1-2 | 1-0 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 10-8 |
| vs BIG 10 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 24-32 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 9-14 |
| Off SU Win | 2-4 | 2-5 | 3-5 | 4-3 | 5-5 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 24-30 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-3 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 7-11 |

## Coach: LLOYD CARR (Career 49-13)
### *Carr's record AT MICHIGAN*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at Michigan | | 12-18 | Home Favorite |
| 49-13 | Straight Up | 2-0 | Home Underdog |
| 25-32 | Vs The Spread | 7-12 | Away Favorite |
| 4-7 | Off A S/U Loss | 4-2 | Away Underdog |
| 18-22 | Vs BIG 10 | 7-10 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Alamo | -6 | Texas A&M | 20-22 | L |
| 96 | Outback | E | Alabama | 14-17 | L |
| 97 | Rose | -7 | Washington St | 21-16 | L |
| 98 | Citrus | -3 | Arkansas | 45-31 | W |
| 99 | Orange | +1 | Alabama | 35-34 | W |

# MICHIGAN (10-2)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 10**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 7**
**DEFENSE: 5**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 44 (21,18,5)**
**Lost: 20 (8,11,1)**

## MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 30.1 | 21 | 122 | 3.2 | 265 | 60.4 | 12.9 | +10 | 1999 | 8 | 20.6 | 16 | 121 | 3.3 | 212 | 51.7 | 16.2 |
| 6 | 27.6 | 18 | 156 | 3.8 | 226 | 59.1 | 13.8 | -3 | 1998 | 9 | 18.1 | 15 | 122 | 3.1 | 181 | 49.9 | 16.8 |
| 8* | 26.8 | 21 | 182 | 3.9 | 205 | 63.3 | 14.4 | +9 | 1997 | 6 | 9.5 | 12 | 89 | 2.7 | 134 | 49.5 | 23.5 |
| 5* | 23.1 | 19 | 168 | 3.9 | 214 | 55.6 | 16.5 | +2 | 1996 | 9 | 15.3 | 17 | 115 | 3.0 | 182 | 55.1 | 19.3 |
| 7 | 26.0 | 21 | 202 | 4.4 | 194 | 52.6 | 15.2 | +4 | 1995 | 6 | 17.2 | 16 | 94 | 2.6 | 192 | 56.2 | 16.6 |
| 8* | 27.5 | 20 | 205 | 4.9 | 211 | 63.5 | 15.1 | +7 | 1994 | 6 | 22.3 | 21 | 124 | 3.4 | 238 | 60.1 | 16.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Notre Dame | 21 | 37-124 | 3.4 | 20-32 | 237 | 2 | | 20 | 38-96 | 2.5 | 18-29 | 302 | 4 | +3 |
| Rice | 19 | 41-132 | 3.2 | 18-31 | 224 | 0 | | 8 | 52-142 | 2.7 | 1-4 | 15 | 2 | +3 |
| at Syracuse | 19 | 36-121 | 3.4 | 21-38 | 177 | 1 | | 15 | 34-49 | 1.4 | 13-30 | 200 | 4 | +1 |
| at Wisconsin | 19 | 38-94 | 2.5 | 22-35 | 257 | 3 | | 16 | 36-125 | 3.5 | 15-28 | 155 | 4 | +1 |
| Purdue | 23 | 47-171 | 3.6 | 18-28 | 318 | 0 | | 20 | 28-68 | 2.4 | 21-52 | 328 | 2 | 0 |
| at Michigan St | 19 | 21-6 | 0.3 | 36-53 | 396 | 2 | | 20 | 35-90 | 2.6 | 21-36 | 400 | 1 | -1 |
| Illinois | 27 | 42-110 | 2.6 | 25-41 | 315 | 4 | | 21 | 33-157 | 4.8 | 24-33 | 280 | 0 | -1 |
| at Indiana | 25 | 46-213 | 4.6 | 17-29 | 226 | 0 | | 22 | 40-148 | 3.7 | 18-34 | 290 | 2 | +1 |
| Northwestern | 23 | 42-223 | 5.3 | 17-39 | 226 | 1 | | 12 | 38-121 | 3.2 | 11-29 | 79 | 2 | +2 |
| at Penn St | 24 | 50-129 | 2.6 | 18-37 | 282 | 6 | | 14 | 20-7 | 0.4 | 20-40 | 271 | 3 | 0 |
| Ohio St | 19 | 39-102 | 2.6 | 17-27 | 150 | 4 | | 16 | 48-263 | 5.5 | 9-21 | 105 | 4 | +2 |
| Alabama (Bowl) | 18 | 23-37 | 1.6 | 35-47 | 369 | 2 | | 12 | 37-184 | 5.0 | 13-20 | 121 | 1 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 256 | 462-1462 | 3.2 | 264-437 | 3177 | 25 | | 196 | 439-1450 | 3.3 | 184-356 | 2546 | 29 | +10 |
| AVERAGES | 21.3 | 39-122 | 3.2 | 22-36 | 265 | 2.1 | | 16.3 | 37-121 | 3.3 | 15-30 | 212 | 2.4 | 0.8 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Virginia Tech | -7 | 18-17 | L |
| at Illinois | -1 | 38-14 | W |
| Memphis | -22 | 24-7 | L |
| at Boston College | -6 | 23-13 | W |
| Miami (Oh) | -30' | 38-19 | L |
| Northwestern | -17 | 13-19 | L |
| at Indiana | -15 | 34-17 | W |
| Minnesota | -20' | 52-17 | W |
| at Michigan St | -13 | 25-28 | L |
| Purdue | -13 | 5-0 | L |
| at Penn St | +3' | 17-27 | L |
| Ohio St | +9 | 31-23 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Illinois | -12' | 20-8 | L |
| at Colorado | +8 | 20-13 | W |
| Boston College | -22 | 20-14 | L |
| UCLA | -8 | 38-9 | W |
| at Northwestern | -7 | 16-17 | L |
| Indiana | -24 | 27-20 | L |
| at Minnesota | -13 | 44-10 | W |
| Michigan St | -8' | 45-29 | W |
| at Purdue | -14 | 3-9 | L |
| Penn St | -1' | 17-29 | L |
| at Ohio St | +17 | 13-9 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | -1 | 27-3 | W |
| Baylor | -28 | 38-3 | W |
| Notre Dame | -14 | 21-14 | L |
| at Indiana | -20 | 37-0 | W |
| Northwestern | -24 | 23-6 | L |
| Iowa | -7 | 28-24 | L |
| at Michigan St | -2' | 23-7 | W |
| Minnesota | -27 | 24-3 | L |
| at Penn St | +1 | 34-8 | W |
| at Wisconsin | -14' | 26-16 | L |
| Ohio St | -3' | 20-14 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Notre Dame | -5 | 20-36 | L |
| Syracuse | -10 | 28-38 | L |
| E Michigan | -35 | 59-20 | W |
| Michigan St | -8 | 29-17 | W |
| at Iowa | -9 | 12-9 | L |
| at Northwestern | -14 | 12-6 | L |
| Indiana | -13' | 21-10 | L |
| at Minnesota | -12' | 15-10 | L |
| Penn St | +3 | 27-0 | W |
| Wisconsin | -3 | 27-10 | W |
| at Ohio St | +10 | 16-31 | L |
| at Hawaii | -38' | 48-17 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Notre Dame | -7' | 26-22 | L |
| Rice | -27 | 37-3 | W |
| at Syracuse | -5' | 18-13 | L |
| at Wisconsin | -3' | 21-16 | W |
| Purdue | -6 | 38-12 | W |
| at Michigan St | -2' | 31-34 | L |
| Illinois | -24' | 29-35 | L |
| at Indiana | -16' | 34-31 | L |
| Northwestern | -23 | 37-3 | W |
| at Penn St | +6 | 31-27 | W |
| Ohio St | -11 | 24-17 | L |

# MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Bill Burke had solid size (6-5 205) and after throwing for 654 yards in his first two years, fought off VHT Ryan Van Dyke the last two to start MSU's last 24 games. Burke will likely not end up on an NFL roster but had some solid seasons. He threw for 2,595 yards (54.5%) with a 19-10 ratio in 98 and last year threw for 2,214 yards (55.4%) with a 20-18 ratio. Unfortunately Burke was streaky as he had a 1-7 ratio in their two losses last year and a 19-11 ratio in their 10 wins. They were planning on redshirting Van Dyke (PS#14) last year after he saw limited action early. Those plans went awry however vs Northwestern as Van Dyke was forced to play after Burke was banged up. In two years he has thrown for 746 yards (54%) with a 6-4 ratio and rushed for 32 yards. Aaron Agler was PS#41 and is another big QB who got in 8 passes in 2 games last year. Bradlee Van Pelt (6-2 212 rFr) was PS#59. Dan Lariham (6-0 216 rFr) was PS#112 and was the most impressive backup QB in the spring. Jamie Jayes (6-2 190 So) was PS#122 in 97 and redshirted as a JC transfer last year. True frosh Jeff Smoker will give Van Dyke a run for his money as he is PS#3. I'll call this group improved in 2000 despite the loss of a 2 year starter as I like the promise of both Van Dyke & Smoker.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year this unit had to replace their star Sedrick Irvin as well as FB Garrett Gould and then lost projected starting FB Leroy McFadden prior to the year. Disciplinary problems saw TB Shawn Foster and FB Billy Green each played less than half the season. Lloyd Clemons, a walk-on transfer from Rhode Island who is not overly big or fast, put up solid stats rushing for 959 yards (5.0) and was HM Big 10. Things got exciting in the backfield when true frosh TJ Duckett came into the picture. Duckett, who began the year splitting time between LB and RB, moved to RB full-time the 2H of the season. He rushed for 606 yards (5.1) and has the size of Ron Dayne but is a little faster and very athletic. He could surprise and be a Heisman contender this year. Little John Flowers (6-0 220 Jr) was PS#28 and has rushed for 201 yards in two years. Williams has signed true frosh Tyrell Dortch (PS#4) and FB Brian Burns (PS#74) who could play immediately. While they must replace their leading rusher Clemons, the talent on hand is more athletic and they are deeper than last year and I look for much improved numbers in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year almost everyone returned to this corps including all 3 starters. This year they suffer some big losses. WR Plaxico Burress (PS#5) had 66 rec's (17.3) and left early for the NFL (#1DC of PITT). Flanker Gari Scott (#4DC of PHI) had 11 starts and 30 rec's (16.1). These two forced defensive secondaries to concentrate on them which opened up the middle for the TE's. Chris Baker was 2nd on the team with 38 rec's (10.3) and Ivory McCoy had 13 rec's (14.8). I expect this year's top recruit, WR Charles Rogers, to step right into a starter's job (see Projected Starting Lineups). Herb Haygood (PS#40) begins his 3rd year at WR after switching from RB and has 23 rec's the last 2 years and also has 393 yards rushing. This looks like a solid group with plenty of HT's but with the loss of 2 outstanding VHT WR's, they look weaker this season.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Spartans had a veteran offensive front last year, returning six of the top 7 and adding a starter from 98 that had been injured and also a top notch JUCO. This year they lose C Casey Jensen (12 sts, HM Big 10) and RT Greg Robinson-Randall (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, HM Big 10, #4DC of NE). Saban did an excellent job recruiting in this area and there are seven VHT's listed in my 2 deep below. The Spartans only averaged 3.8 ypc rushing last year and allowed 30 sacks which was not as strong as I would have expected. I'll call this unit improved as long as Siitupe Peko overcomes his suspension and is able to play this fall.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Spartans returned 3 starters and had 3 senior VHT's lead the way. Naturally all 3 depart in DE Hubert Thompson (4 sts, 45 tkls, 7 sks, PS#3), DT Desmond Thomas (8 sts, 15 tkls, PS#4) and DE Robaire Smith (12 sts, 1st tm Big 10, 65 tkls, 8 sks, #6DC of TEN). Three players return with 8 or more career starts and a couple of JUCO's from last year should contribute more in their second year in the system. Williams also has the luxury of a couple of HT rFr coming in and one VHT true frosh. While this year's unit looks solid, it's clearly weaker than last year's outstanding group.

**LINEBACKERS** - This was an extremely deep unit last year with everyone returning and true frosh TJ Duckett contributing early in the year. This year four players must be replaced. Duckett had 10 tackles on defense but moved full-time to RB. SLB Julian Peterson (11 sts, 2nd tm Big 10, 30 tkl!! #1DC of SF), SLB Mike Austin (28 tkls, 5 tfl) and WLB Shawn Wright (23 tkls, 5 tfl) all graduate. They have three VHT's as the projected starters but the depth concerns me. Some true frosh could fill in some second string roles. The starters make this a top notch LB group but less experienced depth makes for a weaker 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Spartans usually finish near the top of my pass efficiency defense rankings, finishing #14 in 97 and #8 in 98. Last year they lost 2 starters but regained the services of Amp Campbell, who missed 98 with injury. They surprisingly slipped to #24 in my pass defense rankings, allowing 228 ypg (52.6%) with a 19-14 ratio. This year they must replace CB Amp Campbell (12 sts, 1st tm Big 10, 2 int, **26 pbu**) and SS Aric Morris (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 12 tfl, 9 pbu, 2nd tm Big 10, #5DC of TEN). Those are some big shoes to fill and it wouldn't surprise me if some of the true frosh see action immediately. This is still a quality secondary but clearly looks weaker with the loss of its best two players.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In 94 & 95 this unit ranked in my top 15 but slid to #80, #46 and #41 the next 3 years. Last year I said they had top 10 potential and they definitely showed improvement ranking #20, led by the fantastic net punting of Craig Jarrett (40.2). Their PR's were solid with Gari Scott leading the way (13.2 ypr, #4DC of PHI). Both kick returners are back but are average. They must replace super FG man Paul Edinger (#6DC of CHI) who hit 43 of 52 FG's the last 2 years with a long of 55. That kind of consistency will be tough to match but Williams does have a couple of HT's contending for the job and I list them below. Since FG accuracy is not included in my special teams rankings (and FG's were a spring problem), this unit should improve in the rankings this season.

QB Ryan Van Dyke looks to take control of a strong Spartans' offense.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lloyd Clemons | 191 | 976 | 17 | 959 | 0 | 5.0 |
| **T.J. Duckett** | **118** | **633** | **27** | **606** | **10** | **5.1** |
| **Shawn Foster** | **39** | **219** | **22** | **197** | **0** | **5.1** |
| **L.J. Flowers** | **25** | **139** | **4** | **135** | **0** | **5.4** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Bill Burke | 312 | 173 | 55.4 | 2214 | 20 | 18 |
| **Ryan Van Dyke** | **36** | **21** | **58.3** | **393** | **4** | **0** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Plaxico Burress | | 66 | 1142 | 17.3 | 12 | 84 |
| **Chris Baker** | | **38** | **391** | **10.3** | **4** | **25** |
| Gari Scott | | 30 | 483 | 16.1 | 6 | 80 |
| Lloyd Clemons | | 16 | 75 | 4.7 | 0 | 17 |
| **Ivory McCoy** | | **13** | **193** | **14.8** | **2** | **30** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
| **Craig Jarrett** | **62** | **2699** | **43.5** | **-** | **40.2** | **1** | **14** | **11** |
| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Paul Edinger | 3-3 | 10-11 | 5-8 | 3-4 | 21-26 | 55 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aric Morris | 132 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| **Richard Newsome** | **92** | **1** | **1** | **9** | **1** |
| Julian Peterson | 82 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| **Josh Thornhill** | **73** | **3** | **3** | **7** | **0** |
| **T.J. Turner** | **66** | **2** | **6** | **4** | **5** |
| Robaire Smith | 65 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| **Josh Shaw** | **61** | **0** | **4** | **3** | **0** |
| **Renaldo Hill** | **57** | **0** | **1** | **13** | **1** |
| **Jace Sayler** | **46** | **3** | **1** | **3** | **0** |
| Hubert Thompson | 45 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Amp Campbell | 37 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 2 |
| **Nick Myers** | **31** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| Mike Austin | 28 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Gari Scott | 37 | 488 | 13.2 | 1 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Herb Haygood** | **26** | **534** | **20.5** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**OREGON -10 27-20 LOSS** UO QB Feeley made his 1st start & hit 27 of 49 for 343 yds but RB Droughns was held to 59 yds. UO got a 15 yd TD pass foll a fmbl. After an MSU 78 yd TD drive, UO missed a 41 yd FG & was SOD at the MSU 3 but got a 23 yd FG w/:21 left foll an MSU fmbl. UO drove 76 yds for a TD in the 3Q, 17-7. MSU settled for a 22 yd FG & foll a 49 yd PR drove 29 yds for the tying TD. MSU's Amp Campbell ret'd a fmbl 85 yds for a TD in the game's key play for a 14 pt swing. UO got a 43 yd FG after an int & MSU got a 30 yd FG w/5:11 left. UO was int'd late.

**E MICHIGAN -32 51-7 WIN** This was EM's opener. MSU's defense harassed QB Church with 4 sacks & he completed just 10 of 35 for 101 yds. In the 1H EM had just 12 yds passing & 2 FD's and had more pen yds (45) than total offense (26). P Avondet set an EM record with 16 punts. Duckett rushed for 83 yds & also had 3 tkl's at LB. MSU led 41-0 at the half. A 51 yd PR set up a TD & they got a 39 yd int ret for a TD. Burke hit just 7 of 18 & Van Dyke hit 5 of 7 but sprained his ankle. MSU played mostly backups in the 2H.

**AT NOTRE DAME +6' 23-13 WIN** The Spartans got an 80 yd drive for a TD early 2Q. ND blk'd a punt but fmbl'd. MSU fmbl'd with :40 left & ND got a TD to tie when Jackson hit Brown for an 8 yd TD pass. Irish controlled the 3Q but were int'd at the MSU 20 & later settled for a short FG. MSU settled for a 24 yd FG to tie. ND fmbl'd & MSU got a 33 yd FG. ND got a 42 yd pass to set up a 34 yd FG, 13-13 with 5:44 left. On 3rd & 10 MSU WR Scott took a pass 80 yds for a TD, 20-13. ND punted on 4th & 1 with 3:08 left & MSU nailed a 31 yd FG with :15 left. MSU had a 433-353 yd edge.

**AT ILLINOIS -7 27-10 WIN** MSU had a 45 yd TD drive to open the 2Q. UI got a 44 yd FG but MSU drove 80 yds for a TD, 14-3. UI drove to the 25 but lost 10 yds & had a 52 yd FG bounce off the uprights. MSU got a 45 yd FG foll an int, 17-3. UI was SOD at the MSU 40 & the Spartans drove 60 yds for a TD. UI had an 80 yd TD drive. Then they fmbl'd at the MSU 31 setting up a 54 yd FG. UI was SOD at the MSU 21 & the Spartans ran out the clock. UI had just 42 yds rushing on 34 attempts although they had a 365-315 yd edge.

**IOWA -21' 49-3 WIN** MSU scored on 5 of their 1st 6 poss and they had 6 TD passes. At half MSU had a 345-26 yd edge & 19-1 margin in FD's. It was 49-3 after 3Q's.

**MICHIGAN +2' 34-31 WIN** A 63 yd MSU flea flicker keyed a TD drive, 7-0. UM's Epstein hit a 56 yd FG. MSU drove 59 yds for a FG but UM, on 3rd & 9, got an 81 yd TD pass from Henson, 10-10. MSU hit a 43 yd FG, 13-10 at half. Henson played the 1st 3 series of the 3Q. MSU missed a 44 yd FG then drove 49 yds for a TD. An int set up MSU for an 18 yd TD drive, 27-10. Brady ret'd & hit 15 straight passes and UM sandwiched 2 long TD's around an MSU TD, 34-24. UM drove 96 yds for a TD, 34-31 with 2:47 left. MSU rec'd the onside kick.

**AT PURDUE -2' 28-52 LOSS** The Spartans were off their big win over Michigan. Pur had a 32-18 FD & 568-278 yd edges. MSU got a 91 yd TD drive to open but Pur got a 69 yd TD drive, 27 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, 49 yd TD drive foll an int & a 64 yd TD drive, 28-6. MSU got an 88 yd int ret for a TD. Pur drove 66 yds for a TD, 35-14 at half. MSU drove 71 yds for a TD & got a 76 yd int ret, 35-28. Pur drove 71 yds for a TD. Mid 4Q Pur drove 65 yds for a FG & then ret'd a fmbl 12 yds for a TD with 3:01 left.

**AT WISCONSIN +2 10-40 LOSS** MSU came in with the nation's #1 rushing defense. UW RB Dayne shredded them with 214 yds playing just 3Q's. UW went 87 yds for a TD, capped by Dayne's 51 yd TD run. UW got a 42 yd FG foll an int & a 49 yd FG. UW drove 42 yds for a TD foll an int & got a 32 yd FG foll a fmbl'd punt, 23-0. MSU nailed a 55 yd FG, 23-3 at half. UW opened the 3Q with a 65 yd TD drive & a 23 yd FG. MSU was SOD at the UW 11. Duckett got a 53 yd TD run 33-10. UW drove 16 yds for a TD foll another fmbl'd punt, 40-10. UW had a 360-238 yd edge & MSU turned it over 5 times to 0 for UW.

**OHIO ST -5' 23-7 WIN** OSU wanted revenge but were simply throttled as MSU had 17-4 FD & 301-79 yd edges. OSU managed 0 yds rushing, their lowest since 1965. MSU got a 35 yd FG & then short TD drives of 45 & 49 yds, 17-0. OSU WR Rambo dropped a wide open pass that would have been a TD just before the half. OSU got a 37 yd int ret to set up a 3 yd TD drive, 17-7. MSU got a 33 yd FG & added a 33 yd FG foll an int.

**AT NORTHWESTERN -19 34-0 WIN** More than half of NU's stadium was green & white on an unseasonably warm day. NU was shutout for the 1st time since 1993. MSU had just 14 FD's. NU drove for 51 and 48 yd FG att's on their 1st 2 series but missed both. MSU was limited to 11 yds on its 1st 3 poss but led 10-0. MSU got a 26 yd fmbl ret for a TD, 17-0. MSU got a TD foll an int early 3Q & added a 42 yd FG. In the 4Q they added an 84 yd TD pass.

**PENN ST -2 35-28 WIN** PSU had a 403-253 yd edge and LB Arrington DNP. A long KR, 64 yd PR & 9 yd TD drive foll a fmbl set up 3 MSU TD's, 21-0. It was 28-7 at half. PSU drove 86 & 48 yds for TD's & 43 yds for a FG, 28-25 with 7:47 left. After snagging an int, PSU got a FG to tie. PSU was int'd on their next poss & MSU drove 39 yds for a TD. PSU was int'd again & ran out of time on their final drive.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

It was quite a year for MSU as they finished in the Top 10, had 10 wins (only 2nd time in school history) and knocked off all the big boys including ND, Ohio St, Penn St, Michigan and Florida. The Spartans went 6-0 in Spartan Stadium last year, their first unbeaten, untied home record since 1965. Head coach Nick Saban departed after the regular season but a very popular choice for his replacement was Assistant Head Coach Bobby Williams, who is more of a players' coach. Williams was able to do something Saban wasn't and that was win a bowl game. Not only did Williams bag the big win in a New Year's Day bowl but he was able to maintain almost the entire staff as no one followed Saban to LSU. MSU broke into the Top 5 for the first time in 32 years after their win vs Michigan and finished the season #7. MSU was the highest ranked team in the final AP poll that was not ranked in the preseason Top 25. MSU's defense finished the season ranked first in the Big 10 and produced 47 QB sacks, the most since they began keeping track of sack totals in 1984 (the previous high was 36). Last year's team was very experienced and they must replace 27 seniors. Despite losing 6 starters on offense I look for huge years from QB Van Dyke and RB Duckett and they could be at least as potent. The defense lost some stars but has 6 starters back and they still have my #28 rated defense. The Spartans face the 3rd toughest schedule in the country this year and the big 3 of the Big 10 (OSU, Mich, Penn St) all on the road. This year they could open up as strong as 6-0 but the final 5 weeks will be tough. Williams will have a successful first year but not quite up to 1999.


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**QB Ryan Van Dyke Jr.** 6-5 220 *PS#14 in 98. 7 gms as true, 353 yds, 4-2 ratio, 393 yds (58%), 4-0 ratio, 4 gms in 99. Aaron Agler (6-3 245 So) PS#41.*
**RB T.J. Duckett So.** 6-2 255 *PS#1LB. Big & 4.45 speed. 606 yds (5.1) as true playing LB/RB. Little John Flowers PS#28, 201 yds, 2 yrs.* ***Tyrell Dortch*** *PS#4.*
**FB Dawan Moss So.** 5-11 257 *PS#94. 4.6 speed. 2 sts in 99, 91 yds (5.4), 2 rec (7.5). Mike Labinjo (6-1 256 rFr). Brian Burns (6-4 225) is PS#74.*
**WR Charles Rogers Fr.** 6-4 195 *PS#2. Lavaile Richardson (6-2 196 Sr). PS#125, 13 rec (11.2) in 98. 1 st, 5 rec (18.2) ly. Joe Savage (6-3 192 rFr) PS#82.*
**WR Herb Haygood Jr.** 6-0 185 *PS#40RB. 12 rec (12.3) in 98. 11 rec (13.2), 1 st ly. Durocher Miller (6-1 187 rFr) PS#78. Shawn Foster (5-11 205 Jr) PS#63, 323 yds 2Y.*
**TE CHRIS BAKER JR.** 6-3 255 *12 sts as rFr, 22 rec (13.9). 12 sts in 99, 38 rec (10.3),* ***2nd tm Big 10****. Ivory McCoy (6-3 235 Sr) PS#69, 9 sts, 13 rec (14.8).*
**C Josh Smith Jr.** 6-4 281 *PS#58OL. 3 gms, 6 min, 2nd string as rFr. 3 gms, 11.5 min in 99, 2nd string. Marty Wensel (6-2 277 Jr) PS#35.*
**RG SHAUN MASON SR.** 6-5 295 *PS#80. 12 sts as rFr. 2 sts til inj in 98. 12 sts,* ***2nd tm Big 10*** *in 99. Paul Harker (6-3 298 So) PS#52,* ***10 sts*** *in 98, 3 gms ly.*
**LG DAVE SUCURA SR.** 6-4 297 *PS#40. 7 gms as rFr. 12 sts at LT in 98. 12 sts in 99, 316 mins. Joe Patrick (6-5 300 rFr) PS#31. DeMarco Monroe (6-4 297) PS#35.*
**RT Matt Bonito Sr.** 6-6 302 *PS#84. 3 gms as rFr. 2nd string in 98. 1 st in 99, 2 letters. Added 10 lbs. Steve Stewart (6-5 290 rFr) PS#106.*
**LT SIITUPE PEKO SR.** 6-4 300 *PS#39JC. 11 sts in 99 here, 242 mins, +11 lbs. Brian Ottney (6-6 290 rFr) PS#29. Ulish Booker PS#93.*
**K David Schaefer Jr.** 5-10 182 *PS#15 in 97. 1 of 2 FG's, long 38 in 98. 1 of 1 xp's ly, 1 KO. Dan Omer (5-7 185 rFr) PS#33, 38 of 44 KO's were TB in HS.*

**DE NICK MYERS JR.** 6-3 260 *6 tkls as rFr. 8 sts in 99, 31 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Kyle Rasmussen (6-3 258 rFr) PS#59. Samaij Gordon (6-5 256 rFr) PS#146.*
**DT Jace Sayler Sr.** 6-6 300 *PS#21TE. 1 st, 15 tkls as true. 61 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 5 pbu in 98. 4 sts, 46 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu in 99. Dwight Whitfield is PS#16.*
**DT JOSH SHAW JR.** 6-3 280 *PS#105. 31 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 12 sts in 99, 61 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. Derek Stielstra (6-3 285 rFr) was PS#113DL.*
**DE Jabari Hendricks Sr.** 6-4 275 *PS#50JC. 12.5 sks at JC in 98. 4.6 speed, 9 tkls, 2 tfl in 6 gms ly. Dimitry Bernard (6-2 270 Sr) PS#265JC, 1 sk ly.*
**SLB Matt Kropf Jr.** 6-3 240 *PS#33. 7 gms in 97 & 98. 1 tkl, 4.6 speed. Travis Wilson (6-3 225 rFr) PS#145LB. Pierre Wilson (6-3 250 So) PS#308.*
**MLB T.J. TURNER SR.** 6-2 252 *PS#36, 9 tkls as true. 8 sts in 98, 73 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 66 tkls, 8 tfl, 4 pbu, 5 int, HM Big 10. James Smith (6-3 233) PS#95.*
**WLB JOSH THORNHILL JR.** 6-3 243 *PS#7. Started L/6 as true, 80 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 73 tkls, 6 tfl, 7 pbu. Drew Young (6-2 222 Sr) PS#114 in 96, JC trans ly.*
**CB Cedric Henry Jr.** 5-10 183 *PS#83. 52 tkls, 1 st, 13 pbu's as true. 18 tkls, 4 pbu in 99 (inj'd 3). Broderick Nelson (6-0 170 Jr) PS#16WR in 98.*
**CB RENALDO HILL SR.** 5-11 175 *PS#24. 12 sts in 98, 54 tkls, 5 int, 12 pbu. 12 sts in 99, 57 tkls, 1 int, 13 pbu. DeMario Suggs (5-11 192 Sr) PS#69WR, 24 tkls, 2 yrs.*
**SS Duron Bryan Jr.** 6-0 196 *PS#150, 13 tkls, 18 gms, 2 yrs. Thomas Wright (6-1 193 So) PS#377, 22 tkls, 5 sks as true. Monquiz Wedlow (5-11 189 rFr) PS#70.*
**FS RICHARD NEWSOME SR.** 5-11 193 *PS#130. 21 tkls as true. 16 tkls, 3 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 92 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu in 99. Lorenzo Guess (6-1 190 Jr) PS#12DB, 24 tkls, 1 int, 2 yrs.*
**P CRAIG JARRETT JR.** 6-2 206 *PS#8K in 98. 44.5 avg in HS. 64 punts as true. 43.7 avg. 37.1 net. 62 punts in 99, 43.5 avg, super 40.2 net,* ***1st tm Big 10.***

# MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

East Lansing, Michigan
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score MSU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Spartans are 13-5 ATS vs Minny, but 3-5 the L/8. MSU is 11-5-1 ATS when the line is between +4/-4. DNP this year, but MSU is 8-4 ATS vs Indiana since 1987. Including Bowls, Mich St is 1-3 SU, 0-4 ATS vs the Pac 10. |
| Sep. 9 | Marshall | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Spartans are 32-19 ATS on artificial turf the L/6 seasons. MSU is 5-0 SU & ATS L/5 vs the MAC, winning by an avg of 45-7. |
| Sep. 16 | at Missouri | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MSU's last trip to a Big 12 site was a 14-55 loss at Neb in 1996. Michigan St is 4-9 ATS in road openers since 1987. |
| Sep. 23 | Notre Dame | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MSU is 3-0 SU & ATS the L/3Y vs ND, winning by an avg of 16 pgg. The home team has covered 9 of 14 in this series, but dropped 2 of 3. |
| Sep. 30 | Northwestern | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Michigan St is 5-2 ATS S/96 in their 2nd straight home game. Spartans are 9-2 ATS as a double digit home favorite. |
| Oct. 7 | at Iowa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog and the road team are 4-2 ATS in this series. MSU is 2-6 ATS their L/8 games vs the Hawkeyes. |
| Oct. 14 | Wisconsin (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Home team is 5-0 SU & ATS, with UW winning 41-20 at Tokyo in '93. Pending LW's results, MSU is 11-16 ATS their L/27 Oct games. |
| Oct. 21 | at Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The SU winner is 6-0 ATS in last 6 meetings. The home team is 11-2 ATS in this in state rivalry. |
| Oct. 28 | Illinois | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Spartans have avoided letdown with a 10-4 ATS mark after Mich. The visitor in this series is 9-4 ATS the L/13 series meetings. |
| Nov. 4 | at Ohio St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MSU is 7-1 ATS in their last 8 November games. The visitor is a solid 6-1 ATS the last 7 in this series. |
| Nov. 11 | Purdue | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 10-3-1 ATS the L/14 series meetings. MSU is a perfect 9-0 ATS L/9 in their final home game. |
| Nov. 18 | at Penn St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Spartans are 5-2 ATS in their last 7 vs the Nittany Lions. Michigan St is 3-7 ATS in their last 10 road finales. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (72,027)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 5-6 | 6-4-1 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 6-6 | 9-2 | 45-32-1 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 5-5-1 | 6-6 | 8-3 | 43-34-1 |
| Home Fav | 1-3 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 5-1 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 4-1 | 17-11 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 11-4 |
| Away Fav | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 6-7 |
| Away Dog | 1-2 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 1-0-1 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 9-12-1 |
| Favorite | 1-5 | 3-3 | 1-1 | 6-1 | 3-3 | 3-3 | 6-2 | 23-18 |
| Dog | 3-2 | 2-3 | 6-3 | 2-2 | 2-2-1 | 3-3 | 2-1 | 20-16-1 |
| Grass | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 8-10-1 |
| Artificial | 3-5 | 5-3 | 6-4 | 6-2 | 4-4 | 5-4 | 6-2 | 35-24 |
| vs BIG 10 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 7-1 | 2-5-1 | 4-4 | 6-2 | 30-25-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 13-9 |
| Off SU Win | 3-3 | 3-2 | 3-3 | 4-2 | 4-2 | 2-4 | 7-1 | 26-17 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-4 | 2-3 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 0-3-1 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 13-13-1 |

## Coach: BOBBY WILLIAMS (Career 1-0)
### *William's records AT MICHIGAN STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year at Michigan State | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 1-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs BIG 10 | 0-0 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | Liberty | +3 | Louisville | 7-18 | L |
| 95 | Independence | +6' | LSU | 26-45 | L |
| 96 | Sun | -7' | Stanford | 0-38 | L |
| 97 | Aloha | +5 | Washington | 23-51 | L |
| 99 | Citrus | +2' | Florida | 37-34 | W |

# MICHIGAN ST (10-2)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 5**
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 29 (13,15,1)**
**Lost: 20 (9,9,2)**

## MICHIGAN STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 31.5 | 19 | 147 | 3.8 | 222 | 55.6 | 11.7 | -3 | 1999 | 8 | 20.4 | 17 | 76 | 2.3 | 229 | 52.6 | 14.9 |
| 4 | 28.0 | 20 | 129 | 3.2 | 246 | 54.1 | 13.4 | +3 | 1998 | 8 | 24.5 | 19 | 172 | 4.2 | 192 | 48.8 | 14.8 |
| 6* | 28.5 | 20 | 187 | 4.3 | 192 | 59.6 | 13.3 | 0 | 1997 | 9 | 19.8 | 16 | 131 | 3.6 | 185 | 53.0 | 16.0 |
| 5 | 29.8 | 21 | 178 | 3.7 | 222 | 57.5 | 13.4 | -12 | 1996 | 8 | 25.2 | 17 | 124 | 3.2 | 189 | 55.5 | 12.4 |
| 6 | 23.9 | 19 | 152 | 3.8 | 224 | 61.0 | 15.7 | -5 | 1995 | 5 | 28.2 | 22 | 212 | 4.6 | 197 | 52.4 | 14.5 |
| 7 | 25.5 | 20 | 191 | 4.0 | 186 | 60.6 | 14.8 | +8 | 1994 | 7 | 24.3 | 21 | 257 | 5.6 | 146 | 51.0 | 16.6 |

**1999 STATS BY GAME**

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Oregon | 19 | 35-159 | 4.5 | 18-31 | 205 | 1 | 23 | 29-28 | 1.0 | 27-49 | 343 | 3 | 0 |
| E Michigan | 20 | 42-249 | 5.9 | 16-34 | 243 | 2 | 7 | 24-29 | 1.2 | 10-35 | 101 | 4 | -1 |
| at Notre Dame | 20 | 39-142 | 3.6 | 22-37 | 291 | 2 | 14 | 36-108 | 3.0 | 15-27 | 245 | 1 | +3 |
| at Illinois | 17 | 41-163 | 4.0 | 12-25 | 152 | 3 | 20 | 34-42 | 1.2 | 30-55 | 323 | 5 | -2 |
| Iowa | 30 | 49-214 | 4.4 | 20-27 | 297 | 1 | 6 | 26-7 | 0.3 | 9-17 | 100 | 5 | 0 |
| Michigan | 20 | 35-90 | 2.6 | 21-36 | 400 | 1 | 19 | 21-6 | 0.3 | 36-53 | 396 | 2 | +1 |
| at Purdue | 18 | 22-44 | 2.0 | 21-33 | 234 | 5 | 32 | 31-59 | 1.9 | 40-58 | 509 | 2 | -2 |
| at Wisconsin | 13 | 23-110 | 4.8 | 13-28 | 128 | 1 | 20 | 63-301 | 4.8 | 6-11 | 59 | 2 | -5 |
| Ohio St | 17 | 50-120 | 2.4 | 16-25 | 181 | 6 | 4 | 22-0 | 0.0 | 8-23 | 79 | 4 | 0 |
| at Northwestern | 14 | 38-151 | 4.0 | 10-22 | 192 | 4 | 11 | 51-110 | 2.2 | 5-17 | 41 | 8 | +2 |
| Penn St | 15 | 46-173 | 3.8 | 9-25 | 80 | 4 | 19 | 39-157 | 4.0 | 20-43 | 246 | 3 | +2 |
| Florida (Bowl) | 25 | 40-143 | 3.6 | 21-35 | 257 | 4 | 27 | 30-67 | 2.2 | 25-51 | 300 | 5 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 228 | 460-1758 | 3.8 | 199-358 | 2660 | 34 | 202 | 406-914 | 2.3 | 231-439 | 2742 | 44 | -3 |
| AVERAGES | 19.0 | 38-147 | 3.8 | 17-30 | 222 | 2.8 | 16.8 | 34-76 | 2.3 | 19-37 | 229 | 3.7 | -0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nebraska | +20 | 10-50 | L |
| at Louisville | +2 | 30-7 | W |
| at Purdue | +3' | 35-35 | W |
| Boston College | +4 | 25-21 | W |
| Iowa | +1 | 7-21 | L |
| at Illinois | +6' | 27-21 | W |
| Minnesota | -7 | 34-31 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +7 | 14-45 | L |
| Michigan | +13 | 28-25 | W |
| at Indiana | -1' | 31-13 | W |
| Penn St | +7' | 20-24 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Purdue | -2 | 52-14 | W |
| at Nebraska | +29 | 14-55 | L |
| Louisville | -5' | 20-30 | L |
| E Michigan | -19 | 47-0 | W |
| at Iowa | +8 | 30-37 | W |
| Illinois | -8' | 42-14 | W |
| at Minnesota | -4 | 27-9 | W |
| Wisconsin | -3' | 30-13 | W |
| at Michigan | +8' | 29-45 | L |
| Indiana | -15 | 38-15 | W |
| at Penn St | +8 | 29-32 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| W Michigan | -27 | 42-10 | W |
| Memphis | -19' | 51-21 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +2' | 23-7 | W |
| Minnesota | -24 | 31-10 | L |
| at Indiana | -19 | 38-6 | W |
| at Northwestern | -13 | 17-19 | L |
| Michigan | +2' | 7-23 | L |
| Ohio St | +6 | 13-37 | L |
| at Purdue | +1 | 21-22 | T |
| at Illinois | -24 | 27-17 | L |
| Penn St | +4 | 49-14 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado St | -5' | 16-23 | L |
| at Oregon | E | 14-48 | L |
| Notre Dame | +7 | 45-23 | W |
| at Michigan | +8 | 17-29 | L |
| C Michigan | -28 | 38-7 | W |
| Indiana | -9' | 38-31 | L |
| at Minnesota | -7' | 18-19 | L |
| Northwestern | -10 | 29-5 | W |
| at Ohio St | +27' | 28-24 | W |
| Purdue | +2' | 24-25 | W |
| Illinois | -20 | 41-9 | W |
| at Penn St | +6' | 28-51 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oregon | -10 | 27-20 | L |
| E Michigan | -32 | 51-7 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +6' | 23-13 | W |
| at Illinois | -7 | 27-10 | W |
| Iowa | -21' | 49-3 | W |
| Michigan | +2' | 34-31 | W |
| at Purdue | -2' | 28-52 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +2 | 10-40 | L |
| Ohio St | -5' | 23-7 | W |
| at Northwestern | -19 | 34-0 | W |
| Penn St | -2 | 35-28 | W |

# MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Billy Cockerham was a solid 2 year starter for the Gophers who showed dramatic improvement last year. He threw for 2,091 yards (53.3%) with a 15-10 ratio and also had 997 gross yards rushing. Cockerham did not have the strongest or most accurate arm but will be tough to replace. They have some viable candidates for the job. Asad Abdul-Khaliq has a cannon for an arm and also solid mobility. After playing at Fork Union in 98 and redshirting here last year, he has solid experience for a freshman (20 yrs old) and good knowledge of the system. Andy Persby (6-3 230 Sr) had 3 starts in 98 and has thrown for 766 yards in 2 years here with a 4-5 ratio but missed spring playing baseball. JC transfer Travis Cole has 4.65 speed and had a very productive JC career leading his team to a 19-3 record the last 2 years while throwing for 5,286 yards and 58 TD's. Benji Kamrath (6-3 202 rFr) was PS#86. The talent level is stronger than it was last year and while they are less experienced, the overall production should not suffer.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Thomas Hamner (#6DC of PHI) finished a solid career in which he led the team in rushing for 4 straight seasons, the first Gopher RB to accomplish that since Daryl Thompson did so from 1986-89. Hamner saved his best season for last after rushing for 883, 663 and 838 in his first 3 seasons, he became the first UM back to top 1,000 yards since 94 rushing for 1,426 yards with a career high 4.6 ypc. He and QB Cockerham led the nation in combined rushing yards for a backfield duo topping 2,000 for the year. In his final two seasons Hamner had just 2 fumbles in 551 chances. They have some promising young talent to fill his shoes. Thomas Tapeh (PS#7) redshirted in 99 and has NFL potential. He could be an immediate Big 10 star but did suffer a foot injury the last week of spring. Tellis Redmon got in 120 plays as a rFr last year backing up Hamner and is an HT (PS#60). Renato Fitzpatrick (6-0 199 So) was PS#183 and had 28 yards in 51 plays in 99. They signed a couple of top notch RB's out of HS this year in Marcus Sanders and Larry Pinson (6-2 225, PS#125). If Tapeh stays eligible he could come near Hamner's fine numbers.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year everyone returned to this unit and it was one of the Big 10's more underrated receiving corps. This year they suffer some good sized losses. Gone are TE Alex Hass (9 sts, 10 rec, HM Big 10), WR Luke Leverson (11 sts, 41 rec, 13.3 ypc) and WR Arland Bruce (9 sts, 20 rec, 13.3). Mason did land one top notch JC at WR in Antoine Burns who will likely fill a starter's spot. Many times UM uses 2 TE's and 2 WR's and they have decent depth at the TE position. I list the top 3 below. This looks like a decent group but looks weaker than last season.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Gophers had 4 out of 5 starters returning and showed solid depth as many starters missed a game or two, but the backups filled in admirably. They were #2 in the Big 10 allowing just 17 sacks during the regular season after allowing 48 in both 97 and 98. This year they lose just two players in RT Josh Rawlings (11 sts) and LG Pat Hau (4 sts until inj). Seven players return with starting experience and there are four VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below. It will be tough to match last year's productivity but this experienced unit has potential and should be one of the better offensive lines in the country.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Gophers got a huge boost when Karon Riley transferred in from SMU after 2 seasons and 4 starts with the Mustangs. He was the scout team MVP here in 98 and then led the Big 10 in sacks in 99 with 16. Last year the team had to replace 2 starters and this year lose DT Dyron Russ (11 sts, HM Big 10, 10 tfl) and DE Jon Michals (8 sts, 12 tkls). The Gophers have gotten much stingier versus the run since Mason's arrival and a lot of it is due to the added bulk in the front four. There are 2 VHT's listed as 2nd string below that could both take over starting jobs and four players return with starting experience. The ypc allowed last year slipped from 2.6 in 98 to 3.4 last year but this unit looks stronger in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Gophers had a veteran unit last year with 2 returning starters plus a starting DE that was moved in to fill the lone vacancy. The unit suffered from injuries last year and six different players earned starts. All six return this season and I expect VHT Astein Osei to take over one of the starting LB spots full-time this year. The only loss is DLB Luke Braaten (14 tkls). There is solid talent and depth at this position and it looks stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Tyrone Carter (#4DC of MIN) won the Jim Thorpe Award for top defensive back in the country last year. He leaves as the all-time Div IA leader in tackles by a DB with 511. Replacing a player like Carter is never easy and I've seen some big dropoffs in secondaries that lost their star in recent years (Michigan and Georgia). Three players return with starting experience and they get a VHT true frosh who could step right into Carter's spot at SS. After finishing 42nd in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and having Carter as well as two other starters returning, the Gophers moved up to #23 last year allowing a miserly 46.7% completions with a 10-8 ratio. I like Willie Middlebrooks at CB who has good size and speed and, in my mind, NFL potential. If true frosh Sims has the impact expected, this unit could come close to last year's fine ranking.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Glen Mason consistently has his team in the upper half of my special teams rankings even dating back to his tenure at Kansas. Last year they were exceptional in every area ending up at #5 for the season. The Gophers finished +6 in the TD/blk category and had a net punting of 38.0 thanks to a super year by Ryan Rindels. K Dan Nystrom broke the school record for consecutive FG's with 13 straight and is one of the top FG men in the country heading into his sophomore season. Replacing Rindels is Preston Gruening who was PS#2 K and averaged 45.2 as a junior in high school. He also handled the KO duties last year where the Gophers allowed just 17.9 per return. Replacing explosive Tyrone Carter will be tough on the return game although he had his weakest season in KR's averaging just 17.6 per return in 99. His 11.9 on PR's, however, will be tough to replace. One big loss for the unit is long snapper Derek Rackley who held that position for the last four years and has NFL potential at that position. Some solid returnmen should be found and with the superior K's and propensity for blocking kicks this group has the potential to finish in the top 10 once again.

DL Karon Riley led the Big 10 in sacks with 16 last year.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Hamner | 308 | 1494 | 68 | 1426 | 10 | 4.6 |
| Billy Cockerham | 168 | 997 | 166 | 831 | 10 | 4.9 |
| Byron Evans | 30 | 222 | 1 | 221 | 2 | 7.4 |
| **Antoine Henderson** | **6** | **107** | **2** | **105** | **0** | **17.5** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Billy Cockerham | 276 | 147 | 53.3 | 2091 | 15 | 10 |
| **Andy Persby** | **14** | **7** | **50.0** | **105** | **1** | **0** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ron Johnson** | **43** | **574** | **13.3** | **7** | **46** |
| Luke Leverson | 41 | 547 | 13.3 | 0 | 38 |
| Thomas Hamner | 21 | 305 | 14.5 | 3 | 64 |
| Arland Bruce | 20 | 265 | 13.3 | 2 | 38 |
| Alex Hass | 10 | 170 | 17.0 | 0 | 49 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 | TB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Rindels | 69 | 2832 | 41.0 | – | 38.0 | 0 | 24 | 9 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dan Nystrom** | **9-10** | **4-5** | **3-5** | **1-1** | **17-21** | **51** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tyrone Carter | 144 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **Delvin Jones** | **106** | **0** | **0** | **6** | **2** |
| **Sean Hoffman** | **80** | **4** | **8** | **4** | **0** |
| **John Schlecht** | **78** | **4** | **16** | **5** | **0** |
| **Ben Mezera** | **67** | **12** | **5** | **2** | **0** |
| **Karon Riley** | **59** | **16** | **6** | **1** | **0** |
| Dyron Russ | 57 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Jimmy Wyrick | 55 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| **Willie Middlebrooks** | **43** | **0** | **1** | **18** | **1** |
| **Astein Osei** | **41** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| **Jack Brewer** | **35** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **2** |
| **Jimmy Henry** | **21** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **0** |
| **Clorenzo Griffin** | **20** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tyrone Carter | 30 | 356 | 11.9 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tyrone Carter | 17 | 300 | 17.6 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**OHIO UNIV -22 33-7 WIN** OU opened with a 65 yd TD drive but gained just 145 more yds. UM got 65 & 52 yd TD drives. UM blk'd a punt for a safety & added a 49 yd FG, 19-7 at half. UM got an 89 yd TD pass & after missing a 45 yd FG rec'd a fmbl & drove 11 yds for a TD, 33-7 w/ 9:44 left. OU's final 3 poss got to the UM 46, UM 49 & OU 30. UM had a 401-210 yd edge delivering a 3★ Late Phone Winner.

**UL MONROE -26 35-0 WIN** Hamner had a career best 174 yds. UM's defense produced 2 TD's & 7 sk's. ULM had 32 plays in the 1H (4 more than UM) but only 59 yds. Hamner had 2 TD runs & UM's 3rd TD came on a 15 yd blk'd PR & they added a 26 yd int ret for a TD, 28-0 at half. The Gophers threatened several times but stalled before adding a 4Q TD. It was only UM's 2nd shutout since 1977.

**ILLINOIS ST NL 55-7** – Cockerham had a career day hitting 18 of 22 for 218 yds & rushed for 156 yds. Minny had a streak of 35 consec poss in which they held an opp scoreless end in the 3Q with the score 48-0. UM was Illinois St's first Big 10 opponent since 1944.

**AT NORTHWESTERN -6' 33-14 WIN** UM won their Big 10 road opener for the 1st time s/90. UM had over 220 yds both rushing & passing (442 total) while NU had 320 total. NU was int'd & a 54 yd ret set up a UM 16 yd TD drive. UM got a 63 yd reverse to set up a TD. NU hit a 49 yd TD pass, 14-7. UM got a 27 yd FG, 17-7. NU fmbl'd at the end of a 54 yd drive. NU drove 62 yds for a TD to open the 3Q, 17-14. After an exchange of fmbl's, UM had a 43 yd FG blk'd & NU missed a 39 yd FG. In 1:00 UM took control with a 64 yd TD pass & after rec a fmbl got a 16 yd reverse, 31-14. UM later blk'd a punt for a safety.

**WISCONSIN (OT) +2' 17-20 LOSS** UM opened in a 4 WR set & went 86 yds for a TD. UW drove 81 yds for a TD mid 2Q but UM got a 49 yd TD pass. UW got an 81 yd TD pass with 2:07 left, 14-14. UM missed a 27 yd FG on the final play of the half. UM nailed a 37 yd FG early 4Q but UW got an 11 play drive for a 36 yd FG with 2:59 left. In OT UM was int, 4th & 30. UW got a 31 yd FG. UM had 253 yds in the 1H but just 132 in the 2nd.

**AT ILLINOIS -1 37-7 WIN** A crowd of 49,152 on a rainy day started to leave in the 3Q. UI's opening drive ended on a missed 31 yd FG. UM drove to the UI 8 but fmbl'd. UM ret'd a punt 74 yds for a TD & UM added a 44 yd TD drive & a 50 yd drive for a 26 yd FG, 17-0. UI got a 32 yd TD pass from Kittner, 17-7. At the half UM only had a 162-139 yd edge. UM was int'd at the UI 20 but the Illini fmbl'd it back & UM got the 24 yd FG. UI was SOD & UM drove 60 yds for a TD. UI punted from the UM 39 & UM got a 20 yd FG. UI was SOD at the UM 27 & UM drove for a TD with 2:12 left.

**OHIO ST -3' 17-20 LOSS** UM came in as a fav in this series for the 1st time ever. I used OSU as a 4★ Late Phone Play. OSU was fortunate to trail just 10-7 at half as UM dominated with an 187-46 yd edge. OSU's only score came after an int put them at the UM 6. OSU drove 76 yds behind backup QB Moherman for a TD in the 3Q. After a Moherman fmbl, UM drove 49 yds for a TD, 17-14. UM would not get a FD in the 4Q & OSU had a 13-3 FD edge in the 2H. OSU drove for a 43 yd FG with 6:18 left & added a 40 yd FG with 1:15 left. UM fmbl'd the KO & OSU ended the game at the 9.

**PURDUE +3 28-33 LOSS** UM held Pur to 115 yds passing in the 1H but Pur opened with an 83 yd TD drive & a 30 yd FG. UM got an 88 yd TD drive but a fmbl ended another threat, 10-7 at half. Pur got a 26 yd FG. The teams traded TD's on 5 consec poss. UM's 12 yd TD pass with 2:43 left pulled it to 33-28 but Pur rec'd the onside kick.

**AT PENN ST +14 24-23 WIN** PSU opened w/ a 57 yd TD drive but missed a 50 yd FG. UM got a 27 yd FG & drove 38 yds for a TD, 9-7 (xpng). UM was SOD at the PSU 26 & later PSU drove 35 yds for a TD w/ 3:59 left, 14-9. PSU drove 77 yds but settled for a 20 yd FG. UM drove 80 yds for a TD, 17-15 (2 pt ng). PSU got a 44 yd FG but UM got a 49 yd TD pass to Hamner, 21-20. PSU got a 44 yd FG w/ 9:12 left. PSU drove to the UM 33 but punted w/ 1:50 left. UM got a 45 yd rec & then on 4th & 15 a tipped pass bounced into the hands of a WR for a FD at the 13. Nystrom hit a 32 yd FG on the game's final play for the upset.

**INDIANA -14 44-20 WIN** I used a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on UM. IU led 14-10. IU added a 32 yd FG foll the 1st of 3 Cockerham int's but UM drove 80 & 48 yds for TD's, 24-17 at the half. IU got a 30 yd FG foll a fmbl & UM was int'd in the EZ. IU missed a 33 yd FG. UM drove 68 yds for a FG & then Wyrick ret'd an int 61 yds for a TD. IU fmbl'd the KO & UM added a 24 yd FG, 37-20 with 8:37 left. IU was SOD & UM drove 60 yds for a TD with 1:12 left. UM had 333 yds rushing.

**AT IOWA -20 25-21 LOSS** UM had a 98 yd TD drive but Iowa drove 60 yds for a TD. UM drove 74 yds for a 24 yd FG. Iowa went 66 yds for a TD w/ 2:27 left & an Iowa 37 yd PR set up a TD late 1H, 21-10. UM got a 37 yd FG in the 3Q & added a safety. UM got a 73 yd TD run, 22-21 & added a 41 yd FG with just 3:35 left. Iowa drove 78 yds to the UM 3 but a 4th down pass w/ :07 left fell inc & UM escaped. Iowa had a 22-17 FD edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

1999 Big 10 Coach of the Year, Glen Mason, became the first Gopher coach to win the award since it was introduced in 1972. He is only the third coach to win those honors in three different conferences, also winning one in the MAC (Kent) in 1986 and in the Big 8/Big 12 (Kansas) in 1991 and 1995. In the 1990's UM compiled the Big 10's worst record at 22-58. In stark contrast last year they had their first winning season since 1990, won 8 games for the first time since 1967 and their #12 ranking in the polls heading into their bowl game was their highest ranking since 1960. UM's 4 losses last year were by a combined 15 points and 6 of their last 7 losses have been by 5 points or less. They pulled off one of the season's bigger upsets knocking Penn St out of the national title chase in Happy Valley. UM's defense allowed just 16.3 ppg which was the lowest point total for the season they've allowed since 1967 when they were Big 10 Co-champs. DC David Gibbs is among the tops in his profession. Last year they set a new school sack record with 44. In '96, prior to Mason's arrival, the team had just 8 sacks. Many times when a downtrodden program breaks into the winning side of the ledger, they do it with gimmicky offenses and do not last long. Mason has achieved success with a solid running game and defense and strength up front, and this should last for quite some time. The offense has just 5 returning starters but is stout up front and I like the replacements at the skill positions. Provided that RB Tapeh is as productive as I think he will be, they could be as potent as last year. The defense has 8 starters back and I rate them #13 in the country coming into the season. They catch a break as they do not have to face either Michigan or Mich St in Big 10 play. Couple that with a soft non-conf slate, and it will be another winning season for the Gophers and a return to the postseason.


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| RB | Marcus Sanders | 6-0 186 PS#40 |
| LB | Eric Stenzel | 6-3 230 PS#59 |
| OL | Ricky Wymer | 6-9 325 PS#83 |
| OL | Rian Melander | 6-6 238 PS#85 |
| QB | Travis Cole | 6-3 210 PS#34JC |
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**QB Asad Abdul-Khaliq rFr.** 6-2 202 *PS#71 in 98. **Travis Cole** (6-3 210) is PS#34JC. 2302 yds (56%) 25-12 ratio at JC ly. 4.65 speed. Andy Persby (6-3 230 Sr).*

**RB Thomas Tapeh rFr.** 6-1 228 *PS#7RB in 99! Tellis Redmon (6-0 199 So) PS#60. 120 plays in 99, 113 total yds. Marcus Sanders PS#40.*

**WR Antoine Henderson Sr.** 5-7 165 *PS#113RB, 205 yds rush in 97. 19 rec in 2 yrs at WR. Elvin Jones (6-4 210 Jr) PS#144, 7 rec, 2 yrs. Ryan Keller is ex-QB.*

**WR RON JOHNSON JR.** 6-3 211 *PS#54. 10 sts in 98, 38 rec (10.4). 12 sts in 99. #1 w/43 rec (13.3). Jermaine Mays (6-0 186 Jr) PS#86, 5 sts, 13 rec, 2 yrs.*

**WR Antoine Burns Jr.** 6-0 195 *PS#5JC. Size & 4.3 speed. Ben Utecht (6-6 223 rFr) was PS#48WR. Tony Patterson (6-3 198 rFr) PS#74QB.*

**TE Zach Vevea Jr.** 6-6 261 *PS#50 in 98. 9 sts, 705 plays, 3 rec/2Y. Marvin Baugus (6-7 235 So) PS#54, 73 plays ly. Dan Gitlewski PS#104.*

**C BEN HAMILTON SR.** 6-5 283 *PS#213DL. 12 sts in 97. 11 sts in 98. 11 sts in 99, 1st tm Big 10 & AA. Akeem Akinwale (6-3 274 Jr) PS#314, 1st ly.*

**RG RYAN ROTH JR.** 6-3 310 *11 sts, 821 plays in 98. 12 sts, #1 w/925 plays in 99. Missed spring but added 13 lbs. Josh Plisch is PS#30.*

**LG DEREK BURNS JR.** 6-5 277 *PS#31. 9 gms as 2nd string in 98. Started L/8 in 99, 628 plays. Ryan Thorman (6-6 280 Jr) PS#193, 425 bench.*

**RT Erik Larson Sr.** 6-6 292 *PS#298 in 96. 5 sts, 338 plays in 98. 1 st, 9 gms in 99, 155 plays. Matt McIntosh (6-8 291 rFr) PS#46.*

**LT ADAM HAAYER SR.** 6-6 291 *81 plays in 97. 11 sts, 821 plays in 98. 11 sts, 770 plays in 99. Jake Kuppe (6-7 326 So) PS#33, 1 st, 235 plays as rFr.*

**K DAN NYSTROM SO.** 5-11 195 *PS#17K. Hit super 17 of 21 FG's as true frosh, long of 51. 13 straight FG's (school record), 41 of 43 on xp's.*

**DE KARON RILEY SR.** 6-4 248 *2 sts at SMU, 30 tkls, 1 tfl in 96. 2 sts, 3 sks in 97, **1st tm Big10** in 99. 16 sks, 6 tfl. Dan Kwapinski (6-5 272 rFr) PS#258.*

**DT Matt Anderle Jr.** 6-6 313 *400 lb bench. 5 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 1 st, 20 tkls, 2 sks ly. Dave Sykora (6-6 284 So) PS#22, 3 tkls, 54 plays as rFr.*

**DT JOHN SCHLECT SR.** 6-1 294 *450 lb bench, 4.7 speed. 11 sts, 17 tfl in 98. 12 sts, **2nd tm Big10**, 20 tfl, 78 tkls ly. Chris Smith (6-4 303 rFr) PS#20.*

**DE Mike Cernoch Sr.** 6-3 271 *PS#91. 3 tfl as rFr. 9 plays in 98. 3 sts, 3 tkls in 99. Greg White (6-2 256 Jr) 10 tkls ly. Maurice White PS#182.*

**SLB CURTESE POOLE SR.** 6-3 228 *PS#64QB, 11 sts at DE in 98, 49 tkls, 12 tfl. 3 sts in 99 (inj) 11 tkls. Justin Hall (6-3 234 Sr) 3 sts ly, 17 tkls, 2 tfl.*

**MLB SEAN HOFFMAN SR.** 6-3 244 *12 sts, 101 tkls, 10 tfl as rFr. 11 sts, 9 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 12 tfl, 80 tkls ly. **Astein Osei** (6-2 241 Jr) PS#30, 5 sts, 41 tkls ly.*

**DLB BEN MEZERA SR.** 6-4 242 *PS#89. 4 sts, 10 tfl as true. 10 sts, 11 tfl in 98. **12 sts** in 99, 12 sks, 5 tfl in 99. Jimmy Henry (6-1 198 Jr) PS#136WR.*

**CB ANDRE BROWN JR.** 5-9 175 *1st @ Ark St in 97, PS#165JC. 10.4 100m. Trevis Graham (5-10 191 Sr) 5 sts, 34 tkls, 4 pbu in 98. 8 sts, 15 tkls, 1 pbu in 99.*

**CB WILLIE MIDDLEBROOKS JR.** 6-2 190 *7 sts in 98, 2 int, 5 pbu. 10 sts in 99, 18 pbu, **2nd tm Big 10**, 4.4 speed. Mike Lehan (6-1 193 So) PS#231RB, 13 tkls ly.*

**SS Dominique Sims Fr.** 6-2 195 *PS#5! Clorenzo Griffin (5-10 182 Sr) PS#226JC, 20 tkls here ly, 313 plays. Eli Ward (6-1 193 rFr) was PS#134 in 99.*

**FS DELVIN JONES JR.** 6-0 191 *2 sts in 98, 14 tkls. 12 sts in 99, #2 w/ 106 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. Jack Brewer (6-1 189 Jr) PS#95WR, 35 tkls, SMU trans.*

**P Preston Gruening So.** 5-10 194 *PS#2K in 98 & redshirted. 61 plays as rFr in 99, handled KO's. 45.2 punt avg & 16 of 26 FG's as Sr in HS.*

# MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

Minneapolis, Minnesota
HHH Metrodome

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score MINN | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Minnesota has not beaten Michigan SU at home since 1977. Golden Gophers are 11-5 ATS in conference play the last 2 yrs. This year will mark the 110th meeting of Wisconsin & Minnesota, which is the oldest rivalry in NCAA history. Minn has had a negative turnover ratio every season since 1991. |
| Sep. 2 | UL Monroe | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Gophers are 6-2 ATS as DD home favorites. Minnesota is 3-8 ATS L/11 lined home openers. |
| Sep. 9 | Ohio Univ | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM is 15-4 SU, 12-6 ATS their L/19 non-conference games. Gophers are 7-3 ATS under Mason as a home favorite. |
| Sep. 16 | at Baylor | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SU winner is 8-1 ATS in UM's L/9 games vs current Big 12 teams. Golden Gophers are 8-3 ATS their L/11 grass games. |
| Sep. 23 | at Purdue | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The fav is 5-1-1 ATS L/8 as the game was Pick'em in 1993. Gophers are 7-3-1 ATS L/11 in their conference opener. |
| Sep. 30 | Illinois | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: UM is an incredible 14-3 ATS off a SU loss under Mason. The underdog has covered 4 of the L/6 meetings. |
| Oct. 7 | Penn St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Minn is 4-1 ATS L/5Y vs PSU & got their 1st SU win in that span LY. UM is 7-3-1 ATS L/11 in their 2nd straight home game. |
| Oct. 14 | at Ohio St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Golden Gophers are 3-9 ATS their L/12 vs Ohio St. Pending the Pur result, UM is 9-3 ATS under Mason on the Big 10 road. |
| Oct. 21 | at Indiana | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM won LY, but has not won SU B2B vs IU since the 85/86 seasons. The home team is 6-2 ATS in this series. |
| Oct. 28 | Northwestern (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Minnesota is 2-6 ATS their last 8 Homecoming game. The favorite is just 2-6 ATS the last 8 meetings. |
| Nov. 4 | at Wisconsin | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Gophers are 7-3 ATS the last three Novembers. Minny is 4-1 ATS prior to a bye week. |
| Nov. 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: Golden Gophers are 2-6 ATS in road finales S/92. |
| Nov. 18 | Iowa | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Gophers are 6-2 ATS the week after a bye. UM is 2-5 SU and 1-6 ATS their L/7 vs the Hawks. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: HHH METRODOME (63,669)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 3-8 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 3-9 | 5-6 | 8-3 | 30-48 |
| ATS | 6-4 | 5-6 | 4-6-1 | 4-7 | 7-5 | 9-2 | 6-4 | 41-34-1 |
| Home Fav | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1-1 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 11-9-1 |
| Home Dog | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 0-2 | 10-10 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 3-2 |
| Away Dog | 3-2 | 2-3 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 4-1 | 4-1 | 1-0 | 17-13 |
| Favorite | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 5-2 | 14-11-1 |
| Dog | 5-3 | 4-4 | 2-5 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 7-1 | 1-2 | 27-23 |
| Grass | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 12-10 |
| Artificial | 5-2 | 4-5 | 4-4-1 | 2-5 | 4-4 | 6-1 | 4-3 | 29-24-1 |
| vs BIG 10 | 6-2 | 3-5 | 2-5-1 | 2-6 | 5-3 | 7-1 | 4-4 | 29-26-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 12-8 |
| Off SU Win | 3-1 | 2-1 | 0-2-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 3-3 | 14-12-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-3 | 3-4 | 3-4 | 1-5 | 6-2 | 6-0 | 2-1 | 23-19 |

## Coach: GLEN MASON (Career 75-83-1)
### *Mason's records AT MINNESOTA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Minnesota | | 7-3 | Home Favorite |
| 16-19 | Straight Up | 4-4 | Home Underdog |
| 22-11 | Vs The Spread | 2-2 | Away Favorite |
| 14-3 | Off A S/U Loss | 9-2 | Away Underdog |
| 16-8 | Vs BIG 10 | 6-3 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | Rose | NL | UCLA | 21-3 | W |
| 77 | All-American | +7 | Maryland | 7-17 | L |
| 85 | Independence | +4 | Clemson | 20-13 | W |
| 86 | Liberty | +5' | Tennessee | 14-21 | L |
| 99 | Sun | -3' | Oregon | 20-24 | L |

# MINNESOTA (8-4) CONFERENCE: BIG 10

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 5**
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 37 (18,17,2)**
**Lost: 19 (11,7,1)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11* | 30.7 | 19 | 226 | 4.9 | 183 | 52.7 | 13.4 | -2 | 1999 | 7 | 16.3 | 18 | 141 | 3.4 | 179 | 46.7 | 19.6 |
| 7 | 20.8 | 17 | 141 | 3.6 | 171 | 45.9 | 15.0 | -1 | 1998 | 7 | 22.6 | 19 | 104 | 2.6 | 245 | 54.3 | 15.4 |
| 7* | 19.8 | 14 | 131 | 3.1 | 158 | 53.4 | 14.5 | -1 | 1997 | 6 | 27.8 | 18 | 134 | 3.3 | 234 | 56.4 | 13.2 |
| 4* | 21.5 | 19 | 104 | 3.1 | 234 | 56.5 | 15.8 | -5 | 1996 | 9 | 30.9 | 20 | 247 | 4.9 | 163 | 57.2 | 13.2 |
| 5 | 24.7 | 21 | 137 | 3.8 | 260 | 57.8 | 16.1 | -5 | 1995 | 6 | 33.5 | 21 | 209 | 5.1 | 234 | 59.2 | 13.2 |
| 8* | 23.3 | 21 | 162 | 4.5 | 245 | 53.7 | 17.5 | -8 | 1994 | 5 | 31.6 | 20 | 178 | 4.3 | 225 | 56.5 | 12.8 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Ohio Univ | 19 | 43-155 | 3.6 | 17-28 | 246 | 3 | 12 | 49-160 | 3.3 | 5-15 | 50 | 3 | +2 |
| UL Monroe | 17 | 46-239 | 5.2 | 5-17 | 41 | 0 | 9 | 38-70 | 1.8 | 9-25 | 52 | 7 | -2 |
| Illinois St | 22 | 45-287 | 6.4 | 21-29 | 284 | 1 | 9 | 35-98 | 2.8 | 8-23 | 93 | 2 | 0 |
| at Northwestern | 18 | 42-220 | 5.2 | 17-38 | 222 | 2 | 14 | 46-95 | 2.1 | 10-28 | 225 | 7 | +4 |
| Wisconsin | 17 | 37-188 | 5.1 | 12-27 | 197 | 2 | 22 | 52-156 | 3.0 | 11-21 | 212 | 3 | -1 |
| at Illinois | 27 | 67-367 | 5.5 | 9-16 | 95 | 1 | 18 | 29-145 | 5.0 | 19-45 | 180 | 1 | 0 |
| Ohio St | 13 | 45-181 | 4.0 | 6-11 | 100 | 3 | 15 | 45-155 | 3.4 | 12-23 | 117 | 5 | -1 |
| Purdue | 19 | 36-249 | 6.9 | 13-25 | 179 | 0 | 27 | 44-192 | 4.4 | 28-41 | 283 | 1 | -2 |
| at Penn St | 17 | 52-114 | 2.2 | 14-24 | 277 | 2 | 21 | 39-176 | 4.5 | 14-30 | 184 | 4 | 0 |
| Indiana | 28 | 59-333 | 5.6 | 7-16 | 123 | 1 | 25 | 43-202 | 4.7 | 15-33 | 185 | 5 | -2 |
| at Iowa | 17 | 45-297 | 6.6 | 14-24 | 175 | 2 | 22 | 32-77 | 2.4 | 28-51 | 340 | 4 | +1 |
| Oregon (Bowl) | 19 | 35-86 | 2.5 | 19-37 | 256 | 3 | 22 | 39-166 | 4.3 | 20-43 | 232 | 2 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 233 | 552-2716 | 4.9 | 154-292 | 2195 | 20 | 216 | 491-1692 | 3.4 | 179-383 | 2153 | 44 | -2 |
| AVERAGES | 19.4 | 46-226 | 4.9 | 13-24 | 183 | 1.7 | 18.0 | 41-141 | 3.4 | 15-32 | 179 | 3.7 | -0.2 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ball St | -14' | 31-7 | W |
| at Syracuse | +7 | 17-27 | L |
| Arkansas St | -26 | 55-7 | W |
| Purdue | -1 | 39-38 | T |
| Northwestern | -2' | 17-27 | L |
| at Michigan St | +7 | 31-34 | W |
| at Michigan | +20' | 17-52 | L |
| Ohio St | +22 | 21-49 | L |
| Wisconsin | +8 | 27-34 | W |
| at Illinois | +7 | 14-48 | L |
| at Iowa | +11 | 3-45 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at NE Louisiana | -12 | 30-3 | W |
| Ball St | -14 | 26-23 | L |
| Syracuse | +8' | 35-33 | W |
| at Purdue | +3' | 27-30 | W |
| at Northwestern | +10 | 24-26 | W |
| Michigan St | +4 | 9-27 | L |
| Michigan | +13 | 10-44 | L |
| at Ohio St | +35' | 0-45 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +13' | 28-45 | L |
| Illinois | -3' | 23-21 | L |
| Iowa | +11 | 24-43 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Hawaii | -12' | 3-17 | L |
| Iowa St | -9 | 53-29 | W |
| at Memphis | +2 | 20-17 | W |
| Houston | -8' | 43-45 | L |
| at Michigan St | +24 | 10-31 | W |
| Purdue | +6 | 43-59 | L |
| at Penn St | +34' | 15-16 | W |
| Wisconsin | +6 | 21-22 | W |
| at Michigan | +27 | 3-24 | W |
| Ohio St | +23 | 3-31 | L |
| Indiana | -7' | 24-12 | W |
| at Iowa | +21 | 0-31 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arkansas St | -27 | 17-14 | L |
| at Houston | +3 | 14-7 | W |
| Memphis | -3' | 41-14 | W |
| at Purdue | +9' | 21-56 | L |
| Penn St | +17 | 17-27 | W |
| at Ohio St | +38 | 15-45 | W |
| Michigan St | +7' | 19-18 | W |
| Michigan | +12' | 10-15 | W |
| at Wisconsin | +21' | 7-26 | W |
| at Indiana | +3 | 19-20 | W |
| Iowa | -7 | 49-7 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ohio Univ | -22 | 33-7 | W |
| UL Monroe | -26 | 35-0 | W |
| Illinois St | NL | 55-7 | – |
| at Northwestern | -6' | 33-14 | W |
| Wisconsin | +2' | 17-20 | L |
| at Illinois | -1 | 37-7 | W |
| Ohio St | -3' | 17-20 | L |
| Purdue | +3 | 28-33 | L |
| at Penn St | +14 | 24-23 | W |
| Indiana | -14 | 44-20 | W |
| at Iowa | -20 | 25-21 | L |

# MISSISSIPPI REBELS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Romaro Miller (PS#5) returns for his senior season and 3rd year as a starter. He has started 23 games. He has had similar numbers in his 2 years as a starter. Last year he threw for 2,201 yards (55.4%) with a 14-9 ratio. The team was learning some new schemes and terminology in 99, and since this is Miller's 2nd year in Cutcliffe's system, he should have a fine senior season. His backup has been David Morris (6-1 181 Jr, PS#145) who has 33 pass attempts and 1 start in 9 games in his career. Morris will likely drop to 3rd string. Eli Manning (6-4 200 rFr) was PS#12 and is Peyton's brother. I look for him to get more time than Miller did as a frosh while learning the system. These two should prove to be one of the SEC's best QB combos. This position is deeper and more experienced.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Ole Miss had its strongest rush attack since 1990 last year rushing for 181 ypg and a powerful 4.6 ypc. They were led by the super combo of Joe Gunn and Deuce McAllister who combined for 1,908 yards, the 4th best rushing duo in the NCAA last year. Gunn is smaller than McAllister but is more of a power runner and benches 400 lbs. McAllister is bigger (6-1 220) and faster (4.4 speed). McAllister set the Mississippi all-purpose yardage record in 99. Each rushed for over 900 yards last year. The top 2 FB's also return. Charles Stackhouse was the starter before injury in 99 and Toward Sanford filled in well as his replacement. They are another powerful duo. Not listed in the 2 deep below are FB Ian Bass (6-0 220 So) PS#75, FB Chico Chandler (6-1 215 So, PS#249), TB Robert Williams (5-10 189 So, PS#157) and TB Tremaine Turner (5-10 190 So, PS#233). This is clearly one of the SEC's best RB corps.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year Ole Miss had to replace its star TE Rufus French and then starting WR Grant Heard was forced to take a medical redshirt after playing in just one game. The lone returning starter, Cory Peterson, had more than double the catches as the next closest WR with 51 (12.9). He leaves with 150 career receptions and was a 3 year starter who will be missed. Also departing is TE Adam Bettis (10 sts, 7 rec). Heard's return is a big plus and Cutcliffe signed a VHT in Bill Flowers who I list in the 2 deep below. While this is not a dominating group there is some talent available here and they should be just as effective as last year's group.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 1999 the Rebels had to replace two starters but had 8 of their top 10 OL's returning and got a 98 starter back from injury. This year once again they lose two starters in OT ToddWade (12 sts, 1st tm SEC, 3 yr st'r, #2DC of MIA) and OT Tutan Reyes (12 sts, 2nd tm SEC, 2 yr st'r, #5DC of NO). I list the 2 deep below and they do have a couple of top notch true frosh recruits as well as some solid rFr. Terrence Metcalf is a VHT that started as a true frosh and in the spring he won the award for most outstanding offensive player showing his comeback from injury may be complete. They have 3 potential all SEC starters this year in Claxton, Vincent and Metcalf and this group could be equal to last year's outstanding O-line which allowed just 19 sacks for the entire season.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Rebels DL was very experienced last year with 7 players returning with starting experience and only 1 starter lost. This year they have to replace four players from the front wall including 3 of the top 8 and 2 starters. The biggest losses are DT Kendrick Clancy (9 sts, 51 tkls, 25.5 tfl, 3rd tm AA, #3DC of PIT), DT Comone Fisher (11 sts, 54 tkls, 11 tfl) and DT Tyler Williams (1 st, 46 tkls, 3 tfl). Five players listed below have starting experience. They moved DE Derrick Burgess to DT in the spring but it wouldn't surprise me to see him back at DE as they are deep inside, especially with a solid JUCO addition in Kenneth Jackson and rFr Jesse Mitchell. I like the talent of this group, but they lose more talent than they did last year and they look a little weaker.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Rebels had all 8 LB's returning from the 98 season last year and got a super addition in JUCO Shawn Johnson who took over a starting spot. Johnson's experience enabled Ronnie Heard to move back to the secondary. This year they lose one starter and one backup in MLB Armegis Spearman (11 sts, 2nd tm SEC, #2 tkl'r) and OLB Al Rice (2 sts, 51 tkl, 7 tfl). MLB Eddie Strong is a VHT who is living up to his potential and headlines the group. He bulked up to 245 lbs for his move inside but has not lost any of his speed. Four players are back with starting experience. I like the talent of this group and it looks like one of the SEC's better units, but is not quite as deep or experienced as last year's lineup.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Rebels allowed 260.3 ypg passing last year and after ranking #48 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 dropped to #57 last year allowing 57.8% with a 15-14 ratio. They only had to replace one starter last year and had Ronnie Heard move in from LB but lost SS Kenny Woods to injury early. This year two starters depart in SS Ronnie Heard (12 sts, 60 tkls, 2 int) and CB Tim Strickland (10 sts, Def MVP of bowl). FS Anthony Magee won the Chuckie Mullins award in the spring. This group is slightly less experienced than it was last year but it wouldn't surprise me to see an improvement in their pass defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This was an area of strength under Tuberville with their worst finish being #33 in the rankings. Cutcliffe inherited a veteran group but surprisingly they dropped a little to #44 in 99. P Reagan King is back for his 4th year and has not yet matched the solid net punting of his freshman year. I look for him to do so this season. Deuce McAllister is a dangerous KR who averaged 25.5 on 28 returns. They must replace top PR Corey Peterson who averaged 8.5 on 24 returns. K Les Binkley is back and hit an amazing 16 of 18 FG's with a long of 49, and was a Groza semifinalist. While it will be tough for him to match those spectacular numbers, he should have a fine senior season. This looks like one of the SEC's top special teams units and they have a shot to contend for a top 20 spot in this year's rankings.

Ole Miss is selling Deuce McAllister as a Heisman Trophy candidate.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joe Gunn | 187 | 1012 | 34 | 978 | 5 | 5.2 |
| Deuce McAllister | 168 | 965 | 35 | 930 | 13 | 5.5 |
| Toward Sanford | 24 | 128 | 1 | 127 | 1 | 5.3 |
| Romaro Miller | 47 | 115 | 140 | -27 | 1 | -0.6 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Romaro Miller | 298 | 165 | 55.4 | 2201 | 14 | 9 |
| David Morris | 5 | 4 | 80.0 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Cory Peterson | | 51 | 661 | 12.9 | 4 | 54 |
| Maurice Flournoy | | 24 | 269 | 11.2 | 3 | 45 |
| Deuce McAllister | | 23 | 256 | 11.1 | 1 | 43 |
| Jamie Armstrong | | 20 | 297 | 14.9 | 3 | 37 |
| LJ Taylor | | 12 | 169 | 14.1 | 0 | 57 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Reagan King | 61 | 2331 | 38.2 | - | 35.9 | 0 | 16 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Les Binkley | 7-7 | 4-5 | 5-6 | 0-0 | 16-18 | 49 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eddie Strong | 81 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| Armegis Spearman | 74 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Syniker Taylor | 66 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| Ronnie Heard | 60 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Comone Fisher | 54 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Kendrick Clancy | 51 | 8 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Al Rice | 51 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Shawn Johnson | 46 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Tyler Williams | 46 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Derrick Burgess | 45 | 6 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| Chad Cook | 44 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Shane Elam | 41 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Ken Lucas | 41 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Cory Peterson | 24 | 205 | 8.5 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Deuce McAllister | 28 | 715 | 25.5 | 1 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT MEMPHIS -13' 3-0 LOSS** Crowd of 57, 523. Miss dominated w/ a 291-115 yd edge & 7 more FD's. 1H was scoreless & both tms missed chances. Miss fmbl'd at the 10 & was int'd at the 14 but got a 14 play drive for a FG w/ 7:47 left. Mem gained just 19 yds in the 2H. On Mem's final drive a WR was open for a TD but dropped the ball.

**ARKANSAS ST -32 38-14 LOSS** ASU had 431 yds offense. ASU hit a 75 yd TD pass on the game's first play. RB Gunn (McAllister inj) rushed for 155 yds & hauled in a 30 yd TD pass to tie. ASU drove for a TD, 14-7. Miss got a 20 yd TD pass. ASU had a FG blk'd & was int'd at the 4. After the int UM drove 96 yds for a TD, 21-14 at half. Ole Miss got a 7 yd TD pass in the 3Q & ASU was int'd at the UM 4 to end their final threat. UM added a FG & a Gunn 34 yd TD run in a game much closer than the final indicated.

**VANDERBILT (OT) -16' 34-37 LOSS** UM had a 251-120 yd 1H edge & led 17-7. VU opened the 3Q with a 48 yd drive for a FG & 69 yd TD drive to tie. VU went 87 yds for a TD early 4Q. Ole Miss got a 40 yd TD pass to tie & then a 46 yd TD run by McAllister. Vandy got a 47 yd KR by Williams & the TD with :49 left, OT. UM got a 34 yd FG & VU an 8 yd TD pass to bag the victory.

**AT AUBURN (OT) +4 24-17 WIN** AU QB Leard hit 14 of 17. Ole Miss had 80 & 78 yd TD drives, 14-3. With :09 left in the half AU blk'd a punt for a TD, 14-10. AU had a 251-120 yd edge in the 1H. AU opened the 3Q w/ a solid drive but Leard was inj'd, Klein led them to the Miss 7 but they fmbl'd in the EZ. AU later drove 48 yds for a TD, 17-14. Miss drove 44 yds foll a long PR to tie it with a 45 yd FG. AU missed a 37 yd FG. OT, Miss got a 23 yd TD pass. AU's 1st play gained 23 yds to the 2 but they were SOD.

**AT S CAROLINA -6' 36-10 WIN** SC was playing an all frosh backfield & managed just 16 yds rushing. UM settled for an early 19 yd FG but then got a 1 yd TD run by McAllister & ret'd a fmbl for a TD, 17-0. SC drove 51 yds for a TD on 4th & inches but UM got a 93 yd drive for a TD with just :20 left. At half UM had a 249-94 yd edge. Each team opened the 3Q with FG's. UM rec'd a fmbl & McAllister got a 31 yd TD run, 34-10. A bad snap out of the shotgun resulted in a UM 4Q safety.

**TULANE -12 20-13 LOSS** The field was very soggy which slowed down both offenses. Both teams settled for 1Q short FG's & Ole Miss led 6-3 at half. TU got a 24 yd 3Q TD pass, 10-6. After a punt, Ole Miss drove 37 yds for a 4Q TD. TU's Kerwin Jones fumbled with no defenders around him & UM rec'd & ran the ball 5 times for a 19 yd TD drive. TU got a 48 yd FG with 1:19 left. TU's final pass ended in an int.

**ALABAMA +3 24-30 LOSS** UA got a 45 yd FG & 83 yd TD drive. UM got an 83 yd TD drive but UA had a 99 yd drive for a TD with just 1:23 left in half. UA had a 223-138 yd edge. UA drove 69 yds for a TD & foll a UM fmbl added a 39 yd FG, 27-7 with 7:23 left 3Q. UM got an 81 yd drive for a TD, rec'd an onside & got a 46 yd FG. UM missed a 27 yd FG but got McAllister's 22 yd TD run with 7:33 left, 27-24. UA drove 78 yds to the UM 2 but settled for a FG with 2:15 left. UM was SOD & UA ended at the UM 10.

**AT LSU -4' 42-23 WIN** Tied 14-14 late 1H. UM fmbl'd twice & was int'd in the EZ. The last min of the 1H & first min of the 2H were bad for LSU. They got a bad snap on a punt at the 16 & UM got a TD. On the 1st play of the 2H Heard ret'd an int 28 yds for a TD, 28-14. LSU got a 43 yd FG & after UM was SOD LSU drove 72 yds for a TD, 28-23. UM used its ground game in the 4Q going 53 & 46 yds for TD's & had a 426-280 yd edge.

**ARKANSAS +1 38-16 WIN** McAllister had 317 all-purpose yds. He ret'd the KO 100 yds for a TD. UM got a 78 yd TD pass on its 3rd poss. UA got a 40 yd FG but UM answered with a 74 yd TD drive & got a 40 yd TD run by McAllister after an int, 31-3 at half. UM had a 267-100 yd edge. UA was int'd & SOD at the Ole Miss 7 in the 3Q. UA drove 63 yds for a 4Q TD but UM got a 1 yd TD drive foll an int. UA got an 81 yd TD drive but Ole Miss ran out the clock.

**GEORGIA -5' 17-20 LOSS** The field was wet & slippery & GA had 28-12 FD & 456-316 yd edges. UM got an early TD & GA settled for a 27 yd FG, 7-3 after 1Q. In the 1H GA had 3 poss in the redzone end in just 3 pts with a missed FG & was SOD at the 5. Ole Miss got a 44 yd FG in the 2Q & led 10-3 at half. GA settled for a 23 yd FG early 3Q & then GA nailed a 51 yd FG, 10-9. McAllister got an 84 yd TD run early 4Q. GA got an 80 yd TD drive & 48 yd FG with 5:24 left. UM got to the GA 13 but was int'd.

**AT MISSISSIPPI ST +3' 20-23 WIN** UM had a 116-13 yd edge in a scoreless 1Q & got a 44 yd TD drive early 2Q. MSU had a 332-165 yd edge after that. UM got a FG after an int & MSU drove for a TD. UM got a 49 yd FG after a fmbl, 13-6 at half. UM got a short TD drive foll a fmbl, 20-6 after 3Q's. MSU got a 71 yd drive for a TD w/ 12:49 left. MSU fmbl'd on its own 35 but forced a punt w/ 2:10 left. MSU tied it on 3rd & 3 w/a 38 yd TD pass w/ just :27 left. UM was int'd & ret'd to the 27 & Westerfield's 44 yd FG w/ :04 left won it.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1953 to 1970 Ole Miss went to 18 bowl games including 10 appearances in either the Sugar or Cotton Bowl. From 1972 to 1996, they were in just 5 bowl games, none on New Year's Day. The program appears headed in the right direction as they have now been to 3 consecutive bowl games and won all three including a pair of consecutive upsets with David Cutcliffe at the helm. Cutcliffe inherited a very experienced team last year and despite new schemes on both sides of the ball, they were even stronger than 1998. They increased their scoring output to 26.9 ppg (highest of the '90's) and had a powerful rush attack that averaged 4.6 ypc. The defense had its strongest rush defense of the 1990's as they allowed just 78 ypg rushing (2.4). The Rebels have 3 consecutive seasons with at least 7 wins for the first time since 1971. Ole Miss has a 19 game SU winning streak versus non-conference opponents. RB Deuce McAllister set a new single season all purpose yard record with 1,692 yards. The defense registered 38 sacks during the regular season, the third most by an Ole Miss team and they have recorded a sack in 23 consecutive games. Cutcliffe relinquished his role as OC this year and John Latina, who was O-line coach last year, takes over. He has a pair of capable QB's, the best RB tandem in the SEC and a top notch O-line and they should top last year's scoring output. The defensive front 7 is a concern with some big losses up the middle but they should be tough once again thanks to some personnel moves. I will call for the Rebels to make it 4 straight years with 7 wins or more and they are a contender for second place in the tough SEC West.

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|---|---|---|
| OL | Doug Buckles 6-5 275 PS#13 | |
| DB | Tavarus Horne 6-1 195 PS#36 | |
| WR | Bill Flowers 6-1 180 PS#38 | |
| OL | James Campbell 6-6 290 PS#61 | |
| WR | Trey Fryfogle 6-2 180 PS#63 | |
| DL | Johnny Ducking 6-4 240 PS#87 | |
| OL | Jason Youngs 6-7 285 PS#74JC | |
| WR | Chris Collins 6-2 190 PS#98 | |
| LB | Rick Razzano 6-0 230 PS#120 | |
| K | Jonathan Nichols 6-0 185 PS#17 | |

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**QB ROMARO MILLER SR.** 6-1 195 *PS#5 in 97. 11 sts in 98, 2489 yds (57%), 14-12 ratio, 229 rush. 12 sts in 99, 2201 yds (55.4%), 14-9 ratio, 115 rush.*
**RB DEUCE McALLISTER SR.** 6-1 220 *PS#69. 4.4 speed. 2564 career yds, 51 rec (10.9). **Joe Gunn** (5-9 207 Jr) PS#99, 20 sts, 1538 yds (4.9), 17 rec (12.9), 2 yrs.*
**FB TOWARD SANFORD SO.** 5-10 217 *PS#44. 8 sts as rFr, 127 yds (5.3), 6 rec (5.5). **Charles Stackhouse** (6-2 221 Jr) PS#37. 6 sts, 80 yds rush, 3 rec, 2 yrs.*
**WR GRANT HEARD SR.** 6-3 190 *12 sts in 96 & 97, 60 rec (15.0). 11 sts in 98, 40 rec (14.0). RS in 99. Jamie Armstrong (6-0 180 Jr) 3 sts, 20 rec (14.9) in 99.*
**WR MAURICE FLOURNOY JR.** 5-10 170 *PS#189. 7 sts in 99, 24 rec (11.2). 338 ret yds in 2 yrs. Lee Jackson (6-3 218 rFr) PS#115. Bill Flowers is PS#38.*
**TE Doug Zeigler So.** 6-3 235 *PS#140QB. 2 sts at TE as rFr, 4 rec (20.8). 4.6 speed. Justin Sawyer (6-3 280 So) PS#251DL, 9 gms as true.*
**C BEN CLAXTON SO.** 6-3 290 *2 gms as true but reds. 12 sts in 99. John McGarvey (6-4 300 Jr) PS#150. Charlie Perkins (6-2 295 Sr), 3 letters.*
**RG KEYDRICK VINCENT SR.** 6-5 350 *PS#63, 11 gms as true. 8 sts in 98, 7 sts in 99 (inj). Augustus Carwell (6-3 343 So). James Campbell is PS#61.*
**LG SHANE GRICE SR.** 6-1 315 *PS#204JC, 4 sts here in 98. 10 sts in 99. German Bello (6-3 290 So) PS#121, 6 gms as rFr. Doug Buckles is PS#13.*
**RT Matt Koon Jr.** 6-4 285 *PS#113TE. TE in 98, 2nd string LT in 99. Jason Youngs (6-7 285 Jr) PS#74JC. Michael Hollinger (6-3 290 rFr) PS#147.*
**LT TERRENCE METCALF JR.** 6-3 300 *PS#4, 12 sts as true. 3 sts in 98 til injury & med RS. 6 sts in 99. Cliff Woodruff (6-7 275 rFr) PS#198DL. +20 lbs.*
**K LES BINKLEY SR.** 5-9 170 *PS#105JC in 99. 13 of 19 FG's at JC in 98, long 47. Super 16 of 18 FG's here in 99, long 49, 39 of 39 xp's.*

**DE John Romm Sr.** 6-2 241 *PS#165JC. 108 tkls at JC in 98. 20 tkls, 6.5 tfl here in 99. Justin Blake (6-3 245 So) 1 st in 99, 19 tkls, 5.5 tfl.*
**DT Anthony Sims Jr.** 6-2 272 *PS#107TE in 97. 3 sts in 99, 35 tkls, 3.5 tfl. Jesse Mitchell (6-3 260 rFr) PS#112. Kenneth Jackson (6-3 300 Jr) PS#196JC.*
**DT DERRICK BURGESS SR.** 6-2 260 *PS#130. 11 sts at DT as true, 6 sts in 98 (inj). 12 sts at DE in 99, 45 tkls, **18.5 tfl.** Antionne Scott (6-2 255 Sr) 3 sts, 18 tkls ly.*
**DE SHANE ELAM SR.** 6-1 240 *Orig at Tennessee. 3 sts here in 98, 24 tkls, 4 tfl. 8 sts in 99, 41 tkls, 4.5 sks, 5 tfl. Johnny Ducking is PS#87.*
**SLB Amzie Williams Sr.** 6-1 220 *19 tkls in 98, 1 sk. 1 st in 99, 22 tkls, 3 tfl. Kevin Thomas (5-9 190 Jr) 19 tkls, 4 tfl in 99. Rick Razzano is PS#120.*
**MLB EDDIE STRONG JR.** 6-3 245 *PS#9. 6 sts as true, 70 tkls, 7.5 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 81 tkls, 10.5 tfl, 2nd tm SEC. Chad Cook (6-0 230 Sr) 4 sts, 44 tkls ly.*
**WLB SHAWN JOHNSON SR.** 6-1 220 *PS#99JC in 98. 7 sts here in 99, 46 tkls, 6.5 tfl. Lanier Goethie (6-0 210 So) 5 tkls. Jamil Northcutt (6-2 230 rFr) PS#187.*
**CB KEN LUCAS SR.** 6-1 201 *PS#104WR. 10 rec as true. 13 rec (14.2), 7 tkls in 98, 7 sts ly, 41 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. Marcus Woodson (6-0 188 rFr) PS#262.*
**CB Justin Coleman Jr.** 5-9 175 *PS#181 in 97. 12 tkls as rFr. 5 sts in 99, 17 tkls, 7 pbu. Rebel track team. **Kenny Woods** (6-2 225 Sr) 10 sts, 69 tkls in 98.*
**SS SYNIKER TAYLOR JR.** 6-0 195 *PS#33. 2 sts as true (inj). 11 sts in 99. 66 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu. Top athlete on team. Tavarus Horne is PS#36.*
**FS Anthony Magee Sr.** 5-11 180 *12 sts in 98, 59 tkls, **5 int,** 3 pbu. 1 st in 99, 24 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu. Wes Scott (6-1 190 So) 3 rec, 1 st as true.*
**P REAGAN KING SR.** 6-3 225 *33 punts in 97, 41.0 avg. 49 punts in 98, 38.3 avg. 61 punts in 99, 38.2 avg & net of 35.9. 16 inside the 20.*

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# MISSISSIPPI REBELS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UM | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CON | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mississippi is 14-4 ATS on artificial turf, but they play all their games on grass for a 2nd straight year.<br>Rebels are 9-5 ATS vs Memphis.<br>Ole Miss is 4-11 ATS their last 15 as home dogs. |
| Sep. 2 | Tulane | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mississippi is 31-2 SU their last 33 non-conference games.<br>Rebels are 8-22-1 ATS in Oxford the last 6 seasons. |
| Sep. 9 | Auburn | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ole Miss came into this season with a 15-7 ATS Sept slate since 1993.<br>Home team has lost 4 in a row ATS in this series. |
| Sep. 16 | at Vanderbilt | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rebels are 15-5 ATS their last 20 SEC road games.<br>Ole Miss is 4-2 ATS their L/6 road openers. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM is 4-2-1 ATS after a bye over the past 3 seasons.<br>These teams have not met S/93 due to the unbalanced SEC schedule. |
| Oct. 7 | Arkansas St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rebels are 6-0 SU but 1-3 ATS vs Arkansas St since 1987.<br>Rebels are 5-18-1 ATS as a DD fav their L/24 times in that role. |
| Oct. 14 | at Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UM is 9-1 ATS the last 3 seasons as a road underdog.<br>Mississippi is 2-7 and 3-12 ATS vs the Crimson Tide. |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | UNLV (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ole Miss is 18-13 ATS the L/12 years in non-conf games.<br>Rebels are 7-16 ATS their last 23 October encounters, prior to TY. |
| Nove. 4 | at Arkansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 1-5-1 ATS the L/7 in this series.<br>The chalk has bitten the dust ATS only once in 8 meetings (6-1-1). |
| Nov. 11 | LSU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The team that lost the previous series meeting is 10-4 ATS the next year.<br>The home team is 5-10 ATS the L/15 in this matchup. |
| Nov. 18 | at Georgia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rebels are 6-0 ATS in their last 6 road finales.<br>Ole Miss has avoided lookahead with an 8-3 ATS mark prior to MSU. |
| Nov. 25 | Mississippi St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rebels are 0-6 ATS in their final home game.<br>Mississippi has been an underdog 6 straight times in the Egg Bowl. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY (50,577)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 4-7 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 40-37 |
| ATS | 5-5 | 5-5 | 4-6 | 2-7 | 7-3-1 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 34-37-1 |
| Home Fav | 4-0 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 2-1-1 | 1-3 | 0-4 | 8-12-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 5-10 |
| Away Fav | 0-4 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 8-5 |
| Away Dog | 0-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 11-9 |
| Favorite | 4-4 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 2-1-1 | 3-3 | 2-5 | 16-17-1 |
| Dog | 1-1 | 2-4 | 3-4 | 1-6 | 3-1 | 3-2 | 3-1 | 16-19 |
| Grass | 5-5 | 3-5 | 4-6 | 1-7 | 6-3-1 | 5-5 | 5-6 | 29-37-1 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 5-0 |
| vs SEC | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 5-2-1 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 27-28-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 7-9 |
| Off SU Win | 3-2 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 0-4 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 2-5 | 17-20 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 3-0-1 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 15-13-1 |

## Coach: DAVID CUTCLIFFE (Career 9-4)
### *Cutcliffe's records AT MISSISSIPPI*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Mississippi | | 0-4 | Home Favorite |
| 9-4 | Straight Up | 1-1 | Home Underdog |
| 5-6 | Vs The Spread | 2-1 | Away Favorite |
| 3-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-0 | Away Underdog |
| 5-3 | Vs SEC | 0-3 | Vs Non-SEC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 90 | Gator | +11 | Michigan | 3-35 | L |
| 92 | Liberty | -9 | Air Force | 13-0 | W |
| 97 | Motor City | -1 | Marshall | 34-31 | W |
| 98 | Independence | +9' | Texas Tech | 35-18 | W |
| 99 | Independence | +4 | Oklahoma | 27-25 | W |

# MISSISSIPPI (8-4)

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*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 54 (27,24,3)**
**Lost: 18 (6,10,2)**

## MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 26.9 | 18 | 181 | 4.6 | 187 | 55.7 | 13.7 | +3 | 1999 | 9 | 19.0 | 19 | 78 | 2.4 | 260 | 57.8 | 17.8 |
| 6 | 23.3 | 21 | 173 | 4.1 | 217 | 55.6 | 16.7 | -4 | 1998 | 5 | 22.8 | 17 | 126 | 3.6 | 202 | 53.4 | 14.3 |
| 5 | 22.3 | 20 | 138 | 3.8 | 252 | 63.7 | 17.5 | -1 | 1997 | 7 | 20.0 | 18 | 166 | 4.5 | 190 | 51.1 | 17.8 |
| 7* | 18.5 | 17 | 102 | 2.8 | 172 | 56.1 | 14.8 | -3 | 1996 | 5 | 24.5 | 19 | 158 | 3.8 | 209 | 53.5 | 15.0 |
| 8* | 19.0 | 21 | 125 | 3.3 | 221 | 58.6 | 18.2 | -5 | 1995 | 5 | 19.0 | 18 | 133 | 3.8 | 195 | 51.4 | 17.3 |
| 4 | 22.4 | 17 | 114 | 3.0 | 190 | 54.7 | 13.6 | +14 | 1994 | 5 | 18.6 | 18 | 147 | 3.4 | 155 | 44.7 | 16.2 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT (1999 STATS BY GAME) | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Memphis | 15 | 47-192 | 4.1 | 12-26 | 99 | 0 | 8 | 30-(-8) | -0.3 | 14-32 | 123 | 6 | -3 |
| Arkansas St | 22 | 40-231 | 5.8 | 16-25 | 253 | 0 | 19 | 32-98 | 3.1 | 15-33 | 333 | 2 | +2 |
| Vanderbilt | 17 | 38-183 | 4.8 | 17-21 | 245 | 3 | 23 | 38-90 | 2.4 | 22-39 | 344 | 3 | +2 |
| at Auburn | 15 | 31-53 | 1.7 | 17-29 | 242 | 2 | 20 | 41-58 | 1.4 | 24-34 | 212 | 6 | -1 |
| at S Carolina | 18 | 43-248 | 5.8 | 13-16 | 145 | 2 | 10 | 36-16 | 0.4 | 8-15 | 147 | 5 | +1 |
| Tulane | 19 | 45-145 | 3.2 | 17-32 | 227 | 3 | 19 | 23-16 | 0.7 | 35-59 | 339 | 4 | +2 |
| Alabama | 21 | 35-141 | 4.0 | 16-32 | 235 | 3 | 22 | 47-236 | 5.0 | 16-28 | 177 | 1 | -2 |
| at LSU | 22 | 49-323 | 6.6 | 10-23 | 103 | 0 | 16 | 25-15 | 0.6 | 23-42 | 265 | 3 | -2 |
| Arkansas | 18 | 43-159 | 3.7 | 12-23 | 232 | 1 | 16 | 26-106 | 4.1 | 15-34 | 211 | 5 | +2 |
| Georgia | 12 | 23-202 | 8.8 | 10-24 | 114 | 1 | 28 | 46-107 | 2.3 | 26-41 | 349 | 1 | -2 |
| at Miss St | 16 | 45-131 | 2.9 | 13-27 | 150 | 1 | 17 | 25-112 | 4.5 | 20-34 | 233 | 1 | +2 |
| Oklahoma (Bowl) | 19 | 33-159 | 4.8 | 18-29 | 202 | 3 | 27 | 23-91 | 4.0 | 39-54 | 390 | 3 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 214 | 472-2167 | 4.6 | 171-307 | 2247 | 19 | 225 | 392-937 | 2.4 | 257-445 | 3123 | 40 | +3 |
| AVERAGES | 17.8 | 39-181 | 4.6 | 14-26 | 187 | 1.6 | 18.8 | 33-78 | 2.4 | 21-37 | 260 | 3.3 | 0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Auburn | +17 | 13-46 | L |
| Indiana St | NL | 56-10 | – |
| Georgia | +5 | 18-10 | W |
| at Florida | +29 | 10-28 | W |
| Tulane | -21 | 20-17 | L |
| Arkansas | +6 | 6-13 | L |
| Alabama | +6 | 9-23 | L |
| Vanderbilt | -12 | 21-10 | L |
| at Memphis | -2 | 34-3 | W |
| at LSU | +6' | 9-38 | L |
| at Mississippi St | +1' | 13-10 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Idaho St | NL | 38-14 | – |
| VMI | NL | 31-7 | – |
| Auburn | +10' | 28-45 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | -1 | 20-9 | W |
| at Tennessee | +23 | 3-41 | L |
| at Alabama | +13 | 0-37 | L |
| Arkansas St | -24 | 38-21 | L |
| at Arkansas | +5 | 7-13 | L |
| LSU | +11 | 7-39 | L |
| at Georgia | +13' | 31-27 | W |
| Mississippi St | +2' | 0-17 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| C Florida | -14 | 24-23 | L |
| SMU | -5 | 23-15 | W |
| at Auburn | +20' | 9-19 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -4 | 15-3 | W |
| at Tennessee | +26' | 17-31 | W |
| at LSU | +16 | 36-21 | W |
| Alabama | E | 20-29 | L |
| Arkansas | -10 | 19-9 | T |
| at Tulane | E | 41-24 | W |
| Georgia | +3' | 14-21 | L |
| at Mississippi St | E | 15-14 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Memphis | -10 | 30-10 | W |
| Auburn | -3 | 0-17 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | -7' | 30-6 | W |
| at SMU | -5' | 48-41 | W |
| S Carolina | -9' | 30-28 | L |
| at Alabama | +5' | 17-20 | W |
| Arkansas St | -26 | 30-17 | L |
| LSU | +10 | 37-31 | W |
| at Arkansas | +9 | 0-34 | L |
| at Georgia | +12 | 17-24 | W |
| Mississippi St | +6 | 6-28 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Memphis | -13' | 3-0 | L |
| Arkansas St | -32 | 38-14 | L |
| Vanderbilt | -16' | 34-37 | L |
| at Auburn | +4 | 24-17 | W |
| at S Carolina | -6' | 36-10 | W |
| Tulane | -12 | 20-13 | L |
| Alabama | +3 | 24-30 | L |
| at LSU | -4' | 42-23 | W |
| Arkansas | +1 | 38-16 | W |
| Georgia | -5' | 17-20 | L |
| at Mississippi St | +3' | 20-23 | W |

# MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Matt Wyatt was the MSU starting QB in both 96 & 97 but lost his job to promising rFr Wayne Madkin (PS#79) in 98. Madkin started the last 10 games and while completing just 46.5% of his passes he threw for 1,581 yards with an 11-10 ratio. Last year Madkin started 11 games (he missed one due to disciplinary reasons) and he improved his stats throwing for 2,060 yards (51.5%) with a 10-11 ratio. Madkin has a 15-6 record as a starting QB but was relieved many times at the end of the games and Wyatt led most of their comeback wins. Wyatt finished the year throwing for 530 yards (55.3%) with a 3-2 ratio and will be missed. I think Kevin Fant (6-2 204 rFr, PS#23) will be this year's co-QB. Fant has 4.6 speed, is strong and is a solid passer. Brandon Butler (6-0 196 So) was PS#70 and got in 5 pass attempts. Even though they will miss Wyatt coming out of the bullpen, they add some athleticism and Madkin should be improved in his third year as a starter.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Bulldogs had to replace a #2 DC in the NFL, James Johnson, who had rushed for 1,495 yards (5.8) in 98. They went to a TB by committee approach due in part to the numerous injuries that ravaged this position. Their top RB was true frosh Dontae Walker (PS#2) as expected. Walker, despite battling ankle injuries most of the year, rushed for 402 yards (4.7) and if he can stay healthy, should rival Johnson's stats from 98 this year. They lose starting TB Chris Rainey (10 sts, 232 yds) and backup FB Rod Gibson (89 yds). I list the rest of the 2 deep below, and they are solid. Justin Griffith was at TB in the spring but I think he strengthens the backfield at FB and he was the #2 receiver last year with 39 catches. Sherrill also signed 2 HT RB's this year (see Top Newcomers) and they will supply solid depth. This unit has more experience and talent than it did last year and as long as they stay healthy, this should be a much improved position.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Bulldogs had to replace all three starters and then their projected starting TE Terrence McCaskey (5 sts, 3 rec) missed most of the season due to injury. This year the losses are heavy again. They lose their top 2 WR's in Kelvin Love (12 sts, 44 rec) and Matthew Butler (7 sts, 29 rec) and TE McCaskey. Sherrill signed three of the top 60 WR's out of high school this year (see Top Newcomers) including Antonio Hargro (PS#20) who I project to play right away. He also added PS#90JUCO in Clarence Parker who had 31 rec at JC in 99. While this year's group is rather inexperienced, it probably has more raw athletic talent and could even be improved in the 2000 season.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Jackie Sherrill always likes to have a BIG O-line and this year's once again fits that description with the five projected starters averaging 318 lbs per man. Last year the O-line had just 1 returning starter in Pork Chop Womack but this year only two starters depart. Gone are RT Wes Shivers (12 sts, 2nd tm SEC, #7DC of TEN) and C Paul Mooney (12 sts). Everyone else returns from the 2 deep and Sherrill has 5 big time newcomers. Two JUCO's were in for the spring and were penciled in as 1st stringers and he has THREE VHT rFr. This is a much more experienced line with a great deal of added talent and I'll call it a solidly improved group in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Bulldogs had one of the top defensive lines in the country last year. Joe Lee Dunn uses a 5-2 scheme and I will list the DE's under the linebackers write-up but they do have defensive linemen. The losses are heavy from last year's 3 man interior as all 3 starters depart. Gone are DT Kevin Sluder (12 sts, 16 tfl), NG Alvin McKinley (11 sts, 59 tkls, 6 tfl, #4DC of CAR) and DT John Hilliard (12 sts, 54 tkls, 6 tfl, 8 pbu, #6DC of SEA). Dunn alternates linemen regularly so this year's starting front has plenty of experience. This group is not as deep as last year. If you look at the starting trio, all three were VHT JUCO's last year who came in and played well and should have by far their best seasons as seniors. My projected starting 3 also average over 300 lbs per man, perhaps the biggest D-line in the country. It is a very solid unit but as mentioned, not quite as deep as last year.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Bulldogs have just one true LB on the team but I will count the DE's and one of the DOG's in this spot. Last year they had to replace two of 4 starters and this year 3 are gone. They lose TSE Cornell Menafee (12 sts, 66 tkls, 9 tfl), DOG Tim Nelson (11 sts, 74 tkls, 10 tfl), LB Barrin Simpson (12 sts, 1st tm SEC, 112 tkl, 10 tfl) and OSE Bobby Pressley (5 sts, 16 tkls). Pig Prather shifts from FS to DOG so they basically have 2 starters returning but unlike last year the 2nd string concerns me at most of the positions. Also Barris Grant suffered torn knee ligaments in the spring and is now questionable for the fall. Sherrill also had more newcomers arriving last year and I'll call this unit weaker in 2000. Even though the unit is down a notch, if you look at the 4 starters they're all HT's or VHT's so this is still one of the stronger LB groups in the SEC.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Bulldogs have done an excellent job with veteran secondaries the last 3 years finishing #25 in 97 in my pass efficiency defense rankings, #21 in 98 and #9 last year. They allowed just 51% completions with 7 TD's and 20 int's. Last year's group had all 4 starters returning but CB Kendall Roberson was lost prior to the season. This year, with the move of Prather to DOG (LB type position), they have just one starter returning to the secondary but may gain Kendall Roberson back if the NCAA approves a sixth year for him. They must replace DOG (SS) Ashley Cooper (11 sts, 77 tkl, 19 tfl, 10 pbu, 1st tm SEC), CB Robert Bean (12 sts, 1st tm SEC, 1 int, 16 pbu, #5DC of CIN) as well as backup FS Kenzaki Jones (1 st, 23 tkl). If Roberson returns then 4 players are back with starting experience and Sherrill does have a couple of solid JUCO's to turn to both of whom were HT's out of HS in 98. Sherrill did land some solid true frosh including Bryan Shumaker, who is listed as a RB but is more likely play in the secondary. If Roberson is able to return this unit would still have top 10 potential but if he doesn't this unit definitely looks weaker.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This is always an area of strength under Coach Sherrill. They finished #7 in 96, #6 in 97 and #4 in 98. I thought they would contend for a top 10 spot again but surprisingly in a successful season like last year, they actually fell to #43. Super P Jeff Walker departs as MSU's all time leader at that position although his net slipped from a high of 41.3 in 97 to just 36.0 last year. MSU did not have their usual positive TD/blk ratio, even though they blocked 6 more punts. All the rest of the key players return including their top returnman Pig Prather who averaged a nifty 28.5 on 13 KR's. Scott Westerfield had an excellent year kicking, hitting 19 of 25 with a long of 51 including many game winning kicks. Despite the loss of their superstar P, MSU may actually head back towards the top of the rankings.

LT Pork Chop Womack

Do Pancakes and Pork Chops go together? Sherrill hopes so!

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dontae Walker** | 85 | 424 | 22 | 402 | 3 | 4.7 |
| **Dicenzo Miller** | 66 | 280 | 18 | 262 | 2 | 3.9 |
| Chris Rainey | 71 | 256 | 24 | 232 | 0 | 3.2 |
| **Justin Griffith** | 65 | 208 | 11 | 197 | 5 | 3.0 |
| **Wayne Madkin** | 56 | 188 | 152 | 36 | 1 | 0.6 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wayne Madkin** | 295 | 152 | 51.5 | 2060 | 10 | 11 |
| Matt Wyatt | 85 | 47 | 55.3 | 530 | 3 | 2 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kelvin Love | 44 | 854 | 19.4 | 3 | 78 |
| **Justin Griffith** | 39 | 394 | 10.1 | 2 | 58 |
| Matthew Butler | 29 | 348 | 12.0 | 2 | 44 |
| **Larry Huntington** | 18 | 212 | 11.8 | 0 | 25 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeff Walker | 62 | 2590 | 41.8 | - | 36.0 | 4 | - |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Scott Westerfield** | 4-5 | 6-7 | 8-12 | 1-1 | 19-25 | 51 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barrin Simpson | 112 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| **Pig Prather** | 81 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Ashley Cooper | 77 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 3 |
| Tim Nelson | 74 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| **Barris Grant** | 67 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Cornell Menafee | 66 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| **Conner Stephens** | 60 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| **Fred Smoot** | 59 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| Alvin McKinley | 59 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Kevin Sluder | 57 | 1 | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| John Hilliard | 54 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| Robert Bean | 52 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 1 |
| **Dorsett Davis** | 44 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pig Prather** | 20 | 136 | 6.8 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pig Prather** | 13 | 370 | 28.5 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**MID TENN ST -35' 40-7 LOSS** MS had 399 yds & MT just 106 midway thru the 4Q before gaining 111 garbage yds. MS had a 48 yd FG blk'd & the 1Q was 0-0 but MS got a 27 yd TD drive, 51 yd FG, 58 yd TD pass & foll a fmbl, scored a TD w/ :25 left, 23-0. It was 33-0 after 3Q. MS led 40-0 but MT got a TD on the last play for the backdoor cover.
**MEMPHIS -13' 13-10 LOSS** MS had a 196-44 yd edge in the 1H & led 10-0. Mem blk'd a punt & got a 23 yd TD drive. MS drove 72 yds but settled for a 22 yd FG. Mem drove 77 yds but settled for a 22 yd FG. Foll a MS fmbl they missed a 51 yd FG & their final drive ended on an int at midfield. MS finished w/ a 326-181 yd edge.
**OKLAHOMA ST -1 29-11 WIN** OSU had a pair of young QB's going against MSU's blitzing schemes & OSU managed just 12 FD's, 176 yds along w/6 TO's. MS scored on their first 3 poss & led 12-0 after 1Q. Foll a fmbl MS had a 54 yd TD run. OSU got a FG, 19-3. At half MS had a 205-101 yd edge. OSU missed a 39 yd FG & MS nailed a 47 yd FG early 4Q. OSU got back into it with a 46 yd int ret for a TD, 22-11 & got an int on the next play but missed a 34 yd FG. MS drove 80 yds for the clinching TD.
**S CAROLINA -13' 17-0 WIN** Misleading final. SC had 20-9 FD & 296-181 yd edges. MS led 3-0 after 1Q. MS ret'd an int 52 yds for a TD with :21 left in half, 10-0. SC drove 61 yds in 15 plays to open the 3Q but was SOD. MS got a 27 yd TD pass on 3rd & 14, 17-0. SC lost QB Petty. Crabb fired an int in MS terr. SC started drives at their 17, 1 and 3 in the 2H. SC's final drive got to the MS 25 but they ran out of time.
**AT VANDERBILT -5' 42-14 WIN** VU came in 3-1 but fmbl'd on the 1st play setting up a short MS TD (xpng). Late 1Q MS went on a 14 play drive that ate up 6:53 for a TD (2 ptng) 12-0. VU crossed the 50 just once in the 1H. MS added 47 & 34 yd FG's & a 78 yd TD pass to Love, 25-0. 32-0 in the 3Q. VU got 1 TD & then ret'd a fmbl 6 yds for a TD, 32-14. MS got a 3Q TD drive & the only 4Q score with a 29 yd FG. MS had a 454-158 yd edge.
**AT AUBURN -3 18-16 LOSS** AU got a 64 yd TD pass, 7-0. After blk'ing a punt, AU settled for a 19 yd FG. MS missed a 48 yd FG & AU led 10-0 at the half. A 53 yd int ret set up AU for a 36 yd FG & a 48 yd drive for a FG made it **16-0.** Wyatt came in for an inj'd Madkin & hit 17 of 29 for 209 yds. He led MS to a 33 yd FG. AU had a FD at the MS 33 but was SOD instead of trying a 45 yd FG. MS drove 67 yds for a TD w/ 2:28 left, 16-10. AU took an intentional safety on a punt. MS ret'd the free kick 40 yds & got a TD pass with :19 left but missed the 2 pt conv, 18-16. AU's final chance was int'd.
**LSU -15' 17-16 LOSS** LSU scored on their 1st 2 poss, 10-0. MS had a 132-106 yd edge at half & blk'd punt for a safety. They drove for a 31 yd FG foll the free kick, 10-5. MS blk'd another punt but was int'd in the EZ on the 1H's final play. MS drove 50 yds for a 3Q TD, 11-10 (2 ptng). LSU drove to the MS 28 but punted pinning MS at the 1. LSU blk'd a punt for a TD, 16-11 (2 ptng). MS went 60 yds in 13 plays. On 4th & 1 Gibson fell down at the 1 but was ruled in the EZ for a phantom TD with 1:39 left, 17-16 (2 ptng). LSU was int'd with :59 left & MS hung on for the controversial win.
**KENTUCKY -6' 23-22 LOSS** Thurs Night ESPN. MS had a 188-53 1H yd edge but somehow trailed 19-14. MS had TD drives of 89 & 51 yds but UK got a 25 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, 1 yd TD drive after a bad snap on a punt and a 38 yd TD drive after a short punt. UK got a 39 yd FG in the 3Q but MS drove 80 yds for a TD, 22-20 (2 ptng). With 7:00 left, MS rec'd a fmbl at the UK 25 but missed a 46 yd FG. UK got 2 FD's but punted with 1:30 left & MS drove for a 45 yd FG with :05 left to get the national TV win.
**AT ALABAMA +6 7-19 LOSS** Bama was w/o 3 def starters who were hurt the previous week but held MS to just 12 FD's & 232 yds. MS had an early punt blk'd which led to a Bama 40 yd FG. MS drove 70 yds for a TD but Bama answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 10-7. Bama was int'd at their own 41 late in the half but MS was int'd on the next play. In the 3Q Bama drove for a 32 yd FG foll an int. Bama later missed a 40 yd FG. Bama got a 37 yd TD pass with 6:04 left to get ahead of the spread. MSU's final drive got to midfield but ended in an int & Bama ended a 3 game losing streak in the series.
**AT ARKANSAS +7 9-14 WIN** MS had a 315-264 yd edge. MS got a 35 yd FG & UA missed a 35 yd FG. MS missed a 49 yd FG in the 2Q. UA drove 72 yds for a TD w/:21 left, 7-3. MS got a 42 yd FG late 3Q. UA got a 42 yd pass which set up a Cobbs TD run. MS settled for a 24 yd FG w/6:37 left. MSU's final drive was SOD at the Hog 21.
**MISSISSIPPI -3' 23-20 LOSS** UM had a 116-13 yd edge in a scoreless 1Q & got a 44 yd TD drive early 2Q. MS had a 332-165 yd edge after that. UM got a 32 yd FG after an int & MS drove 68 yds for a TD. UM got a 49 yd FG after a fmbl, 13-6 at half. UM got a short TD drive foll a fmbl, 20-6 after 3Q's. MS got a 71 yd drive for a TD w/ 12:49 left. MS fmbl'd on its own 35 but forced a punt w/ 2:10 left. MS tied it on 3rd & 3 with a 38 yd TD pass w/ just :27 left. UM was int'd & ret'd to the 27 & Westerfield's 44 yd FG w/ :04 left won it.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Jackie Sherrill is doing a great job here. In 1998 they played for the SEC Title for the first time in 57 years and won six SEC games for the first time. Last year they got off to an 8-0 start, the best in program history, and were in the national title chase at one point. They finished 1st in the country in total defense and rushing defense behind the amazing schemes of DC Joe Lee Dunn. They had a very young offense last year with just 2 returning starters and played conservatively as you would expect. They threw for 2,609 yards (the second most in school history) and won six SEC games again. MSU was fortunate in some aspects last year. They took on a soft schedule and did not have to face Florida, Georgia or Tennessee out of the SEC East for the second straight year. They also had four late comeback wins to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat vs Auburn, LSU, Kentucky and Ole Miss. They won all seven of their home games. At one point, MSU got to #8 in the country, its highest ranking since 1981. Last year they opened with four home games and this year surprisingly open with three road games including the unusual matchup vs BYU. Overall they have six road games and now pull Florida from the East. Two of their SEC home games are vs the elite teams (Bama and Florida) and the tougher schedule will cut down on their win total this year. This is a Top 25 caliber team in terms of talent but with just 9 starters back and a rough schedule Sherrill will have to do one of his better coaching jobs to get them their fourth straight winning season.

K Scott Westerfield headlines one of the SEC's top special teams units. DOG Pig Prather brings home the bacon as a KR, PR and a DOG.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| LB | Jason Clark 6-2 230 PS#22 |
| RB | Bryan Shumaker 5-8 185 PS#28 |
| WR | Antonio Hargro 6-4 185 PS#20 |
| WR | Ray Ray Bivines 6-0 165 PS#27 |
| RB | Marvin Vaughn 5-10 180 PS#67 |
| DL | Jadice Moore 6-4 265 PS#63 |
| WR | Jonathan Bell 6-0 180 PS#53 |
| OL | Courtney Lee 6-4 346 PS#29JC |
| LB | Robert Spivey 6-3 220 PS#96 |
| OL | David Stewart 6-7 285 PS#109 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB WAYNE MADKIN JR.** 6-4 216 *PS#79. 10 sts as rFr, 1581 yds (46.5%), 11-10, 189 yds rush. 11 sts in 99, 2060 yds (51.5%) with 10-11 ratio, 188 rush.*
**RB DONTAE WALKER SO.** 5-10 221 *PS#2RB in 99. #1 rusher as true, 402 yds (4.7) despite injuries. Dicenzo Miller (5-10 200 Jr) PS#43, 552 yds (4.6), 2 yrs.*
**FB JUSTIN GRIFFITH SO.** 5-11 221 *PS#54 in 98. Med reds. 12 sts as rFr, 197 yds (3.0) 39 rec (10.1). Kenny Williamson (6-2 244 Sr), 27 yds ly.*
**WR Antonio Hargro Fr.** 6-4 185 *PS#20. Larry Huntington (5-10 183 Sr) was PS#137JC, 1 st, 18 rec (11.8) here ly. Kelly Shumpert (6-0 182 rFr) PS#115.*
**WR Terrell Grindle So.** 5-10 177 *PS#66. 5 sts as true (inj), 14 rec (15.5). Justin Jenkins (6-1 204 rFr) PS#101. Clarence Parker (6-3 203 Jr) PS#90JC.*
**TE Aaron Lumpkin rFr.** 6-4 253 *PS#25 in 99. CJ Simmones (6-3 221 So) PS#128WR, 4 sts, 12 rec (13.2). Donald Lee (6-4 248 So) PS#88, 3 sts, 5 rec as true.*
**C MICHAEL FAIR SR.** 6-3 300 *4 gms as rFr, lettered. 3 sts at G in 98. 246 snaps. 12 sts at LG in 99. Tron Thomas (6-3 287 Sr) 1 st, 78 snaps ly, lettered.*
**RG Tommy Watson So.** 6-5 303 *PS#173JC, in for spring. Dominant run blocker. Kyle Wallace (6-5 293 So) PS#169OL, 10 gms in 99.*
**LG Courtney Lee Jr.** 6-4 346 *PS#29JC! In for spg. Donald Tucker (6-4 321 rFr) PS#46. 19 reps of 225 bench. Matt McRae (6-3 322 Sr), 2 letters.*
**RT KENRIC FAIRCHILD JR.** 6-4 314 *PS#130DL. 16 snaps as rFr. 11 sts in 99 (6 @ RT, 5 @ RG). Derrick Thompson (6-6 286 rFr) PS#16TE, +11 lbs.*
**LT PORK CHOP WOMACK SR.** 6-3 328 *3 gms as true. 13 sts at LT in 98, 12 sts at LT in 99. Eric Thompson (6-6 334 rFr) PS#57. Carl Hutchins PS#191.*
**K SCOTT WESTERFIELD SR.** 5-10 181 *Hit 19 of 32 FG's at JUCO. RS here in 98. Hit super 19 of 25 FG's in 99, long of 51, 2nd team SEC.*

**OSE CONNER STEPHENS JR.** 6-4 250 *PS#44DL. 2 sts at LB as true, 22 tkls. 7 sts in 99, 60 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl, 9 press. Rob Knight (6-1 227 Sr) 35 tkls, 5 tfl in 99.*
**RT Willie Blade Sr.** 6-2 312 *PS#43JC. 1 st here in 99, 30 tkls, 5 tfl, 6 press. Ellis Wyms (6-3 272 Sr) PS#251, 43 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl in 99.*
**NG Toby Golliday Sr.** 6-2 330 *PS#30JC, 10 gms here in 99, 25 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. Darius Brown (6-0 261 Sr), 3 tkls ly as JC trans. Jadice Moore is PS#63.*
**LT Dorsett Davis Jr.** 6-6 301 *PS#28OL in 97. PS#12JC in 99. 44 tkls here ly, 5 tfl, 3 pbu, 12 gms. Lennie Day (6-3 240 rFr) PS#27TE.*
**TSE Mario Haggan So.** 6-3 246 *PS#117DL, 18 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. Dwayne Robertson (6-0 215 Jr) PS#109JC, 5 tkls but RS ly. Cory Miley (6-3 250) PS#89DL.*
**LB Barris Grant Sr.** 6-1 235 *PS#15JC in 99. 67 tkls here, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Nick Floyd (6-0 206 So). Jason Clark is PS#22LB this yr.*
**DOG PIG PRATHER JR.** 6-3 191 *PS#49RB. 95 yds at RB as true. 11 sts at FS in 99, 81 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu, 3 tfl. Glen Thompson (5-11 213 So) PS#213LB.*
**CB FRED SMOOT SR.** 6-1 179 *PS#55JC in 99. 12 sts here, 1st tm SEC, 59 tkls, 4 tfl, 6 int, 9 pbu. Shawn Byrdsong (5-9 178 Jr) PS#85, 20 tkls, 2 yrs.*
**CB KENDALL ROBERSON SR.** 6-0 205 *9 sts in 96, 46 tkls, 5 pbu. 10 sts in 97, 4 int, 12 pbu. 8 sts in 99, 30 tkls, 6 pbu. Eugene Liger (6-0 198 Sr) PS#59JC, 3 tkls here ly.*
**DOG Eugene Clinton Sr.** 6-0 187 *PS#161. 1 st in 97, 26 tkls. 3 sts in 98, 31 tkls, 2 pbu. 1 st in 99, 3 int, 26 tkls. Dale Hall (5-9 180 Jr) PS#64 in 98 & JC trans.*
**FS Josh Morgan So.** 6-1 188 *PS#199QB. 1 st in 99, 34 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 23 tkls vs Ole Miss! Marco Minor (6-4 200 Jr) PS#40WR in 98, JC in 98 & 99 in for spring.*
**P Jon Michael Marlin Fr.** 5-10 155 *PS#25K. Avg 40+ ypp in high school. Most KO's through EZ, 51 yd FG. Prentiss Cole (6-4 208 Sr) JC transfer.*

# MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

Starkville, Mississippi
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score MSU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Memphis | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs have won 6 straight openers SU, avg margin 20 ppg. MSU is just 2-7 ATS vs Memphis under Sherrill. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: Miss St is 10-2 overall, 7-2 ATS for Sherrill in road openers. |
| Sep. 16 | at BYU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs are 10-2 ATS in the first of 2 or more away games. MSU is 21-13 ATS vs non-SEC foes since 1989. |
| Sep. 23 | at S Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miss St is 6-1 ATS L/7 facing the Gamecocks. Bulldogs are 8-12 ATS L/20 SEC openers but have covered 4 in a row. |
| Sep. 30 | Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | There have been no meetings for these two schools since 1993. MSU is 1-3 SU but 3-1 ATS L/4 including a 30-6 win as a 4' pt HD in '92. |
| Oct. 7 | Auburn | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs are 2-5 ATS the L/7 vs the War Eagle. MSU is 6-11 ATS prior to a bye week since 1992. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | at LSU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miss St is 3-9 ATS L/12, 1-7 ATS L/8 vs the Tigers. Pending the BYU result, MSU is 14-5 ATS after a bye under Sherrill, 0-2 LY. |
| Oct. 28 | Mid Tenn St (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MSU is 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS as a fav of 20 or more. For more info on the Blue Raiders, see Page 215. |
| Nov. 4 | at Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: MSU was 21-8 ATS as a road dog prior to this season. Despite a 1-3 mark LY, MSU is 17-9 ATS in November S/93. |
| Nov. 11 | Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 10-4 ATS in this series since 1986. Could apply here: Prior to 2000, MSU was 20-10 ATS L/7Y after a SU loss. |
| Nov. 18 | Arkansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MSU is 1-5 ATS L/6 Starkville finales. The underdog is 6-1 ATS the L/7 series meetings. |
| Nov. 25 | at Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bulldogs are 16-4 ATS away after two or more home games. The visitor is 5-1 SU & 6-0 ATS L/6 Golden Egg battles. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: Favorite is 8-4 ATS in this rivalry. |

## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Bulldogs play all of their regular season games on grass TY, but including the post season they are 11-5-1 ATS their L/17 turf games. MSU is 2-5 SU & ATS their L/7 bowl games and the SU winner in those games is 7-0 ATS.
Miss St is 4-1 ATS vs current Big 12 teams since 1991.

## STADIUM: SCOTT FIELD (40,656)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 3-6-2 | 8-3 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 8-4 | 9-2 | 43-33-2 |
| ATS | 6-5 | 8-3 | 4-7 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 8-3 | 4-7 | 41-36 |
| Home Fav | 1-4 | 3-0 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-0 | 2-5 | 13-18 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 5-5 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 8-5 |
| Away Dog | 3-1 | 1-0 | 3-2 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 15-7 |
| Favorite | 2-4 | 6-1 | 1-4 | 3-3 | 2-4 | 4-1 | 3-6 | 21-23 |
| Dog | 4-1 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 4-2 | 1-1 | 20-12 |
| Grass | 4-5 | 8-3 | 3-7 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 7-2 | 4-7 | 37-35 |
| Artificial | 2-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 4-1 |
| vs SEC | 5-3 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 8-1 | 3-5 | 32-25 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 9-11 |
| Off SU Win | 1-1 | 4-3 | 1-2 | 0-4 | 4-3 | 4-3 | 3-5 | 17-21 |
| Off SU Loss | 4-2 | 3-0 | 3-4 | 5-1 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 20-10 |

## Coach: JACKIE SHERRILL (Career 164-89-4)
### *Sherrill's records AT MISSISSIPPI STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10th Year at Mississippi St | | 19-21 | Home Favorite |
| 59-44-2 | Straight Up | 8-5 | Home Underdog |
| 55-44 | Vs The Spread | 9-9 | Away Favorite |
| 24-13 | Off A S/U Loss | 19-9 | Away Underdog |
| 41-31 | Vs SEC | 14-13 | Vs Non-SEC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | Liberty | -9 | Air Force | 15-38 | L |
| 92 | Peach | -1' | N Carolina | 17-21 | L |
| 94 | Peach | -6 | N Carolina St | 24-28 | L |
| 98 | Cotton | +6' | Texas | 11-38 | L |
| 99 | Peach | +3 | Clemson | 17-7 | W |

# MISSISSIPPI ST (10-2)

CONFERENCE: **SEC WEST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 6***
**DEFENSE: 3**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 44 (22,20,2)**
**Lost: 24 (11,12,1)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2* | 21.3 | 17 | 102 | 3.0 | 217 | 51.7 | 15.0 | +4 | 1999 | 7 | 13.0 | 15 | 68 | 1.9 | 168 | 50.9 | 18.2 |
| 8* | 26.9 | 16 | 165 | 4.2 | 155 | 46.0 | 11.9 | +3 | 1998 | 4 | 19.7 | 19 | 154 | 3.5 | 170 | 51.3 | 16.5 |
| 6 | 20.6 | 16 | 159 | 4.0 | 156 | 48.0 | 15.3 | -2 | 1997 | 6 | 19.6 | 19 | 111 | 3.3 | 227 | 57.4 | 17.3 |
| 7* | 22.6 | 17 | 159 | 3.9 | 168 | 45.7 | 14.4 | 0 | 1996 | 5 | 20.8 | 18 | 126 | 3.1 | 219 | 53.3 | 16.8 |
| 5 | 23.7 | 18 | 133 | 3.8 | 210 | 53.5 | 14.4 | -6 | 1995 | 3 | 32.5 | 23 | 211 | 4.6 | 226 | 63.8 | 13.5 |
| 10 | 31.1 | 19 | 190 | 4.3 | 180 | 50.4 | 11.9 | +13 | 1994 | 8 | 21.8 | 18 | 130 | 3.4 | 209 | 51.1 | 15.5 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Mid Tenn St | 18 | 41-145 | 3.5 | 18-29 | 254 | 0 | | 14 | 30-34 | 1.1 | 21-36 | 183 | 1 | +1 |
| Memphis | 16 | 41-161 | 3.9 | 13-25 | 156 | 0 | | 12 | 34-101 | 3.0 | 10-22 | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Oklahoma St | 21 | 37-182 | 4.9 | 10-28 | 181 | 3 | | 12 | 42-81 | 1.9 | 15-27 | 95 | 8 | 0 |
| S Carolina | 9 | 31-88 | 2.8 | 9-16 | 93 | 3 | | 20 | 50-116 | 2.3 | 13-28 | 180 | 2 | +2 |
| at Vanderbilt | 21 | 42-144 | 3.4 | 15-26 | 310 | 3 | | 12 | 32-32 | 1.0 | 14-23 | 139 | 6 | +1 |
| at Auburn | 18 | 23-42 | 1.8 | 25-49 | 320 | 3 | | 9 | 42-39 | 0.9 | 7-28 | 125 | 3 | -2 |
| LSU | 16 | 42-86 | 2.0 | 14-33 | 174 | 0 | | 17 | 31-42 | 1.4 | 14-27 | 165 | 1 | 0 |
| Kentucky | 18 | 35-70 | 2.0 | 18-35 | 264 | 4 | | 14 | 31-(-13) | -0.4 | 28-44 | 189 | 5 | +1 |
| at Alabama | 12 | 22-24 | 1.1 | 19-34 | 208 | 2 | | 15 | 37-93 | 2.5 | 18-34 | 222 | 2 | -2 |
| at Arkansas | 18 | 28-75 | 2.7 | 23-42 | 240 | 3 | | 16 | 29-80 | 2.8 | 19-34 | 184 | 0 | 0 |
| Mississippi | 17 | 25-112 | 4.5 | 20-34 | 233 | 1 | | 16 | 45-131 | 2.9 | 13-27 | 150 | 1 | -2 |
| Clemson (Bowl) | 16 | 33-89 | 2.7 | 17-38 | 176 | 1 | | 24 | 34-85 | 2.5 | 25-56 | 306 | 4 | +5 |
| TOTALS | 200 | 400-1218 | 3.0 | 201-389 | 2609 | 23 | | 181 | 437-821 | 1.9 | 197-386 | 2018 | 33 | +4 |
| AVERAGES | 16.7 | 33-102 | 3.0 | 17-32 | 217 | 1.9 | | 15.1 | 36-68 | 1.9 | 16-32 | 168 | 2.8 | 0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Memphis | -11' | 28-18 | L |
| LSU | -5' | 16-34 | L |
| at Baylor | +6' | 30-21 | W |
| at Tennessee | +12 | 14-52 | L |
| NE Louisiana | -22 | 32-34 | L |
| at Auburn | +17 | 20-48 | L |
| S Carolina | E | 39-65 | L |
| Kentucky | -3' | 42-32 | W |
| at Arkansas | +11' | 21-26 | W |
| at Alabama | +12 | 9-14 | W |
| Mississippi | -1' | 10-13 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Memphis | -4 | 31-10 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | -18 | 23-38 | L |
| at S Carolina | +1' | 14-10 | W |
| Georgia | +3' | 19-38 | L |
| Auburn | +11 | 15-49 | L |
| at LSU | +19 | 20-28 | W |
| NE Louisiana | -20 | 59-0 | W |
| at Kentucky | -5' | 21-24 | L |
| Alabama | +12' | 17-16 | W |
| Arkansas | -6 | 13-16 | L |
| at Mississippi | -2' | 17-0 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Memphis | -10 | 13-10 | L |
| Kentucky | -5' | 35-27 | W |
| LSU | +10 | 9-24 | L |
| S Carolina | +3 | 37-17 | W |
| at Georgia | +11 | 0-47 | L |
| NE Louisiana | -17 | 24-10 | L |
| C Florida | -4' | 35-28 | W |
| at Auburn | +17 | 20-0 | W |
| at Alabama | +3 | 32-20 | W |
| at Arkansas | -5' | 7-17 | L |
| Mississippi | -1 | 14-15 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vanderbilt | -13 | 42-0 | W |
| at Memphis | -10' | 14-6 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | +1 | 23-42 | L |
| at S Carolina | +2' | 38-0 | W |
| Auburn | -1 | 38-21 | W |
| E Tenn St | NL | 53-6 | – |
| at LSU | +8 | 6-41 | L |
| at Kentucky | +7' | 35-37 | W |
| Alabama | -3 | 26-14 | W |
| Arkansas | +3 | 22-21 | W |
| at Mississippi | -6 | 28-6 | W |
| † Tennessee | +14' | 14-24 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mid Tenn St | -33' | 40-7 | L |
| Memphis | -13' | 13-10 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -3 | 29-11 | W |
| S Carolina | -13' | 17-0 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -5' | 42-14 | W |
| at Auburn | -3 | 18-16 | L |
| LSU | -15' | 17-16 | L |
| Kentucky | -6' | 23-22 | L |
| at Alabama | +6 | 7-19 | L |
| at Arkansas | +7 | 9-14 | W |
| Mississippi | -3' | 23-20 | L |

# MISSOURI TIGERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Replacing a star like Corby Jones is never an easy task and the Tigers struggled at this position without him last year. Smith went to an alternating QB scheme splitting time between Kirk Farmer (6-5 213, PS#69) and Jim Dougherty (PS#34). They proved to be a nice compliment to each other and the Tigers got off to a 3-1 start until Farmer was lost for the year with a broken leg early vs Iowa St. Farmer ran a 4.56 in the spring and should be 100% this fall. Dougherty took 100% of the snaps for the next 3 games but was not as much of a threat on the run at just 192 lbs. Smith decided to take the redshirt off Justin Gage (PS#75) in the final 3 games and Gage logged the majority of his time in the final two outings. Gage moved to WR in the spring. Farmer and Dougherty will have to fight off Darius Outlaw (6-4 193, PS#67) who was recruited as the heir apparent to Jones but didn't have the test scores to be eligible last year. He did a great job with the scout team and the coaches are high on him but he struggled to grasp the new offense in the spring and was clearly #3. Many times last year Smith did not run the option which WAS the staple of the offense. Missouri is implementing a new offense that relies more heavily on the pass than in year's past. This year's group is deeper and much more experienced and I look for vastly improved numbers no matter who emerges as the starter.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Larry Smith usually does a good job of developing RB's in this system. There have not been very many HT's on the roster but players like Devon West (1,703 yds in 98, 5.4) have emerged and had great careers. Last year with the instabilities at QB and O-line, the TB's did not come close to West's numbers. DeVaughn Black had 9 starts and 740 yds (4.4) but he departs. Zain Gilmore had just two starts but led the team with 764 yards (4.1). He got bigger (222 lbs) in the offseason but still has 4.4 speed. I list 2 TB's below that also should contend for the feature role. The FB position looks solid and I list the top 2 below. Also in the mix is T.J. Leon (6-0 225 So) who had 2 starts and 96 total yards. FB Dan Davis is a rare VHT for here and could end up becoming the feature back. This unit is a lot more experienced than the 99 edition, has added talent and will be improved.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Tigers lost their starting TE to graduation and then lost 2 WR's just prior to the year. This year both starting WR's depart in Kent Layman (11 sts, 16 rec, 17.6) and Kareem Wise (9 sts, #2 w/29 rec, 10.9). The top receiver last year was true frosh Travis Garvin who had almost double the yards as the next closest WR and he should thrive in the starter's role. John Dausman, who was a starter in 98, also returns from a knee injury. Backing up my deep 2 is Brandon Barnes (6-4 210 rFr, PS#158) who has intriguing size. Smith also signed THREE HT true frosh who could play immediately. TE Blakley was the 4th leading receiver and his backup also returns. Smith also signed two HT true frosh TE's. They are going to use the TE's in the passing game more this year. Justin Gage (6-5 200) also moves to WR from QB, bringing solid size and he also supplies a threat for double passes. Smith feels this unit is a strength of the offense and one of the reasons they will pass more this year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This group was very young in 1999 with just one returning starter in C Rob Riti. Another returnee, OG Jeff Hellerstedt, quit the team in August. The starting lineup featured 3 soph's and a junior. The 2nd string had 2 frosh and 2 soph's. This year the only loss is super C Riti (4 yr st'r, 1st tm AA) who was 1st team Big 12 two years in a row. Smith has shuffled some of the players around to open the way for a pair of VHT's to take over the G spots. It is surprising to see but Smith has a total of FIVE VHT's in the two deep. This unit has solid experience, size (avg 308 lbs) and pedigree and should be one of the Big 12's best offensive fronts. They are, however, learning new schemes and gave up 13 and 10 sacks in a pair of scrimmages this past spring.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - This is the biggest D-line Missouri has had since Larry Smith arrived and is highlighted by their star DE Justin Smith who gets better every year. Last year they had to replace just one starter from the front wall. This year 2 depart in DT Steve Erickson (11 sts, 3rd tm Big 12, 37 tkls) and NT Jeff Marriott (11 sts, HM Big 12, 8 tfl, #5DC of NE). In 99 Pat Mingucci was injured and was not the same down the stretch and a healthy return is a positive. Smith signed 2 HT true frosh and also brings in a top notch JUCO. DT Daniel McCamy was starting at Bandit OLB last year and moves to the line so basically 3 starters return. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Daryl Whittington (6-6 246 Sr) who has 18 tkls in 3 years. Despite the losses, this group looks stronger this season.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Tigers had to replace two starters last year and then VHT LB Michael Clay (PS#11) got kicked off the team. This year they lose SLB Barry Odom (11 sts, 113 tkls, 10 tfl) to graduation and Daniel McCamy to the DL. Sean Doyle was a VHT true frosh (PS#32) that took over at the end of the last season and had 34 tkls. Jamonte Robinson has had a very productive first 2 years here. Smith signed another couple of top notch true frosh who could play immediately. More than likely you'll see immediate action out of a pair of top notch JUCO's in Antwaun Bynum and Sean Ain. I project Bynum overtaking Duffy at OLB. This group has more experience and with added talent from last year should be solidly improved.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Tigers were very young in this area in 99 and after finishing #59 in my pass defense rankings in 98 they slipped a little to #68 last year. They allowed 54.4% with a 16-10 ratio despite having 3 new starters. The CB's were shuffled during the year and overall 5 players return with starting experience. The only loss this year is CB Carlos Posey (9 sts, 28 tkl, 4 pbu). I like the CB's in Curry and Hollinquest who both have good speed and decent size. The safeties are also well stocked in Julian Jones who was 3rd team Big 12 last year despite not being 100% due to an injured shoulder. He is healthy now. Smith likes speed in the secondary and has plenty of it this year once again. This looks to be a very solid secondary.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Larry Smith needs to work on this area. Their best finish in the last five years was #69 in 1998. Last year the unit fell all the way down to #110. They were poor in a lot of areas and their -4 in the TD/blk category does not include numerous bad snaps in which they were not able to get off the punt. This has been a recurring problem in the Smith era and perhaps he puts too much pressure on his long snappers, punters and kickers. He has said that this year the snapper will have no blocking assignments, they will just simply have to snap the ball, so perhaps that will help. One area did improve last year and that was FG kicking. After a 1998 season in which they were reluctant to attempt many FG's, Brad Hammerich hit 9 of 14 with a long of 48 and one of his misses was from 50+. P Jared Gilpin is back and should improve in his second year especially if the long snapping is not the adventure it was last year. At one point last season, Smith had 7 defensive starters playing on the special teams but that only helped to wear down the defense at year's end. Hopefully the depth has been improved this year and if so, this group has the possibility of moving up to the middle of the rankings in 2000.

DE Justin Smith had 8 sacks & 8 tfl's in a solid 1999 campaign.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Zain Gilmore | 188 | 801 | 37 | 764 | 6 | 4.1 |
| DeVaughn Black | 169 | 775 | 35 | 740 | 2 | 4.4 |
| Joe Chirumbolo | 15 | 86 | 5 | 81 | 1 | 5.4 |
| Kirk Farmer | 31 | 122 | 42 | 80 | 2 | 2.6 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Jim Dougherty | 219 | 109 | 49.8 | 1304 | 4 | 7 |
| Kirk Farmer | 78 | 36 | 46.2 | 513 | 9 | 5 |
| Justin Gage | 41 | 14 | 34.1 | 138 | 2 | 3 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Travis Garvin | | 36 | 608 | 16.9 | 2 | 43 |
| Kareem Wise | | 29 | 316 | 10.9 | 0 | 23 |
| Eric Spencer | | 28 | 265 | 9.5 | 3 | 28 |
| Dwayne Blakely | | 22 | 235 | 10.7 | 6 | 29 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Jared Gilpin | 62 | 2398 | 38.7 | - | 30.7 | 2 | 10 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Brad Hammerich | 2-2 | 2-2 | 5-9 | 0-1 | 9-14 | 48 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barry Odom | 113 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| Jamonte Robinson | 108 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 0 |
| Justin Smith | 92 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Julian Jones | 91 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Clarence Jones | 70 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Pat Duffy | 53 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Cedric Harden | 38 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Danny McCamy | 37 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Steve Erickson | 37 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeff Marriott | 37 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Sean Doyle | 34 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Andre Roberson | 34 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Carlos Posey | 28 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Arty Johnson | 24 | 180 | 7.5 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Ricardo Rhodes | 19 | 376 | 19.8 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**ALABAMA-BIRM -21' 31-28 LOSS** MO had a 204-121 yd edge in the 1H & led 17-14 w/ each team blk'ing a punt for a TD. MO drove 29 yds for a TD foll a UAB fmbl early 3Q. UAB drove 57 yds but missed a 32 yd FG. UAB blk'd a punt for a TD, 24-21. RB Black had 10 straight carries & MO drove 80 yds for a TD, 31-21. UAB got a 70 yd run to set up a TD w/ 1:36 left, 31-28. MO rec'd the onside kick & finished w/ a 27-15 FD edge.

**W MICHIGAN -12' 48-34 WIN** Mizzou had 33-22 FD & 560-423 yard edges. MO led 21-7 when WM got a TD but MO quickly drove & scored a TD with 1:12. MO then got an int & added a 22 yd FG, 24-13 at half. MO got a 48 yd FG. WM dropped a TD pass & then was SOD. WM drove 81 yds in 2 plays for a TD. Each team got 2 more TD's with MO leading by at least 14 the rest of the way.

**NEBRASKA +17 10-40 LOSS** I used a 3★ Late Phone Selection on NU & they dominated. MO's 1st 2 poss were 3 & outs & each time the snap sailed over the P's head (NU safety, TD drive), 9-0. After an exchange of int's NU drove 31 yds for a TD. Both teams got FG's, 19-3. NU got a 53 yd TD pass to open the 2H & drove 30 yds for a TD foll a fmbl. NU was SOD at the MO 3 but drove 42 yds for a TD in the 4Q. NU had a 476-87 yd edge until MO's final 2 garbage drives, one of which went for a TD.

**AT MEMPHIS -2' 27-17 WIN** Mem fmbl'd the opening KO & MO got a TD. MO got a 34 yd FG, was SOD at the 1 & missed a 45 yd FG but added a FG w/ :23 left, 13-0. At the half MO had a 201-35 yd edge. Mem got a 47 yd FG & drove 44 yds for a TD, 13-10. Mem was in MO terr again but QB Anglin was sk'd, fmbl'd & inj'd. MO drove 35 yds for a TD. Mem went 3 & out & MO put it away w/ a 64 yd TD drive. Mem got a 69 yd, 16 play drive for a TD w/ 4:40 left but MO rec'd the onside kick. Mem had 4 TO's.

**AT COLORADO (OT) +12 39-46 WIN** CU ret'd the KO for a TD. CU missed a 34 yd FG & drove 90 yds for a TD, 13-0 (xpng). The Tigers got a safety & drove 50 & 65 yards for TD's (both 2 ptng), 14-13. Both teams got FG's, 17-16. In the 3Q CU got a safety on a bad snap on a MO punt, 18-17. MO blk'd a punt setting up a TD (+2pt conv), 25-18. CU drove 80 yds for a TD on a drive kept alive by a roughing the QB on 3rd & 15 & a fake FG. CU ret'd an int to the MO 1 (TD) & then ret'd one for a TD, 39-25 w/ 4:11 left. MO drove 88 yds for a TD, rec'd the onside & drove 46 yds for a TD w/ 1:43 left. CU missed a 53 yd FG on the final play. CU got a TD in their OT poss & on 4th & 13 MO was int'd. The Tigers lost despite a 527-407 yd edge.

**IOWA ST -7' 21-24 LOSS** After a fmbl at ISU's 5 on their 1st drive, MO went 80 & 24 yards for TD's. ISU had a pair of 47 yd TD drives, 14-14 at half. MO fmbl'd on its opening 3Q poss & ISU drove 32 yds for a TD, 21-14. After ISU was int'd, MO was SOD at the 2. ISU had a 72 yd drive for a 43 yd FG with 5:05 left. MO went 17 plays for a TD with 2:04 left. ISU recovered the onside kick & punted. MO started at their own 10 w/:54 left but only got to midfield & the Cyclones held on for their 1st Big 12 road win since 1991.

**AT KANSAS -8 0-21 LOSS** KU switched up their defense, using more zone blitz. KU's offense barely moved with the exception of 3 plays. MO was w/o QB Farmer & Dougherty (less of an option threat) hit 13 of 30. KU's weak rush D shut down MO allowing just 44 yds. KU got a 62 yd TD pass in the 1Q. In the 2Q KU got back to back 31 & 23 yd runs by Norris, the 2nd for a TD, 14-0. KU had only 4 plays in MO terr in the 1H. In the 4Q KU got a TD after a 15 yd MO punt. MO also missed 3 FG's.

**TEXAS TECH -1 34-7 WIN** MO dominated. TT got an 86 yd fmbl ret for a TD but did not get a FD until its final drive of the half. At one point MO had a 211-6 yd edge. MO led 20-7 at half. MO continued to dominate in the 2H w/ a 3Q TD & then a 77 yd, 19 play drive that ate up 10:23 of the 4Q. MO finished w/ a 403-169 yd edge.

**AT OKLAHOMA +11 0-37 LOSS** OU was a 4★ winner in Power Sweep. OU hit an early 25 yd FG & drove 55 yards for a TD, 10-0 in the 1Q. After MO missed a 42 yard FG, OU had a FG blk'd & missed a 41 yard FG. Despite a 242-135 yard edge, OU led just 10-0 at half. OU got a 24 yd TD drive foll a 40 yard PR & then an 11 yard TD drive foll an int. OU got a 79 yard PR for a TD but then missed their 4th FG. OU drove 65 yards for a TD w/ backup QB Fletcher at the helm. MO's final garbage drive ended at the OU 15.

**TEXAS A&M +7 14-51 LOSS** A&M opened w/a 70 yd drive for a TD that ate up 1/2 the 1Q and it was 7-0 at half w/ just 11 FD's combined. A&M got a 39 yd TD pass & a 30 yd drive for a TD foll a MO fmbl. They added a 51 yd TD drive & a 32 yd FG. They drove 46 yds for a TD foll an int to lead 37-0. After an exchange of TD's, A&M added a 70 yd int ret for a TD. MO got a garbage TD w/ 1:36 left. A&M had a 455-248 yd edge.

**AT KANSAS ST +26 0-66 LOSS** MO was shut out for the 3rd time in 5 games & committed 6 TO's. KSU scored on their 1st 5 poss. KSU HC Snyder did not want to roll the score up & only allowed 8 passes, including one by 3rd string QB Milne who played the entire 2H.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

The Tigers had one of the top teams in the country in the 1960's as they were ranked in the final Top 12 a total of six times. They had 9 more winning seasons between 1970-83. A streak of 13 consecutive losing seasons was finally overturned in Larry Smith's 4th year. In 1997 & 1998 the Tigers had winning seasons, went to bowl games and three of their 8 losses were to the #1 ranked team in the country. Last year I called it a rebuilding year and it was just that. The Tigers went from 8-4 to 4-7. Missouri opened the 1999 season at 3-1 but lost 6 of their last 7 games and their final 3 road games were all shutout losses. Twenty six of the top 44 players were frosh or sophomores. Three QB's struggled to replace Corby Jones and after their best option QB, Kirk Farmer, went down to injury, Missouri was outscored 206-55 in the final five games. The Tigers gave up an amazing 12 TD's (84 points) on defensive scores or special teams plays. They also gave up 2 safeties on special teams and 12 TD drives of less than 35 yds (set up by special teams or turnovers). Smith called last year's defense the most experienced and deepest he had here. While they went from allowing 19.7 ppg to 33.7 the team only gave up 350 ypg and actually allowed less FD's. This year they have 8 starters back on defense and will be much tougher especially in the ppg allowed. The offense's ineptness put them in trouble many times. They are drastically changing the offense to a pass based unit with their offensive coordinator from Western Michigan. Smith is a "3 yards and a cloud of dust" kind of guy so this is a big change. Last year's offense was feeble and even with the big change, I see this team as being more potent. They do face Clemson, Mich St and Texas outside of the North division as well as Neb & Kan St. That means the other 6 games on the schedule are all must wins to get back to the postseason but they could be favored in as many as 5 so it is not out of the question.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| QB | Cody Buford | 6-3 225 PS#39 |
| WR | Shirdonya Mitchell | 6-0 175 PS#47 |
| OL | Micah Minshall | 6-3 280 PS#71 |
| OL | Milton Phifer | 6-2 265 PS#73 |
| QB | Kevin Johnson | 6-3 200 PS#52 |
| LB | James Kinny | 6-2 215 PS#98 |
| WR | Octavius Jackson | 5-10 160 PS#75 |
| TE | Terrell Mills | 6-4 220 PS#41 |
| DL | Phil Pitts | 6-4 270 PS#113 |
| WR | Joseph Bruce | 5-10 180 PS#99 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB KIRK FARMER SO.** 6-5 213 *513 yds (46%). Option QB.* ***Jim Dougherty*** *(6-4 192 Jr) PS#34. 11 sts in 99. 1304 yds (50%), 4-7 ratio.* ***Darius Outlaw*** *is PS#67.*

**RB ZAIN GILMORE JR.** 6-1 222 *2 sts in 99, #1 w/764 yds (4.1). Size & 4.4 speed. Ricardo Rhodes (5-6 185 Sr) was PS#83. Zack Abron (5-10 232 rFr) PS#198.*

**FB DAN DAVIS rFR.** 6-2 242 *PS#21 in 99! 2585 yds, 34 TD's as Sr in HS, 11.0 ypc. Joseph Chirumbolo (6-2 236 So) PS#208. 6 sts as true, 143 total yds.*

**WR Travis Garvin So.** 6-1 180 *PS#244, orig signed at Tulane. 4.39 spd & great hands. #1 rec as backup w/36 rec (16.9). Eric Spencer (5-10 170 Jr) 28 rec (9.5).*

**WR John Dausman Sr.** 6-1 180 *4.39 speed. Trans from NW MO St. 5 sts in 98, 21 rec (19.4). Torn ACL in 99. Brandon Severino (6-3 195 rFr) PS#99.*

**TE DWAYNE BLAKLEY JR.** 6-4 263 *PS#104. 2 sts as rFr, 6 rec (11.8). 11 sts in 99, #4 w/22 rec (10.7). HM Big 12. Brandon Ford (6-3 255 Jr) PS#36, 8 rec, 2Y.*

**C MIKE HAYES JR.** 6-3 292 *PS#333. 2nd string in 98, 11 sts at RG in 99. Chris Ryan (6-3 294 Jr) 2nd string in 99. Scott Sells (6-4 264 rFr) PS#33.*

**RG A.J. Ricker rFr.** 6-5 287 *PS#61OL. 2nd string OG as true. +13 lbs. Adrian Cole (6-4 330 Jr) PS#66DL. 2nd string in both 98 & 99.*

**LG Robert Droege rFr.** 6-6 288 *PS#23. 2nd string as true but still reds. Rusty Groth (6-4 270 rFr) PS#250. JP Hall (6-4 271 So), DL in 98.*

**RT JUSTIN BLAND JR.** 6-6 346 *PS#13. 2nd string & lett'd as true. 11 sts in 99, +26 lbs but quick feet. Wes Wilson (6-4 302 So) PS#52, 450 bench.*

**LT AARON CRITTENDON JR.** 6-5 325 *PS#117. 1 st as rFr. 11 sts ly despite foot inj.* ***Joe Glauberman*** *(6-3 272 Sr), 11 sts in 99, 2 letters. 700 lb squat.*

**K BRAD HAMMERICH JR.** 6-3 190 *PS#41 in 98. KO's as true, miss 56 yd FG. Hit 9 of 14 in 99, long of 48, 5 of 9 from 40-49. 1 miss from 50+. Also did KO's.*

**DE JUSTIN SMITH JR.** 6-5 265 *PS#36DL. 12 sts, 91 tkls, 13 tfl as true. 11 sts in 99, 1st tm Big 12, 92 tkls, 8 sks, 8 tfl. Keith Wright (6-4 265 Jr) PS#107JC.*

**NT PAT MINGUCCI SR.** 6-2 269 *PS#230. 3 sts, 26 tkls, 8 tfl in 98, 5 sts at DG in 99, 18 tkls til inj.* ***950 squat.*** *Jermarcus Joshua (6-1 303 rFr) PS#96.*

**DG Cedric Harden So.** 6-3 298 *Big & 4.8 speed. 5 sts as rFr, 38 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. Howard Brown (6-3 285 rFr) was PS#96. Phil Pitts is PS#112.*

**DT DANIEL McCAMY SR.** 6-3 261 *38 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. 4.75 speed. 37 tkls, 4 tfl in 99. Michael Gavins (6-8 298 Jr) had 1 st in 99, 18 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu.*

**OLB Antwaun Bynum Jr.** 6-2 235 *PS#139JC. 15 sks at JC ly. Pat Duffy (6-1 225 Sr) PS#261, 3 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 6 tfl. James Kinny is PS#98.*

**SLB Sean Doyle So.** 6-0 226 *PS#34, 2 sts, 34 tkls as true, 1 tfl. Sean Ain (6-1 215 So) PS#163JC. Duke Reyard (6-3 230 Jr) PS#173, 11 tkls, 2 yrs.*

**WLB JAMONTE ROBINSON JR.** 6-2 203 *#3 as true w/87 tkls, 6 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 108 tkls, 12 tfl, HM Big 12. David Monroe (6-0 230 Jr) PS#96JC, 17 tkls here ly.*

**CB TERRENCE CURRY SO.** 5-11 180 *PS#75DB. 4.35 speed! 3 sts as true, 6 tkls, 1 tfl. Antoine Duncan (5-10 175 So) 8 tkls as rFr & 4.4 speed.*

**CB Larry Hollinquest Sr.** 6-0 188 *PS#103. Orig signed at TCU, JC in 98. 2 sts LY, 11 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu, 4.4 speed. Andre Roberson (5-10 169 Sr)* ***9 sts,*** *5 pbu LY.*

**SS CLARENCE JONES JR.** 6-1 195 *PS#65. 7 tkls as true. 11 sts in 99, #5 w/ 70 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Gary Anthony (6-0 195 So) 5 tkls in 7 gms as true.*

**FS JULIAN JONES SR.** 5-11 192 *610 squat, 31 tkls as rFr. 50 tkls in 98, 4 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 3rd tm B12, not 100% ly. Brandon Williams (6-3 174 rFr) 4.5 speed.*

**P JARED GILPIN JR.** 5-10 180 *2 punts in 98, 42.0. 62 punts in 99, solid 38.7 avg but net of only 30.7. Alex St. Peter (6-0 188 So) was PS#63K.*

# MISSOURI TIGERS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score MO | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mizzou is 26-15-1 ATS overall L/42 on grass.<br>MO is 3-0 SU & ATS vs MAC schools.<br>Tigers are 3-10-1 ATS L/14 vs Oklahoma.<br>Missouri has lost 37 straight games SU vs Top 10 teams, with the last win coming over Mississippi State in 1981. |
| Sep. 2 | W Illinois | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Missouri has played just 3 "NL" games since '84; they are 3-0 SU. The Leathernecks play in the Gateway Conf & were 7-4 SU LY. |
| Sep. 9 | at Clemson | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MO is 8-3 ATS L/11 non-conference games. The Big 12's Tigers are 2-5 ATS L/7 road openers. |
| Sep. 16 | Michigan St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Missouri is 1-4 ATS prior to a bye week. Tigers are 6-3 ATS L/9 first lined home games. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Under Coach Smith, MO is 27-18-1 ATS in Big 12 Play, but was 2-6 LY. |
| Sep. 30 | at Nebraska | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mizzou is 7-4 ATS L/11 on artificial turf, but 0-2 LY. Tigers are 11-20-2 ATS as a DD away dog. |
| Oct. 7 | Oklahoma St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | If they are getting points here...MO is 17-11 ATS L/27 as a HD. Tigers have not suffered letdown, as they are 5-1 ATS L/6 after Nebraska. |
| Oct. 14 | Kansas (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Oldest rivalry west of the Mississippi: MO is 50-49-9 SU. Missouri is 8-4 ATS L/12 as a conference favorite. |
| Oct. 21 | at Texas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might apply here: Tigers are 16-25-1 ATS L/42 off a SU win. Tigers are 6-2 ATS L/8 away on grass. |
| Oct. 28 | at Iowa St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite a 2-4 mark LY, MO is 23-11 ATS off a SU loss under Smith. Missouri is 7-1-1 ATS under Smith in their second straight road game. |
| Nov. 4 | Colorado | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 14-5 ATS L/19 November games but were 0-3 LY. The home team is 10-6 ATS the L/16 in this series. |
| Nov. 11 | at Baylor | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tigers are 9-5 ATS L/14 road finales. Mizzou is 5-12-1 ATS L/18 sandwiched road games. |
| Nov. 18 | Kansas St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Missouri is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS the L/5 years vs KSU. They have been shutout twice & held under 12 pts twice in that span. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Tigers have covered 5 of their L/8 home finales. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM AT FAUROT FIELD (68,174)**
**PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS**

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 3-7-1 | 3-8-1 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 4-7 | 32-44-2 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 6-5-1 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 8-3 | 9-1 | 4-7 | 42-34-1 |
| Home Fav | 1-2 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 12-10 |
| Home Dog | 1-1 | 2-3 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 9-9 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 4-1 |
| Away Dog | 2-4 | 3-1-1 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 1-2 | 17-14-1 |
| Favorite | 1-2 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 4-0 | 4-1 | 3-3 | 16-11 |
| Dog | 3-5 | 5-4-1 | 3-3 | 5-4 | 4-3 | 5-0 | 1-4 | 26-23-1 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0-1 | 3-3 | 4-5 | 5-1 | 7-1 | 4-5 | 23-15-1 |
| Artificial | 4-7 | 6-5 | 2-3 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 2-0 | 0-2 | 19-19 |
| vs Conf | 3-4 | 4-2-1 | 4-3 | 4-4 | 6-2 | 7-1 | 2-6 | 30-22-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 12-12 |
| Off SU Win | 0-3 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 3-3 | 6-1 | 2-2 | 12-16 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-4 | 6-2 | 4-4 | 5-1 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 2-4 | 25-15 |

**Coach: LARRY SMITH** (Career 139-118-7)
***Smith's records AT MISSOURI***

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7th Year at Missouri | | 11-8 | Home Favorite |
| 29-38-1 | Straight Up | 8-8 | Home Underdog |
| 38-27-1 | Vs The Spread | 4-1 | Away Favorite |
| 23-11 | Off A S/U Loss | 15-10-1 | Away Underdog |
| 27-18-1 | Vs Conf | 11-9 | Vs Non-Conf |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | Liberty | -4' | Purdue | 25-28 | L |
| 81 | Tangerine | +3 | S Mississippi | 19-17 | W |
| 83 | Holiday | +2' | BYU | 17-21 | L |
| 97 | Holiday | +3' | Colorado St | 24-35 | L |
| 98 | Insight.com | -3' | W Virginia | 34-31 | L |

# MISSOURI (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 12 NORTH**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 43 (18,18,7)**
**Lost: 16 (7,6,3)**

## MISSOURI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
## *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 20.4 | 20 | 160 | 3.5 | 178 | 46.8 | 16.6 | -9 | 1999 | 5 | 33.7 | 17 | 153 | 4.1 | 197 | 54.4 | 10.4 |
| 6* | 27.8 | 20 | 229 | 4.6 | 119 | 48.2 | 12.5 | +8 | 1998 | 7 | 19.7 | 19 | 150 | 3.8 | 178 | 59.2 | 16.7 |
| 8* | 30.7 | 22 | 257 | 5.1 | 141 | 48.4 | 13.0 | +2 | 1997 | 6 | 32.6 | 21 | 204 | 4.8 | 202 | 52.7 | 12.5 |
| 9* | 25.3 | 21 | 251 | 5.0 | 128 | 52.2 | 15.0 | -15 | 1996 | 7 | 34.2 | 20 | 203 | 4.7 | 191 | 55.9 | 11.5 |
| 6 | 16.9 | 17 | 200 | 4.3 | 102 | 41.1 | 17.9 | +11 | 1995 | 5 | 28.3 | 19 | 196 | 4.8 | 169 | 54.6 | 12.9 |
| 5* | 17.3 | 18 | 108 | 3.2 | 203 | 56.7 | 17.9 | +2 | 1994 | 7 | 26.9 | 24 | 235 | 4.7 | 180 | 61.2 | 15.4 |

**OFFENSE** 1999 STATS BY GAME **DEFENSE**

| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama-Birm | 27 | 56-245 | 4.4 | 15-30 | 134 | 1 | 15 | 28-168 | 6.0 | 18-29 | 124 | 1 | -1 |
| W Michigan | 33 | 60-375 | 6.3 | 15-23 | 185 | 2 | 22 | 21-103 | 4.9 | 26-40 | 320 | 2 | -1 |
| Nebraska | 10 | 32-25 | 0.8 | 9-27 | 149 | 5 | 21 | 58-333 | 5.7 | 10-17 | 143 | 2 | 0 |
| at Memphis | 20 | 58-219 | 3.8 | 11-19 | 139 | 2 | 13 | 32-52 | 1.6 | 12-29 | 153 | 2 | +3 |
| at Colorado | 30 | 52-216 | 4.2 | 20-44 | 311 | 0 | 20 | 37-101 | 2.7 | 22-43 | 306 | 1 | -2 |
| Iowa St | 25 | 43-158 | 3.7 | 22-34 | 303 | 1 | 18 | 47-198 | 4.2 | 8-15 | 141 | 1 | 0 |
| at Kansas | 12 | 34-44 | 1.3 | 13-30 | 173 | 0 | 12 | 50-169 | 3.4 | 7-14 | 135 | 5 | -2 |
| Texas Tech | 22 | 61-187 | 3.1 | 17-30 | 216 | 2 | 10 | 22-9 | 0.4 | 13-32 | 160 | 6 | +2 |
| at Oklahoma | 13 | 33-105 | 3.2 | 18-41 | 169 | 1 | 22 | 29-125 | 4.3 | 27-46 | 311 | 2 | -1 |
| Texas A&M | 15 | 35-115 | 3.3 | 14-39 | 133 | 1 | 21 | 48-254 | 5.3 | 12-21 | 201 | 1 | -2 |
| at Kansas St | 10 | 43-73 | 1.7 | 5-23 | 43 | 7 | 12 | 44-174 | 4.0 | 5-8 | 173 | 0 | -5 |
| TOTALS | 217 | 507-1762 | 3.5 | 159-340 | 1955 | 22 | 186 | 416-1686 | 4.1 | 160-294 | 2167 | 23 | -9 |
| AVERAGES | 19.7 | 46-160 | 3.5 | 14-31 | 178 | 2.0 | 16.9 | 38-153 | 4.1 | 15-27 | 197 | 2.1 | -0.8 |

**1995 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Texas | -19 | 28-7 | W |
| Bowling Green | -4' | 10-17 | L |
| at Texas Tech | +14 | 14-41 | L |
| NE Louisiana | -14 | 31-22 | L |
| at Kansas St | +21 | 0-31 | L |
| at Nebraska | +42 | 0-57 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -1 | 26-30 | L |
| Oklahoma | +17 | 9-13 | W |
| at Kansas | +20 | 23-42 | W |
| at Colorado | +28 | 0-21 | W |
| Iowa St | -3' | 45-31 | W |

**1996 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Texas | +21 | 10-40 | L |
| Memphis | -5 | 16-19 | L |
| Clemson | +7 | 38-24 | W |
| at Iowa St | +3 | 31-45 | L |
| at SMU | +2' | 27-26 | W |
| Kansas St | +17 | 10-35 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -4 | 35-28 | W |
| Colorado | +22' | 13-41 | L |
| at Nebraska | +50 | 7-51 | W |
| at Baylor | +10 | 49-42 | W |
| Kansas | +3 | 42-25 | W |

**1997 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| E Michigan | -16' | 44-24 | W |
| at Kansas | +2 | 7-15 | L |
| at Tulsa | -5' | 42-21 | W |
| Ohio St | +15 | 10-31 | L |
| Iowa St | -17 | 45-21 | W |
| at Kansas St | +11' | 11-41 | L |
| Texas | +3' | 37-29 | W |
| at Oklahoma St | +10 | 51-50 | W |
| at Colorado | +14 | 41-31 | W |
| Nebraska | +29 | 38-45 | W |
| Baylor | -16' | 42-24 | W |

**1998 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bowling Green | -27 | 37-0 | W |
| Kansas | -17 | 41-23 | W |
| at Ohio St | +25 | 14-35 | W |
| Northwestern St | NL | 35-14 | – |
| at Iowa St | -7 | 35-19 | W |
| Oklahoma | -16' | 20-6 | L |
| at Nebraska | +19' | 13-20 | W |
| at Texas Tech | +1' | 28-26 | W |
| Colorado | -5 | 38-14 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +6 | 14-17 | W |
| Kansas St | +13 | 25-31 | W |

**1999 RESULTS**

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama-Birm | -21' | 31-28 | L |
| W Michigan | -12' | 48-34 | W |
| Nebraska | +17 | 10-40 | L |
| at Memphis | -2' | 27-17 | W |
| at Colorado | +12 | 39-46 | W |
| Iowa St | -7' | 21-24 | L |
| at Kansas | -8 | 0-21 | L |
| Texas Tech | -1 | 34-7 | W |
| at Oklahoma | +11 | 0-37 | L |
| Texas A&M | +7 | 14-51 | L |
| at Kansas St | +26 | 0-66 | L |

# NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Brian Broadwater began the year as the starter and was doing a fine job but went down to injury. Brian Madden took over and became the first Midshipmen ever to rush for over 100 yards in each of his first five games including 177 versus Army where he was named the MVP of the game. Broadwater was the new sensation in 1998 after taking over in the 2nd half of the season for Steve Holley and throwing for 838 yards while rushing for 854 starting the last 6 games. Broadwater was on pace for a 1,000 yard season when injured last year and still finished as the team's 3rd leading rusher with 626 net yards (4.1). He appears to be the better passer, throwing for 806 yards with a 4-2 ratio. Madden is a rare HT for here (PS#75) and is bigger and stronger than Broadwater and was a high school wrestling champ. Weatherbie said they could use them as a tandem much like he did with McCoy (runner) and Fay (passer) a few years ago in their Aloha Bowl season. All three of the backup QB's were touted out of HS. JP Blecksmith (6-3 221 So, PS #111), Jamie Dishroom (5-9 192 So, PS #177) and Christian Chapman (5-8 199 So, PS #277) give this unit the best depth I can recall. This group is deeper and much more experienced than last year. If Madden can have 11 games like he had last year over the final five, he will put up some amazing stats.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Service Academies usually lose a lot of RB's to graduation as it takes time to work into a starting job. In their two most recent winning seasons, they had a lot of returnees. The last couple of years they have had to replace the majority of their backs and last year had just 1 starter returning. In Weatherbie's spread option offense, they use a FB and two RB's. The FB gets the bulk of the carries (last year about 41%) and the RB's usually rush the ball about 10% of the time. The RB's are also used in the receiving game. It's rare for Navy to have any HT's (top 100 players), but this group actually has two, including last year's leading rusher, Raheem Lambert who lived up to his potential averaging a super 5.9 ypc rushing for 790 yards. The only players lost from this group are RB's John Vereen (10 sts, 399 yds) and Steve Holley (3 sts, 105 yds). I list the two deep below and this looks like one of the more talented cadres of RB's that the Middies have fielded in recent memory. Also keep in mind that the 2 deep does not even include some of the promising players from last year's JV team. Marlon Terrell has promise at FB with 4.43 speed and a 374 bench.

**RECEIVERS** - This group generally gets a little more action than most option offenses and they normally use 2 WR's and no TE. Last year the Middies had to replace their top 3 WR's, and this year the top 2 depart. Gone are Travis Williams (11 sts, 20 rec, one of fastest players on team) and WR Matt O'Donnell (11 sts, 22 rec). Also, when they did use a TE, David Rauterbach (PS#64) had 1 start and 1 rec and he also departs. I list the 2 deep below and it is an underwhelming group. Harry Spencer missed all of last year with a broken bone in his back. Billy Hubbard set a Navy record for PR's in a season. Brandon Rampani will probably be the feature WR after getting 1 start and averaging a nifty 19.7 and he has 4.36 speed. In the spring they had a couple of interesting players that tried out. Chris Worthington is a starting G on the basketball team and CJ Simonsen is the top sprinter on the track team and both were walk-ons at WR, and it will be interesting to see if either makes it.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The 99 O-line had 3 starters returning including their AA C Terrence Anderson and they paved the way for the top rushing offense in the country. They lost one starter (Hoot Stahl) to injury at midseason last year. This year 3 starters depart. Gone are C Anderson (3rd tm AA, 2 yr st'r), RG Jarrett Davies (12 sts), LT Kostas Hatzidakis (10 sts, 2 yr st'r), backup OT Doug Howard and backup G Patrick Singleton. Weatherbie feels that this year's group will be every bit as good as last year's with 5 seniors on the 1st string, 4 of them with starting experience. I will note Weatherbie's optimism but with the loss of a player like Anderson, I'll still call this unit weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Middies switched to a 3-4 defense in 99 after years in the 4-2-5. They did lose 2 starters on the DL, but had 2 returning and a good amount of HT's. This year they lose 2 top notch DL's in NG David Ryno (12 sts, 61 tkls, 7 tfl) and DE Gino Marchetti (12 sts, 59 tkls, 6 sks, 11 tfl). They also lose 4 backups including DE Ivan Garvin (16 tkls) and DE Alex Murray (12 tkls, 2 tfl). Five of the top 8 players that I list in the 2 deep below were touted out of high school but this year's line is a little less experienced than the 99 version. They went from allowing 4.9 ypc rushing in 98 to just 3.6 last year and look a little weaker this season.

**LINEBACKERS** - For the second straight year Navy has a veteran LB corps, and this may be one of the best in their history. The only losses from last year are OLB John Chavous (8 sts, 63 tkls, 6 tfl) and MLB Matthew Daigneault (26 tkls, 4 tfl). Daigneault had some starting experience, but dropped to #4LB and the top 3 ILB's are back in Ryan Hamilton, Daryl Hill and Mike McGee. Also in the mix is Jake Bowen who had 15 tackles and 1 sack as a soph in 97 and returns from a 2 year Mormon mission. There are actually 3 touted players behind them in David Kunda (6-0 232 Jr, PS#295LB, 355 lb bench), Josh Brindel (6-2 246 So, PS#301LB) and Andy Zetts (6-1 226 So, PS#262LB). The OLB's would both be All Conference caliber if Navy belonged to a conference as they both have good size and speed with Shaka Martin looking like an NFL prospect. This is a top notch LB corps, very deep and perhaps the most athletically talented that has come out of Annapolis.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - A very young Navy secondary in 98 finished #112 out of 112 teams in my pass efficiency defense rankings. Last year they had to replace 3 players who had 18 starts between them but did have 6 players who started some in 98 returning including their leading tackler Jamie Doffermyre. One of the returning starters, Mike Wiedl, lost his starting spot so they basically had 2 new CB's and Chris Lepore became the new leading tackler in a very impressive year. Navy is touting him as an All American candidate. The Middies improved to #90 in my pass defense rankings although they did allow 57.1% with a 19-11 ratio. Four CB's have starting experience and 2 talented starters return there. Lepore is back and the only losses are Doffermyre (12 sts, 103 tkls, 7 tfl), backup FS Gary Lane (20 tkls, 2 int) and backup SS Chris Oliver (15 tkls, 2 tfl). This looks like a quality group and I expect a finish in the upper half of my pass defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Middies had ranked near the bottom of my special teams rankings for three straight years but improved to #57 and #60 in 97 & 98. Last year they had some top notch special teams performers but slipped back down to #96 in the rankings. P Tray Calisch set a Midshipmen record averaging 40.9 per punt and he will be missed, but he had a net of just 33.9. The return game was average, but Billy Hubbard set a Navy record for PR's in a season. FG man Tim Shubzda will also be tough to replace. He nailed the 3rd longest FG in Navy history at 49 yards and hit an impressive 17 of 25 including 13 of 15 from inside the 40. Even with the loss of a lot of quality starters, Navy can really only improve on that #96 ranking from last year.

C Terrence Anderson was a superstar & will be tough to replace.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brian Madden** | 180 | 951 | 54 | 897 | 9 | 5.0 |
| **Raheem Lambert** | 133 | 794 | 4 | 790 | 6 | 5.9 |
| **Brian Broadwater** | 154 | 736 | 110 | 626 | 8 | 4.1 |
| John Vereen | 50 | 413 | 14 | 399 | 3 | 8.0 |
| **Dre Brittingham** | 53 | 370 | 20 | 350 | 2 | 6.6 |
| **Marlon Terrell** | 30 | 114 | 6 | 108 | 1 | 3.6 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brian Broadwater** | 107 | 50 | 46.7 | 806 | 4 | 2 |
| **Brian Madden** | 59 | 27 | 45.8 | 325 | 2 | 3 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matt O'Donnell | 22 | 347 | 15.8 | 0 | 35 |
| Travis Williams | 20 | 248 | 12.4 | 1 | 25 |
| **Brandon Rampani** | 14 | 276 | 19.7 | 4 | 62 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tray Calisch | 59 | 2416 | 40.9 | - | 33.9 | 1 | 7 |

| KICKING | 10-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tim Shubzda | 6-7 | 7-8 | 4-9 | 0-1 | 17-25 | 49 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Lepore** | 127 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Jamie Doffermyre | 103 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| **Ryan Hamilton** | 101 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 0 |
| **Shaka Martin** | 66 | 8 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| John Chavous | 63 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| David Ryno | 61 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| **Daryl Hill** | 61 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| **Bas Williams** | 60 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| Gino Marchetti | 59 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| **Brad Wimsatt** | 58 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| **Davede Alexander** | 57 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| **Mike McGee** | 51 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Michael Wagoner** | 28 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Billy Hubbard** | 35 | 259 | 7.4 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Vereen | 26 | 550 | 21.2 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**GEORGIA TECH +19 14-49 LOSS** Both teams had solid TD drives, 7-7. Navy had just 3 FD's the rest of the 1H & GT had 3 more TD drives, 28-7. The 3Q was played in heavy rain. Navy missed a FG but both teams had long TD drives, 35-14. GT added 2 more TD's & finished w/ a 487-325 yd edge.

**AT KENT ST -18 48-28 WIN** Navy had a 30-18 FD edge & a 550-344 yd edge. Navy had 3 TD drives aided by KSU mistakes. KSU got a 1Q TD but Navy rec'd a fmbl'd punt & drove 60 yds for a TD, 28-7 at half. Navy settled for a 25 yd FG. KSU got a 66 yd TD pass. Navy settled for a 21 yd FG & added a TD. Kent got a 7 yd TD run. Navy got an 8 yd TD run but KSU ret'd the KO 96 yds for a TD. Broadwater hit 14 of 18 for 151 yds.

**BOSTON COLLEGE +7 10-14 WIN** Navy missed a 22 yd FG & made a 25 yd FG & BC had a 64 yd TD pass, 7-3. BC fmbl'd at the Navy 15, was int'd at the 12, had a FD at the 14 but lost 21 yds & punted & had a FG blk'd just before half. BC was SOD at the Navy 23 in the 3Q. Navy drove 67 yds for a TD. BC drove 73 yds for a TD with 7:39 left. Foll a Navy fmbl, BC had a FG bounce off the upright with 3:35 left. Navy was SOD and BC knelt at the Navy 25.

**AT RICE +7 17-20 WIN** Navy opened with an 80 yd TD drive. Rice squandered 2 scoring chances. Navy got a 79 yd TD run by Lambert. Rice got an 80 yd TD drive & tied it w/ a late TD drive. Navy opened the 3Q with a 49 yd FG, the 3rd longest in Navy history. Rice overthrew an open TD pass & settled for a 41 yd FG. Defense ruled until Rice ate up 7:59 & got a FG. Navy was int'd to end their final threat & Rice had a 21-11 FD edge.

**AT W VIRGINIA +10 31-28 WIN** WV was w/o their starting QB (Bulger) & Navy had a 471-264 yd edge. WV led 14-7 but Navy got a TD to tie at half. Navy opened the 3Q with an 80 yd drive kept alive by an offsides pen on a punt & a roughing the K pen negating a missed FG. WV drove 34 yds for a TD foll an int but Navy got a 65 yd TD drive. WV got a 58 yd TD drive to tie. Navy drove 65 yds for a 29 yd FG. WV's final drive ended with an int at the Navy 15 with 1:01 left.

**AIR FORCE +10 14-19 WIN** Navy had a 186-67 1H yd edge. Navy had a 74 yd drive for a TD & missed a 48 yd FG. AF got their 1st FD in the 2Q & drove to the Navy 12 before a fmbl. AF opened the 3Q with 23 & 49 yd FG's, 7-6 & got a 53 yd TD run, 12-7 (2ptng). AF drove 29 yds for a TD after a fmbl, 19-7. Navy drove 78 yds for a TD, 19-14. AF fmbl'd on its own 24 but Vereen dropped a wide open TD pass so Navy settled for a FG which hit the upright. The teams had 5 straight 3 & outs before Navy took over with 1:53 left & got a FD at the AF 7 with :27 left. They ran an inside option for 3 yds & :21 elapsed before a spike. The final pass bounced off the hands of Williams in the EZ.

**AKRON -10 29-35 LOSS** Navy led **23-0** early 2Q & 26-10 at half, 29-13 after 3Q's but Broadwater was inj'd (3Q) & UA got the 20 MPH wind for the 4Q. They had a 73 yd TD drive & ret'd a punt 66 yds for a TD to tie. UA drove 77 yds for a TD & Navy was SOD.

**AT NOTRE DAME +27 24-28 WIN** No Broadwater & ND had a 524-317 yd edge. Madden rushed for 168 & hit 7 of 17. ND led 14-0. Navy got 2 TD's (1 on a blk'd punt) & opened the 3Q with a 20 yd int ret for a TD. ND got a Jackson 57 yd TD run. Navy missed a 45 yd FG but rec'd a fmbl setting up a 33 yd FG with just 5:56 left. ND went on a 16 play drive. A 4th & 10 play got a generous spot & a FD by an inch & ND hit a 16 yd TD pass with :36 left.

**AT RUTGERS -14 34-7 WIN** Navy had 247 yds in the 1H & scored on their 1st 3 poss, 17-0. Navy added a 38 yd FG in the 3Q & RU got its only score on a blk'd PR for a TD. Navy added a 53 yd run by Vereen & a 61 yd run by Lambert & had a 481-191 yd edge.

**TULANE -8' 45-21 WIN** Both offenses dominated the 1Q & it was 14-14. Navy blk'd a punt & ret'd it for a TD with :03 left in the 1Q, 21-14. TU had 1 TO & Navy 3 in the 2Q & it was 21-21 at half. TO's doomed TU in the 2H & they had 5 int's. Navy turned two 3Q int's into 55 & 40 yd TD drives. Navy drove 68 yds for a TD & added a 38 yd FG foll an int, 45-21. TU was int'd at the Navy 3 & SOD at the Navy 14 and had a 25-24 FD edge.

**AT HAWAII -3 41-48 LOSS** UH led 3-0 after 1Q. Navy drove 63, 85 & 72 yds & led 17-10. Each team drove 65 yds for TD's, 24-17. UH got a TD & a 25 yd FG on the final play, 27-24. UH drove 26 yds for a 3Q TD after Navy punted from its EZ. Navy got a 42 yd FG but UH drove 92 yds for a TD, 41-27. Navy got to the UH 41 & 38 but fmbl'd & punted. Navy rec'd a pair of fmbl's setting up 21 & 16 yd TD drives to tie with 7:23 left. UH drove 70 yds for a TD & Navy was int at the UH 27.

**† ARMY -7 19-9 WIN** This was the historic 100th meeting in this tradition rich series. The teams, both comfortable stopping the option, combined for just 25 FD's & 453 total yds. Army avg'd just 2.4 ypc. Navy QB Madden got 2 of his 177 rush yds on a 1Q TD run & it was 13-3 Navy at half. The Middies got a 3Q FG & another FG in the 4Q, 19-3. Army closed to 19-9 when Gerena hit TE Castillo for a 2 yd TD pass on a cross field play on 4th & goal from the 2, but Navy held on from there.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Charlie Weatherbie is doing a solid job here as they recorded their first consecutive winning seasons since 1981 in 96 & 97, thanks in part to the magical works of QB Chris McCoy. The Middies have gone just 3-8 and 5-7 since his departure. Last year's team did come very close to a winning season as 6 of their 7 losses were by 7 points or less. They had their most productive rushing offense as well as total offense last year, setting school records for both and finished #1 in the NCAA averaging 292.2 ypg rushing. The defense, which had just 2 starters returning in 1998 and allowed 462.7 ypg and 34.2 ppg, showed dramatic improvement with 7 starters back on that side of the ball. They chopped 100 yards off the total ypg allowed, yielding 361 and cut the ppg allowed to 25.5. A tougher rush defense was the key as after allowing 4.9 ypc in 98 they allowed just 3.6 last year. The defense also got more aggressive as they had 42 sacks in 99 compared to just 14 in 98. Once again Navy returns 7 starters on the stop unit and the previous 2 times that they had 7 starters back on the defensive side of the ball, they allowed just 17.2 and 19.0 ppg. They have potentially one of their best back 7's on defense. The only question on offense is the line which must replace 3 starters but could have a McCoy/Fay type combination at QB and should be more potent. It has been tough for Navy to break through against ranked opponents as they have lost 28 straight to Top 25 teams. They must face 4 bowl teams from '99 as well as ND and Air Force but this is the type of experienced squad with which Weatherbie has thrived and they should flirt with a winning record in 2000.


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| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *1999:* | *6-1* | *1997:* | *5-3* | *1995:* | *6-2* |
| *1998:* | *7-2* | *1996:* | *6-2* | | |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB BRIAN MADDEN JR.** 6-1 221 *PS#75 in 98! 7-0 as starter on JV tm in 98. 5 sts ly, #1 QB rusher in NCAA, 897 yds (5.0), 325 pass (46%), 2-3 ratio.*

**FB RAHEEM LAMBERT JR.** 5-10 207 *PS#78! JV in 98. 11 sts in 99, 790 yds rush, super 5.9. Pat Haines (5-9 210 Jr), 1 st, 107 yds (4.3). Marlon Terrell had 109 yds.*

**RB DRE BRITTINGHAM JR.** 5-10 180 *75 yds rush as true. 8 sts in 99, 350 yds (6.6), 7 rec (12.6). Soso Dade (5-8 188 So) PS#327, 49 yds as true, 4.31 speed.*

**RB Gene Reese So.** 5-9 175 *4.31 spd (tied for fastest on tm), 2 sts, 50 yds as true. **Donnie Fricks** (5-8 185 So) PS#88DB, 1 gm as true, 4.31 spd.*

**WR Brandon Rampani Jr.** 6-0 197 *4.36 speed. JV team in 98. 1 st in 99. 14 rec, super 19.7 ypc. Brian Williams (6-0 194 Sr), 10 gms on spec tms ly.*

**WR Billy Hubbard Sr.** 6-1 195 *JV team in 97 & 98. Set Navy record for PR in season with 35 (7.4) in 99. Harry Spencer (6-2 175 Jr) missed 99 w/injury.*

**C Chad Adams Sr.** 6-2 280 *PS#233LB. 5.1 speed, 409 bench. No varsity action in 97 & 98. +40 lbs in 99, 6 gms at C. Brian Schultz (6-0 270 Jr).*

**RG Scott Swanter Sr.** 6-4 293 *375 lb bench, athletic. 4 gms on varsity as true, lettered. 1 st at RG in 99. Andrew Rutherford (6-2 277 Jr) PS#245.*

**LG PHILIP YEH SR.** 6-4 285 *PS#355. 4 gms as true. 2nd string in 98. 12 sts in 99 after adding 25 lbs. Eric Bowman (6-4 285 Jr) PS#345DL.*

**RT HOOT STAHL SR.** 6-6 300 *NFL potential. Size & 4.9 speed. 11 sts at RT in 98. 6 sts in 99 til inj. John Jeffrey (6-3 256 Jr) +12 lbs.*

**LT RON WINCHESTER SR.** 6-2 279 *JV team in 97 & 98. 7 starts in 99 (5 @ RT, 2 @ LT). Pete Peemoeller (6-5 282 Sr) JV team in 97 & 98. DNL in 99.*

**K David Hills Jr.** 6-1 205 *Listed #1 at K in spring. 8 gms in 99. Tim Shanley (6-1 185 So), Jeff Beeler (6-2 182 So). All 3 battling for job.*

**OLB SHAKA MARTIN JR.** 6-2 233 *4.38 speed, 401 bench, 39" VL! 10 tkls as true. 12 sts ly, 66 tkls, 8 sks, 13 tfl. Dan Ryno (6-1 345 Jr) PS#315LB, 2 tkls.*

**DE BRAD WIMSATT SR.** 6-3 270 *3 tkls, 1 sk as true. 7 sts in 98, 15 tkls, 1 sk. 12 sts at DE in 99, 58 tkls, 7 sks, 9 tfl. Dave Joseph (6-5 307 Sr) PS#235DL.*

**NG Alan Thompson Jr.** 5-10 283 *PS#278LB in 98. Added 22 lbs this year. Juan Morejon (5-10 266 So). Sam Moore (6-3 266 So) was PS#412OL.*

**DE Michael Wagoner Jr.** 6-2 253 *28 tkls in 99, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Josh Wolf (6-3 231 Jr) PS#182, MVP of JV tm. Heath Sanders (6-3 245 So) PS#208DL.*

**OLB Rashad Jones Sr.** 6-2 235 *PS#51DB, sprinter in 97. 5 tkls in 98. 4 sts in 99, 24 tkls, 1 tfl, +15 lbs. Justin Jordan (6-2 238 Sr) 15 tkls, 2 tfl in L/2Y.*

**LB RYAN HAMILTON JR.** 6-2 225 *3 sts as true, 25 tkls, 3 tfl. 12 sts in 99, #3 w/101 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl, 5 pbu. Mike McGee (5-11 228 Sr) PS#298, 3 sts, 51 tkls, 3 tfl ly.*

**LB DARYL HILL SR.** 6-0 230 *2 gms as true. 6 sts, 31 tkls in 98. 9 sts in 99, 61 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl. Jake Bowen (6-1 241 Jr) 15 tkls in 97, mission 98-99.*

**CB BAS WILLIAMS JR.** 5-9 189 *3 sts as true, 20 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 60 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. **Mike Wiedl** (5-7 185 Sr) 10 sts in 98, 2 int, 7 pbu, 53 tkls.*

**CB DAVEDE ALEXANDER SR.** 5-9 165 *4.41 speed. 1 st in 98, 18 tkls, 2 pbu. 12 sts ly, 57 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu. Marcus Jackson (5-10 175) 4.37 speed, 21 tkls ly.*

**SS DeJuan Cromer Jr.** 5-9 191 *JV team in 98, 12 gms, 13 tkls in 99. Brian Bourgeois (5-10 198 Sr) 8 tkls in 98, 9 tkls in 99. Clyde Clark (6-1 195 So).*

**FS CHRIS LEPORE SR.** 6-0 198 *4.53 speed, AA Candidate. 2 sts, 16 tkls in 98. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/127 tkls, 6 tfl, 3 pbu. Matt Brooks (6-0 188 Jr) 9 tkls ly.*

**P Brian Williams Sr.** 6-0 194 *JV tm 97-98. Battling at both P & WR for playing time. Beau Hufsletter (5-11 186 Sr) competed in spring for starting job.*

# NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score NAVY | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | Temple | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Middies are 3-10 ATS since 1987 in their first lined home game. Navy is 12-4 ATS the week before a bye. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | at Georgia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Midshipmen are 15-3 ATS as an away dog under Weatherbie. Navy has dropped 3 in a row SU to ACC teams w/a combined score of 45-101. |
| Sep. 23 | at Boston College | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Middies are 22-6 ATS when travelling to an opposing port. Navy is 10-2 ATS the last 12 vs Big East teams. |
| Sep. 30 | TCU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might Apply Here: Navy is 4-12 ATS as a DD home dog. Navy is 10-6 ATS (63%) the last 16 vs WAC schools. |
| Oct. 7 | at Air Force | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 4-8 ATS in this series since 1988. Strange but true: Navy is 18-3 ATS away after a home game. |
| Oct. 14 | Notre Dame | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Navy has sunk the ND battleship 9 of the last 12 meetings ATS. Middies are 16-8 ATS L/24 October games. |
| Oct. 21 | Rutgers (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Midshipmen are 4-1 ATS last 5 versus Rutgers. Navy is 5-2 SU & 3-1 ATS their last 7 Homecoming games. |
| Oct. 28 | Toledo | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Middies are 3-5 ATS L/8 vs the Mid American Conference. Sign up now & take $29 off Oct Guar. Call 800-654-3448 for details. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | at Tulane | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Navy is 5-2 SU & 7-0 ATS the last 7 vs the Green Wave. Middies are 9-5 ATS the last 14 after a bye. |
| Nov. 18 | Wake Forest | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Navy is 2-8 as a home dog under Weatherbie, but 2-1 LY. Midshipmen are 8-4 ATS prior to Army since 1984. |
| Dec. 2 | † Army (Baltimore) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 8-4 ATS the last 12 in this rivalry. The prior year's SU loser is 13-5 ATS the next year in this series. |
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## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

This is the second straight season the Midshipmen have not had a "NL" game. They are 9-0 SU their last 9 "NL" games and 9-1 ATS after a "NL" game.
Navy is 38-22 ATS the last six seasons.

## STADIUM: NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL (30,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 3-8 | 5-7 | 35-43 |
| ATS | 4-5 | 6-4 | 6-3 | 8-2 | 6-3 | 3-7 | 9-3 | 42-27 |
| Home Fav | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 8-5 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 6-10 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 6-3 |
| Away Dog | 2-4 | 4-2 | 5-0 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 3-0 | 21-9 |
| Favorite | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 5-1 | 4-1 | 0-2 | 4-2 | 14-8 |
| Dog | 4-4 | 6-4 | 5-2 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 3-5 | 5-1 | 27-19 |
| Grass | 2-1 | 4-3 | 4-3 | 7-1 | 5-3 | 0-7 | 5-2 | 27-20 |
| Artificial | 2-4 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 4-1 | 15-7 |
| vs INDEP | 2-2 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 9-5 |
| vs Non-INDEP | 2-3 | 3-4 | 3-3 | 8-0 | 5-3 | 3-6 | 9-3 | 33-22 |
| Off SU Win | 2-1 | 3-0 | 4-1 | 6-2 | 4-1 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 24-7 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-3 | 3-3 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-5 | 6-1 | 16-15 |

## Coach: CHARLIE WEATHERBIE (Career 44-47)
### *Weatherbie's record AT NAVY*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at Navy | | 8-4 | Home Favorite |
| 29-28 | Straight Up | 2-8 | Home Underdog |
| 32-18 | Vs The Spread | 6-2 | Away Favorite |
| 11-9 | Off A S/U Loss | 15-3 | Away Underdog |
| 4-3 | Vs INDEP | 28-15 | Vs Non-INDEP |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | Cotton | NL | Texas | 6-28 | - |
| 78 | Holiday | -5' | BYU | 23-16 | W |
| 80 | Garden | +5' | Houston | 0-35 | L |
| 81 | Liberty | +14' | Ohio St | 28-31 | W |
| 96 | Aloha | -1 | California | 42-38 | W |

# NAVY (5-7)

CONFERENCE: **INDEPENDENT**

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 5*** **Returning: 33 (13,17,3)**
**DEFENSE: 7** **Lost: 25 (11,13,1)**

## NAVY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 27.2 | 20 | 292 | 5.2 | 98 | 45.4 | 14.4 | +7 | 1999 | 7 | 25.5 | 20 | 152 | 3.6 | 209 | 57.1 | 14.2 |
| 4 | 23.2 | 19 | 261 | 5.0 | 114 | 46.0 | 16.2 | -11 | 1998 | 2 | 34.2 | 23 | 217 | 4.9 | 246 | 65.7 | 13.5 |
| 5* | 36.2 | 21 | 304 | 5.4 | 113 | 51.4 | 11.5 | +10 | 1997 | 7 | 19.0 | 14 | 115 | 3.1 | 148 | 52.5 | 13.8 |
| 9* | 32.7 | 22 | 280 | 5.0 | 147 | 48.0 | 13.1 | +9 | 1996 | 6 | 25.8 | 18 | 152 | 4.0 | 195 | 52.9 | 13.5 |
| 7 | 20.3 | 19 | 234 | 4.5 | 132 | 48.2 | 18.0 | +8 | 1995 | 7 | 17.2 | 16 | 143 | 3.3 | 171 | 50.7 | 18.2 |
| 4* | 17.1 | 16 | 56 | 1.9 | 221 | 52.7 | 16.2 | -10 | 1994 | 4 | 36.3 | 20 | 199 | 4.2 | 210 | 64.6 | 11.3 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Georgia Tech | 18 | 47-192 | 4.1 | 9-18 | 133 | 2 | 27 | 61-341 | 5.6 | 13-19 | 146 | 1 | -1 |
| at Kent St | 30 | 69-399 | 5.8 | 14-18 | 151 | 0 | 18 | 26-73 | 2.8 | 20-36 | 271 | 5 | +3 |
| Boston College | 17 | 56-253 | 4.5 | 4-12 | 84 | 2 | 21 | 44-98 | 2.2 | 19-29 | 305 | 4 | +1 |
| at Rice | 11 | 40-255 | 6.4 | 3-10 | 26 | 1 | 21 | 65-255 | 3.9 | 5-8 | 67 | 4 | -1 |
| at W Virginia | 30 | 71-388 | 5.5 | 6-14 | 83 | 0 | 19 | 27-92 | 3.4 | 17-31 | 172 | 4 | 0 |
| Air Force | 19 | 55-205 | 3.7 | 8-23 | 146 | 0 | 14 | 56-247 | 4.4 | 1-7 | 23 | 1 | +1 |
| Akron | 16 | 45-128 | 2.8 | 10-25 | 222 | 0 | 19 | 49-138 | 2.8 | 16-28 | 208 | 7 | -1 |
| at Notre Dame | 21 | 49-231 | 4.7 | 7-17 | 86 | 1 | 25 | 53-324 | 6.1 | 15-33 | 200 | 3 | 0 |
| at Rutgers | 20 | 52-371 | 7.1 | 8-15 | 110 | 1 | 10 | 26-7 | 0.3 | 20-35 | 184 | 6 | -1 |
| Tulane | 24 | 69-417 | 6.0 | 2-3 | 39 | 1 | 25 | 29-102 | 3.5 | 38-56 | 312 | 3 | +2 |
| at Hawaii | 26 | 69-451 | 6.5 | 5-14 | 71 | 2 | 29 | 16-27 | 1.7 | 37-63 | 530 | 2 | 0 |
| † Army | 13 | 58-216 | 3.7 | 3-5 | 27 | 1 | 12 | 48-115 | 2.4 | 7-19 | 95 | 2 | +4 |
| TOTALS | 245 | 680-3506 | 5.2 | 79-174 | 1178 | 11 | 240 | 500-1819 | 3.6 | 208-364 | 2513 | 42 | +7 |
| AVERAGES | 20.4 | 57-292 | 5.2 | 7-15 | 98 | 0.9 | 20.0 | 42-152 | 3.6 | 17-30 | 209 | 3.5 | 0.6 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at SMU | +13 | 33-2 | W |
| at Rutgers | +13 | 17-27 | W |
| Wake Forest | -10 | 7-30 | L |
| at Duke | +14 | 30-9 | W |
| Virginia Tech | +13 | 0-14 | L |
| Air Force | +8 | 20-30 | L |
| Villanova | NL | 20-14 | – |
| at Notre Dame | +27' | 17-35 | W |
| Delaware | NL | 31-7 | – |
| Tulane | -8 | 35-7 | W |
| † Army | +2' | 13-14 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Rutgers | -2' | 10-6 | W |
| SMU | -1 | 19-17 | W |
| at Boston College | +6' | 38-43 | W |
| Duke | -9 | 64-27 | W |
| at Air Force | +12 | 20-17 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -14 | 47-18 | W |
| † Notre Dame | +16' | 27-54 | L |
| Delaware | NL | 30-14 | – |
| Tulane | -12' | 35-21 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | +4 | 36-26 | W |
| † Army | -2 | 24-28 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at San Diego St | +4' | 31-45 | L |
| Rutgers | -19' | 36-7 | W |
| at SMU | E | 46-16 | W |
| at Duke | -11 | 17-26 | L |
| Air Force | +1' | 7-10 | L |
| VMI | NL | 42-7 | – |
| at Notre Dame | +17 | 17-21 | W |
| Temple | -13 | 49-17 | W |
| Colgate | NL | 52-24 | – |
| Kent St | -27 | 62-29 | W |
| † Army | -12' | 39-7 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Wake Forest | +9 | 14-26 | L |
| Kent St | -21 | 38-24 | L |
| at Tulane | +21' | 24-42 | W |
| W Virginia | +16 | 24-45 | L |
| at Air Force | +14' | 7-49 | L |
| Colgate | NL | 42-35 | – |
| at Boston College | +14 | 32-31 | W |
| Rutgers | -10 | 33-36 | L |
| † Notre Dame | +20' | 0-30 | L |
| SMU | +3' | 11-24 | L |
| † Army | +6' | 30-34 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Georgia Tech | +18 | 14-49 | L |
| at Kent St | -18 | 48-28 | W |
| Boston College | +7 | 10-14 | W |
| at Rice | +7 | 17-20 | W |
| at W Virginia | +10 | 31-28 | W |
| Air Force | +10 | 14-19 | W |
| Akron | -10 | 29-35 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +27 | 24-28 | W |
| at Rutgers | -14 | 34-7 | W |
| Tulane | -8' | 45-21 | W |
| at Hawaii | -3 | 41-48 | L |
| † Army | -7 | 19-9 | W |

# NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 98 this unit was hit hard by injuries and at times had a walk-on starting at QB. Last year two very talented QB's battled it out in Bobby Newcombe (PS#6) and Eric Crouch (PS#3). Newcombe won the starter's job but Crouch was more impressive on the field and ended up starting the last 11 games with Newcombe moving to wingback. Crouch had a fantastic season, throwing for 1,417 yards (52.6%) with an 8-4 ratio and he also became the first Husker QB to lead the team in rushing since 1955 with 1,102 yards (5.6). Crouch is not as big as Scott Frost was but is faster with 4.47 speed and has added some size in the offseason. Jammal Lord (6-2 195 rFr) was PS#63 and was strictly a running QB in high school with just 41 passes as a senior. He was having a great spring when he went down to injury and is questionable for the fall. Joe Chrisman (5-11 190 So) had 4 pass attempts last year. Lord and Chrisman got all of the snaps in the spring as Crouch did not participate after offseason shoulder surgery. Newcombe would probably return to the QB position if Lord is unable to return in the fall, but overall this position looks stronger.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Much like the QB position, the Husker RB's were banged up in 98 and then went through some turmoil last year with Correll Buckhalter leaving the team and coming back and then their star DeAngelo Evans quitting the team and not being accepted back. Dan Alexander became the leading rusher. Alexander averaged less than 47.6 ypg in his first 5 games and then averaged over 100 yards in his final 6 healthy outings. The most impressive play of the season was seeing his powerful (6-0 245) frame outrunning Colorado's swift CB Ben Kelly on an 80 yard TD run and actually pulling away from him. This year's depth is much stronger. I list the top 3 FB's below and all are HT's including two incoming rFr. Also in the mix at FB is Tyrone Uhlir (6-0 230 Jr), a walk-on who had 30 yards in 99. At IB Dahrran Diedrick (6-0 215 So) has a good combination of size & speed and rushed for 303 yards (5.3). DeAntae Grixby (5-8 200 rFr) was PS#22DB and Josh Davis (5-11 195 rFr) was PS#25 and was the fastest player in his recruiting class. They also signed Thunder Collins (6-2 200 So) who is PS #83 JUCO. The I-backs are socoo deep this year that some may end up at other positions. One area they need to improve upon is fumbles as last year NU fumbled 50 times but this is still an incredibly solid bunch.

**RECEIVERS** - The Huskers always have the best blocking WR's in the NCAA and usually have good speed. Bobby Newcombe transferred in from his QB spot last year and had 21 receptions in his first year at WB. The backup at WB is VHT John Gibson. SE Matt Davison led the team last year with 31 receptions and a solid 16.4 ypc. TE is also very deep and I list the top 3 below including Wistrom who missed the last 2 games of 99 with injury. Also in the mix at TE are Trevor Johnson (6-4 230 rFr, PS#50) and Chris Septak (PS#6). They technically lose two starters in WB Sean Applegate (9 sts) and TE TJ DeBates (9 sts) but return 91% of receptions from 99. This looks like yet another improved group on the offense.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Huskers are famous for their "Pipeline" which is the nickname for the offensive line. They have produced dominating fronts in the 90's and have had rushing ypc's of 7.1 and 6.2 in the last 5 years. In 1998 an inexperienced front "only" paved the way for 241 ypg and 4.7 ypc rushing. Last year they had 3 starters returning but lost one prior to the season. I commented in last year's magazine that as a group they were much bigger, stronger and faster due to offseason conditioning. Over the first 8 games they averaged 244.6 ypg and 4.8 ypc and had poor performances like 173 yards vs lowly Kansas. In their final 5 games, taking on some of the nation's toughest rush defenses, they averaged 311 ypg and 5.5 ypc! Their demolition of a super Tennessee rush D in the Fiesta Bowl finally had them back to their old standards. The Vols DL coach said that his DT's were blown so far off the ball that they were like safeties. This year they must replace LG James Sherman (13 sts) and LT Adam Julch (13 sts) as well as backup C Matt Baldwin. They have 3 starters back plus they return 98 starter Jason Schwab. Toniu Fonoti was only the third Husker OL to play as a true frosh, and will compete for the open LG slot. This unit will resemble those powerful "Pipeline" editions that have led the Huskers to national titles.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Huskers had to replace 3 DL starters who were all NFL draft picks (rounds 2, 4, & 7). This year they must replace NT Steve Warren (13 sts, 1st tm B12, 9 sks, 10 tfl, #3DC of GB) and DE Aaron Wills (13 sts, 61 tkls, 10 tfl). Three players return with starting experience. This is a deep and talented group led by Kyle Vanden Bosch who has been the Nebraska Lifter of the Year for 2 straight years and should have a monster senior season. This is a very deep group and I list 3 deep at some positions. Not even listed are Ryon Bingham (6-3 270 rFr, PS#77), Junior Tagoa'i (6-2 300 rFr, PS#117), and true frosh Bernard Thomas (PS#53) & Manaia Brown (PS#68). Warren and Wills are some big losses but this group looks even more experienced than last year and is one of the best defensive fronts in the country.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Huskers had 9 of their top 11 LB's return. They did have to replace one starter who was a 5th round draft pick. This year they lose 4 LB's who alternated time. Gone are SLB Tony Ortiz (PS#4, 10 sts, 45 tkls, 7 tfl), SLB Brian Shaw (3 sts, 24 tkls, 2 tfl), WLB Julius Jackson (6 sts, 39 tkls, 9 tfl, 3rd tm B12) and WLB Eric Johnson (7 sts, 38 tkls, 9 tfl). Solich has a large amount of VHT's to plug into the gaps but they are very inexperienced. MLB Carlos Polk was 1st team Big 12 last year and is surrounded by talent, but it will take time for them to be as productive as last year's group. Clearly this unit is weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After finishing #4 in my pass defense rankings in 96, the Huskers dropped to #43 and #25 the next 2 years. Last year they had 4 returning starters in the secondary and for the first time in NU history, had 2 All American's in CB Ralph Brown (#5DC NYG, 3 int, 15 pbu) and ROV Mike Brown (#2DC of CHI, 103 tkls, 6 int). The Huskers moved up to #2 in my pass efficiency defense rankings, allowing a paltry 43.7% with a 20-13 int/TD ratio versus a solid slate of opposing QB's. NU was planning on returning 4 starters last year, but CB Erwin Swiney took a medical redshirt and his return gives the Huskers basically 3 returning starters this year, but they will miss their 2 stars. There are plenty of VHT's available and while it is still one of the top secondaries in the country, it clearly looks weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This is always an area of strength for the Huskers as they had 3 straight years of top 10 finishes but dropped to #28 in 97 and #19 in 98. Last year they had to replace K Kris Brown as well as their top P but managed to move up in the rankings to #10. Dan Hadenfeldt's outstanding punting could even be improved this year as he was granted a sixth year of eligibility. All of the key returnmen are back and Bobby Newcombe was dangerous averaging 19.1 on 19 PR's. K Josh Brown struggled with long distances last year, but did have a 61 yard FG in high school and should be improved in his second year as K. He saw time at WB in the spring and Solich signed a VHT K out of HS who could take that job. This is clearly one of the best special teams units in the country and keep in mind that last year the Huskers blocked a team record 10 kicks including 7 punts.

QB Eric Crouch will lead what should be the nation's most potent offense.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dan Alexander | 155 | 1014 | 41 | 973 | 9 | 6.3 |
| Eric Crouch | 197 | 1102 | 149 | 953 | 16 | 4.8 |
| Correll Buckhalter | 119 | 743 | 22 | 721 | 6 | 6.1 |
| Dahrran Diedrick | 57 | 314 | 11 | 303 | 2 | 5.3 |
| Willie Miller | 63 | 290 | 8 | 282 | 2 | 4.5 |
| Bobby Newcombe | 37 | 146 | 59 | 87 | 3 | 2.4 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eric Crouch | 175 | 92 | 52.6 | 1417 | 8 | 4 |
| Bobby Newcombe | 19 | 11 | 57.9 | 246 | 2 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matt Davison | 31 | 509 | 16.4 | 2 | 63 |
| Bobby Newcombe | 21 | 243 | 11.6 | 3 | 53 |
| Tracey Wistrom | 16 | 429 | 26.8 | 2 | 70 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dan Hadenfelt | 71 | 3161 | 44.5 | 21 | 40.6 | 2 | 27 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Josh Brown | 4-5 | 10-12 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 15-21 | 42 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mike Brown | 103 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Carlos Polk | 90 | 6.5 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Aaron Wills | 61 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Keyuo Craver | 53 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 3 |
| Steve Warren | 48 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Ralph Brown | 48 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 3 |
| Tony Ortiz | 45 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Loran Kaiser | 39 | 3.5 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Julius Jackson | 39 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Kyle Vanden Bosch | 38 | 5.5 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Eric Johnson | 38 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Dion Booker | 36 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Jason Lohr | 33 | 3.5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bobby Newcombe | 19 | 363 | 19.1 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Randy Stella | 10 | 232 | 23.2 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT IOWA -27 42-7 WIN** Aided by NU turnovers, UI made a game of it in the 1H but NU finished with a 543-169 yd edge. NU was SOD at the UI 22, int'd at the 27 & fmbl'd at the UI 17. NU did get a 28 yd TD run by Crouch, 7-0 at half. UI got its 1st FD of the game with 2:20 left in the half & NU had a 203-63 yd edge. NU got 59, 29 and 73 yd TD drives on their 1st 3 poss of the 2H. They added 69 & 89 yd TD drives in the 4Q. UI's only score came on a blk'd punt for a TD with 2:30 left.

**CALIFORNIA -32 45-0 WIN** I used NU as a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep. Cal missed an early FG & NU drove 51 & 80 yds for TD's, 14-0. Crouch hit Wistrom with a 70 yd TD pass & then Newcombe hit Crouch w/a 60 yd'r. NU added a 37 yd FG after a blk'd punt & a 3 yd TD drive foll an int. NU later drove 50 yds for a TD & held Cal to 145 yds. Crouch became the 1st NU player S/Johnny Rogers in '73 to run, throw and catch a pass for a TD.

**S MISSISSIPPI -26' 20-13 LOSS** SM had a 15-8 FD edge & 293-185 yd edge. The teams combined for 11 TO's (SM 6, NU 5). NU got a 16 yd fmbl ret for a TD. SM drove 45 yds for a TD foll a NU fmbl. NU drove 46 yds for a TD, 12-7 (2 ptrig) at half. NU fmbl'd on their own 20 on the 1st play of the 3Q & SM got a TD. NU got a 28 yd int ret for a TD. In the 4Q NU fmbl'd but SM was int'd at the 11. Foll an NU punt, SM drove but was int'd at the 6 & the Huskers held on in a sloppy game.

**AT MISSOURI -17 40-10 WIN** I used a 3★ Late Phone Selection on NU & they dominated. MO's 1st 2 poss were 3 & outs & each time the snap sailed over the P's head (safety, TD drive), 9-0. After an exchange of int's NU got a 31 yd TD run by Crouch. Both teams got FG's, 19-3. NU got a 53 yd TD pass to open the 2H & drove 30 yds for a TD foll a fmbl. They were SOD at the MO 3 but drove 42 yds for a TD in the 4Q. NU had a 476-87 yd edge until MO's final 2 garbage drives, one of which went for a TD.

**OKLAHOMA ST -27 38-14 LOSS** NU owned the 1H with a 256-45 yd edge & led 31-0. They drove 80 yds for a TD & at this point led 38-0 & had a 336-45 yd edge. OSU got 80 and 64 yd drives for TD's, the last coming on 4th & 2 for the late backdoor cover.

**IOWA ST -29' 49-14 WIN** NU led 28-0 at half & 49-0 early 4Q. ISU got 74 & 61 yd garbage TD drives. Chrisman played QB in the 4Q for NU. NU had 439 yds rushing.

**AT TEXAS -9 20-24 LOSS** UT got an early FG foll a NU fmbl. NU wasted 2 scoring chances before getting a FG. They then added another FG & got a TD, 13-3. At half NU had a 214-92 yd edge. UT had a 35 yd TD drive foll a short punt & NU was SOD at the UT 42. UT drove for a TD, 17-13. NU fmbl'd at the UT 1 but did get a TD on their next poss. UT got an 80 yd, 4 play TD drive, 24-20. NU's final drive was SOD at the UT 20.

**AT KANSAS -32 24-17 LOSS** KU dominated the 1H, leading 9-0, with a blk'd punt for a safety & a 79 yd TD drive. KU had a 186-24 yd edge at one point. NU got a 62 yd pass to open the 3Q but fmbl'd at the 1 & then settled for a 31 yd FG, 9-3. They ret'd a punt 86 yds (TD) & drove 53 yds for a TD, 17-9. KU got a 77 yd TD pass to tie. NU missed a 43 yd FG & then 1 play after a 4th down conv hit a 49 yd TD pass w/3:24 left. KU would not get past its own 38 after that & NU escaped in the ESPN night game.

**TEXAS A&M -13' 37-0 WIN** A&M had scored in a school record 142 consecutive games dating back to 1988 but that streak ended with a shutout loss. After missing out on two scoring chances in the 1H NU did get a pair of FG's, 6-0 at half. NU wore down A&M in the 2H, rolling to a 37-0 lead & they finished with a 430-118 yd edge. McCown completed only 11 passes for 116 yds & had 4 ints.

**KANSAS ST -9' 41-15 WIN** I used NU as my 5★ 1999 College POY. NU dominated the 1H with a 14-7 FD edge but fmbl'd 10 times losing 3. They fmbl'd on the 1st play & but NU's defense held & blk'd a FG. NU got a 30 yd TD run by Crouch, 7-0. NU fmbl'd at the KSU 1 but blk'd a punt for a safety & drove 73 yds for a TD, 16-0. KSU fmbl'd in the EZ but it was ruled down & they got a TD on the next play, 16-6. NU drove 62 yds for a TD & KSU got a 35 yd FG, 24-9 at half. NU made it 34-9. NU fmbl'd on their own 39 & KSU got a TD w/5:33 left. NU was SOD at the KSU 25 but ret'd a fmbl for a TD. NU finished with a 20-11 FD edge & a 309-92 rushing edge.

**AT COLORADO (OT) -14' 33-30 LOSS** NU dominated the 1H. NU rec'd CU's onside kick to open & Alexander took an option pitch 50 yds for a TD. NU drove 60 yds for a TD, fmbl'd at the CU 47 and settled for a 34 yd FG, 17-0. CU faked a punt & continued on a 64 yd, 17 play drive for a FG. Alexander got an 80 yd TD run & the Huskers led 24-3 at the half. NU settled for a 37 yd FG late 3Q, **27-3**. CU converted on 3rd & 32 for a FG & nailed a 49 yd FG early 4Q. NU fmbl'd & CU drove 47 yds for a TD. CU then drove 80 yds for a TD with 3:51 left. CU rec'd the onside kick & drove 58 yds for a TD. CU fmbl'd at their own 15 but NU fmbl'd on the next play, their 5th fmbl. CU drove but missed a 33 yd FG on the final play. CU got a 33 yd FG in OT but NU got a TD run to escape.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska was perhaps the best team in the country last year but did not win the national title, finishing #2 in the USA Today poll thanks to their tough loss at Texas (see Game by Game results). They have had 38 straight winning seasons, 31 straight seasons of 9 wins or more, 3 national titles in the 1990's, have been to 31 straight bowl games, and have been in the AP poll for 307 straight weeks. They did make a change of their home surface last year to Field Turf and the amount of injuries suffered was greatly decreased from '98. They do return a good portion of the offense and should be back to their normal dominating selves on that side of the ball. Nebraska averaged an amazing 47.4 ppg from '95-'97 but "just" 32.5 ppg the last two years. As long as QB Eric Crouch stays healthy they have my #1 rated offense in the country and should easily top 40 ppg like the Husker offenses of old. Defensively not only do they lose 6 starters, but also Def Coor Charlie McBride (23 years). Their defense was overwhelming last year, ranking in the top 6 in ppg allowed, pass efficiency, rush defense and total yards allowed. The back 7 is young but they still have a top 10 defense led by DE Kyle Vanden Bosch. They do have 3 very difficult road games (ND, KSU, Okla). Should they overcome those obstacles, they would likely also have to face a much improved Texas team in the title game. Last year no other preseason magazine even listed the Huskers higher than 5th in their ratings. I thought the Huskers were title contenders last year (and the best team after the bowls) and they are title contenders again this year with a solid shot at an unbeaten season.


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| | |
|---|---|
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB ERIC CROUCH JR.** 6-1 195 *PS#3 in 97. 6 sts in 98, 601 yds (49%), 604 rush. 11 sts in 99, 141.7 pass (53%), 1102 rush (5.6), 4.47 speed.*

**RB DAN ALEXANDER SR.** 6-0 245 *PS#20. 369 yds in 98. 10 sts, 973 yds (6.3) ly. Correll Buckhalter (6-0 225 Sr) PS#77, 8 sts, 821 yds in 98, 721 yds (6.1) ly.*

**FB WILLIE MILLER SR.** 6-1 245 *PS#42. 145 yds in 97 & 98. 9 sts in 99, 282 yds (4.5). Judd Davies (6-0 240 rFr) PS#50. Robin Miller (5-11 225 rFr) PS#30.*

**WB BOBBY NEWCOMBE SR.** 6-0 195 *PS#6QB, 6 sts at QB in 98, 712 yds pass (63%), 21 rec (11.6) in 99. John Gibson (6-0 185 Sr) PS#9DB. 2 rec in 11 gms in 99.*

**WR MATT DAVISON SR.** 6-1 185 *PS#50. 12 rec (20.7) in 97, 35 rec (13.1) in 98. 31 rec (16.4) ly. Wilson Thomas (6-5 210 So) PS#87 in 98, 13 gms & 2 sts ly.*

**TE TRACEY WISTROM JR.** 6-5 220 *PS#11 in 97. 5 rec in 98. 3 sts ly. 16 rec (26.8). Aaron Golliday (6-4 270 So) PS#62, 4 sts ly. Jon Bowling (6-3 240 So) PS#17.*

**C DOMINIC RAIOLA JR.** 6-2 295 *PS#92. 2 sts as rFr at LG in 98. 13 sts ly, **1st tm B12**, 140 pancakes. John Garrison (6-4 270 So) PS#16, lett'd as true.*

**RG RUSS HOCHSTEIN SR.** 6-4 290 *PS#128. 5 gms as rFr. L/4 sts in 98. HM B12. 13 sts ly, **2nd tm B12**, 126 pancakes. Steve Altstadt (6-5 280 Jr) PS#19.*

**LG Toniu Fonoti So.** 6-4 330 *PS#103. 13 games as true, lettered. Added 30 lbs. Jon Rutherford (6-3 300 Jr) PS#52 in 97, 13 gms in 99, 2 letters.*

**RT Jason Schwab Sr.** 6-1 300 *PS#140DL, 10 gms in 97. 13 sts at RT in 98. HM B12. Torn ACL in 99, RS. Kyle Kollmorgen (6-5 295 Jr) PS#37, 2 letters.*

**LT DAVE VOLK JR.** 6-5 300 *PS#69. 3 gms as rFr. 13 sts ly, HM B12, 111 pancakes. Wes Cody (6-2 285 So) PS#74. Nate Kolterman (6-3 310 So) PS#43.*

**K JOSH BROWN SO.** 6-2 185 *PS#4 in 98. Hit a 61 yd FG in HS. Hit 15 of 21 FG's here in 99, long of 42. Only 1 of 4 from 40+. Played at WB in spg.*

**DE Chris Kelsay So.** 6-5 270 *PS#27. 1 st as rFr, 17 tkls, 1.5 tfl. Demoine Adams (6-2 225 So) PS#52, 5 tkls, 1.5 tfl as rFr. Phil Paelz (6-2 235 rFr) is PS#56.*

**NT Jason Lohr Jr.** 6-2 280 *PS#24. 1 sk as true. 33 tkls, 3.5 sks ly. John Clanton (6-2 290 So) PS#85OL. Speed & size. Patrick Kabongo (6-6 310 rFr) PS#92OL.*

**DT LORAN KAISER SR.** 6-4 295 *10 sts in 98, 43 tkls, 6 sks, 4 tfl. 13 sts in 99, 39 tkls, 3.5 sks, 3 tfl. Jeremy Slechta (6-6 290) PS#28, 9 tkls, 2 sks as true. 5 tfl in 99.*

**DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH SR.** 6-4 270 *PS#3. 3 tfl as true. 28 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. 12 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 11.5 tfl. Neb Lifter of Yr. Justin Smith (6-4 250 So) PS#49, 12 tkls as rFr.*

**SLB Jason Richenberger Fr.** 6-1 200 *PS#11. Scott Shanle (6-2 230 So) PS#307, 1 tkl ly. Shaun Coleman (PS#12) in for spring. Rod Baker (6-0 220 Sr) was PS#386RB.*

**MLB CARLOS POLK SR.** 6-2 250 *PS#144. 33 tkls, 6 tfl as rFr. 22 tkls, 5 tfl in 98. 13 sts ly, 90 tkls, 6.5 sks, **1st tm B12**. Jamie Burrow (6-1 235 Jr) 14 tkls, PS#40.*

**WLB Randy Stella Jr.** 6-0 210 *PS#11 in 98. 9 tkls ly, 1 sk. Mark Vedral (5-11 210 Jr) PS#85, 16 tkls, 1 tfl ly. Ira Cooper PS#35. T.J. Hollowell PS#50.*

**CB KEYUO CRAVER JR.** 5-10 190 *PS#129. 1 int, 3 pbu as true. 13 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu. Taylor Gehman (5-11 180) PS#68. Jeff Hemje (6-0 185) 8 tkls ly.*

**CB Erwin Swiney Jr.** 6-0 185 *PS#33WR, 10 sts as a true, 29 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. 13 sts in 98, 63 tkls, 14 pbu. RS ly. DeJuan Groce (5-10 190 So) PS#4, 24 tkls, 2 pbu ly.*

**ROV JOE WALKER SR.** 5-10 195 *PS#37. 1 st, 2 int as true. 7 sts, 50 tkls, 3 int in 98. 13 tkls, 3 sks in 99. Clint Finley (6-0 205) PS#25QB. 6 sts in 98. 8 sts at FS ly.*

**FS Dion Booker Jr.** 6-1 205 *PS#36. Last 5 sts in 99, 36 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Rob Blomeier (5-11 190 rFr) PS#52. Mike Damps (5-10 200 So) PS#31 in 98. Inj'd ly.*

**P DAN HADENFELDT SR.** 5-11 195 *3 of 4 on xp's in 96-98. 71 punts in 99 & super 44.5 average & net of 40.6. Granted 6th year of eligibility.*

# NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

Lincoln, Nebraska
Weather (402) 475-6100

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score NEB | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nebraska has been a HD just 3 times since 1978!!! Huskers are 5-1 ATS L/6 at home vs the Pac 10. Nebraska has covered 5 of the last 13 November road games. |
| Sep. 2 | San Jose St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cornhuskers are 5-2 ATS their last 7 lined home openers. NU has not played a current WAC school since a 37-16 win vs Hawaii in '82. |
| Sep. 9 | at Notre Dame | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The 1973 Orange Bowl was the last meeting of these two schools. NU is 5-16 ATS after scoring 40 or more points. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Huskers are 14-6-1 ATS the week prior to bye. |
| Sep. 23 | Iowa | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nebraska is 2-7 ATS the week after a bye. Big Red is 7-0 SU & ATS vs the Big 10, scoring an avg of 51.7 ppg. |
| Sep. 30 | Missouri | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Huskers are 11-2 ATS the L/13Y in conference openers. Pending earlier results TY, NU is 31-17 ATS L48 as a HF. |
| Oct. 7 | at Iowa St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NU is 3-9-1 ATS as double digit away chalk. The home team has covered 7 of the L/8 in this series. |
| Oct. 14 | at Texas Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NU is 7-3 ATS in the 2nd game of a two game road trip. Huskers are just 3-9 ATS in Big 12 play away from Lincoln. |
| Oct. 21 | Baylor | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Coming into 2000 the Huskers were 32-17 ATS their last 49 Lincoln logs. Strange but true: NU is 16-4 ATS at home after a road game. |
| Oct. 28 | at Oklahoma | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nebraska is 7-0 SU, 5-2 ATS in the L/7 meetings vs the Sooners. Entering the 2000 season NU was just 4-9-1 ATS the L/3Y as an AF. |
| Nov. 4 | Kansas (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NU is 6-2 ATS & 8-0 SU for Homecoming games their L/8. Nebraska is 14-4 ATS vs the Jayhawks. |
| Nov. 11 | at Kansas St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Huskers are 6-0 ATS L/6, including a win LY as my College POY. Big Red is just 3-8 ATS their L/11 road finales. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 24 | Colorado | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nebraska is 6-2 ATS in their L/8 home finales. LY's meeting went to OT after Big Red squandered a 27-3 lead. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (74,031)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 11-0 | 12-0 | 11-0 | 10-2 | 11-0 | 9-3 | 11-1 | 75-5 |
| ATS | 6-4 | 8-4 | 9-2 | 6-6 | 4-7 | 4-7-1 | 7-5 | 44-35-1 |
| Home Fav | 5-1 | 3-2 | 5-2 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 2-5 | 4-2 | 26-17 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Away Fav | 1-3 | 4-2 | 4-0 | 2-4 | 0-4 | 1-2-1 | 3-3 | 15-18-1 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Favorite | 6-4 | 7-4 | 9-2 | 6-6 | 3-7 | 3-7-1 | 7-5 | 41-35-1 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 |
| Grass | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 1-2-1 | 2-2 | 4-10-1 |
| Artificial | 6-3 | 8-3 | 9-2 | 5-3 | 4-6 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 40-25 |
| vs Big 8/BIG 12 | 4-3 | 5-2 | 7-0 | 4-5 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 5-4 | 31-24 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-2-1 | 2-1 | 13-11-1 |
| Off SU Win | 6-4 | 7-4 | 8-2 | 4-5 | 4-6 | 2-5-1 | 5-4 | 37-30-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 3-2 |

## Coach: FRANK SOLICH (Career 21-5)
### *Solich's records AT NEBRASKA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year at Nebraska | | 6-7 | Home Favorite |
| 21-5 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 11-12-1 | Vs The Spread | 4-5-1 | Away Favorite |
| 2-2 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-0 | Away Underdog |
| 5-9 | Vs BIG 12 | 3-3-1 | Vs Non-BIG 12 |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Fiesta | -3' | Florida | 62-24 | W |
| 96 | Orange | -16 | Virginia Tech | 41-21 | W |
| 97 | Orange | -13' | Tennessee | 42-17 | W |
| 98 | Holiday | -3 | Arizona | 20-23 | L |
| 99 | Fiesta | -4 | Tennessee | 31-21 | W |

# NEBRASKA (12-1)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 12 NORTH**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 9***
**DEFENSE: 5**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 61 (25,34,2)**
**Lost: 24 (10,14,0)**

## NEBRASKA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5* | 34.0 | 19 | 270 | 5.1 | 128 | 51.8 | 11.7 | +6 | 1999 | 7 | 13.2 | 14 | 75 | 2.1 | 182 | 43.7 | 13.3 |
| 3 | 31.0 | 21 | 241 | 4.7 | 136 | 55.1 | 12.2 | +8 | 1998 | 7 | 15.8 | 17 | 116 | 3.0 | 194 | 50.3 | 19.6 |
| 6* | 46.7 | 26 | 394 | 6.2 | 121 | 55.7 | 11.0 | +4 | 1997 | 3 | 16.5 | 13 | 78 | 2.4 | 184 | 49.3 | 15.9 |
| 5 | 42.5 | 23 | 291 | 5.1 | 131 | 50.8 | 9.9 | +13 | 1996 | 7 | 13.4 | 15 | 92 | 2.5 | 175 | 45.6 | 19.9 |
| 4* | 53.1 | 27 | 410 | 7.1 | 152 | 53.1 | 10.6 | +14 | 1995 | 4 | 14.5 | 15 | 70 | 2.3 | 223 | 49.9 | 20.1 |
| 7* | 35.3 | 24 | 329 | 5.8 | 135 | 57.0 | 13.2 | -1 | 1994 | 5 | 12.5 | 15 | 75 | 2.3 | 185 | 47.6 | 20.9 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Iowa | 24 | 62-347 | 5.6 | 10-15 | 196 | 1 | 8 | 26-57 | 2.2 | 11-30 | 112 | 3 | 0 |
| California | 15 | 48-114 | 2.4 | 5-9 | 187 | 4 | 9 | 35-40 | 1.1 | 8-26 | 105 | 5 | +2 |
| S Mississippi | 8 | 41-119 | 2.9 | 6-10 | 66 | 1 | 15 | 34-25 | 0.7 | 23-45 | 268 | 5 | +1 |
| at Missouri | 21 | 58-333 | 5.7 | 10-17 | 143 | 2 | 10 | 32-25 | 0.8 | 9-27 | 149 | 4 | 0 |
| Oklahoma St | 21 | 49-240 | 4.9 | 7-14 | 145 | 0 | 14 | 48-188 | 3.9 | 7-21 | 85 | 2 | +1 |
| Iowa St | 25 | 57-439 | 7.7 | 5-14 | 85 | 2 | 18 | 35-146 | 4.2 | 18-32 | 185 | 3 | +2 |
| at Texas | 23 | 51-192 | 3.8 | 13-21 | 237 | 2 | 13 | 27-62 | 2.3 | 17-30 | 213 | 1 | -3 |
| at Kansas | 15 | 42-173 | 4.1 | 11-20 | 193 | 2 | 17 | 39-116 | 3.0 | 16-31 | 217 | 5 | 0 |
| Texas A&M | 23 | 55-335 | 6.1 | 9-20 | 95 | 1 | 9 | 38-2 | 0.1 | 11-30 | 116 | 8 | +2 |
| Kansas St | 20 | 61-309 | 5.1 | 8-17 | 69 | 1 | 11 | 37-92 | 2.5 | 8-32 | 142 | 5 | +2 |
| at Colorado | 14 | 51-356 | 7.0 | 4-12 | 44 | 0 | 22 | 47-166 | 3.5 | 22-42 | 338 | 5 | -3 |
| †Texas | 14 | 58-234 | 4.0 | 6-15 | 55 | 1 | 15 | 30-6 | 0.2 | 15-42 | 172 | 7 | +1 |
| Tennessee (Bowl) | 23 | 56-321 | 5.7 | 9-15 | 148 | 2 | 17 | 26-44 | 1.7 | 20-35 | 267 | 3 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 246 | 689-3512 | 5.1 | 103-199 | 1663 | 19 | 178 | 454-969 | 2.1 | 185-423 | 2369 | 56 | +6 |
| AVERAGES | 18.9 | 53-270 | 5.1 | 8-15 | 128 | 1.5 | 13.7 | 35-75 | 2.1 | 14-33 | 182 | 4.3 | 0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Oklahoma St | -29 | 64-21 | W |
| at Michigan St | -20 | 50-10 | W |
| Arizona St | -27 | 77-28 | W |
| Pacific | -53 | 49-7 | L |
| Washington St | -29 | 35-21 | L |
| Missouri | -42 | 57-0 | W |
| Kansas St | -23' | 49-25 | W |
| at Colorado | -9 | 44-21 | W |
| Iowa St | -42 | 73-14 | W |
| at Kansas | -24' | 41-3 | W |
| Oklahoma | -34 | 37-0 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Michigan St | -29' | 55-14 | W |
| at Arizona St | -25 | 0-19 | L |
| Colorado St | -37 | 65-9 | W |
| at Kansas St | -12 | 39-3 | W |
| Baylor | -38 | 49-0 | W |
| at Texas Tech | -22 | 24-10 | L |
| Kansas | -33' | 63-7 | W |
| at Oklahoma | -35' | 73-21 | W |
| Missouri | -50 | 51-7 | L |
| at Iowa St | -40 | 49-14 | L |
| Colorado | -18 | 17-12 | L |
| † Texas | -20' | 27-*37 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Akron | -58 | 59-14 | L |
| C Florida | -43' | 38-24 | L |
| at Washington | +4 | 27-14 | W |
| Kansas St | -22 | 56-26 | W |
| at Baylor | -39 | 49-21 | L |
| Texas Tech | -36' | 29-0 | L |
| at Kansas | -37' | 35-0 | L |
| Oklahoma | -37 | 69-7 | W |
| at Missouri | -29 | 45-38 | L |
| Iowa St | -44 | 77-14 | W |
| at Colorado | -21 | 27-24 | L |
| † Texas A&M | -18 | 54-15 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Louisiana Tech | -35' | 56-27 | L |
| Alabama-Birm | -47 | 38-7 | L |
| at California | -21 | 24-3 | T |
| Washington | -13' | 55-7 | W |
| † Oklahoma St | -26 | 24-17 | L |
| at Texas A&M | -11' | 21-28 | L |
| Kansas | -34 | 41-0 | W |
| Missouri | -19' | 20-13 | L |
| Texas | -16' | 16-20 | L |
| at Iowa St | -26 | 42-7 | W |
| at Kansas St | +11 | 30-40 | W |
| Colorado | -20 | 16-14 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Iowa | -27 | 42-7 | W |
| California | -32 | 45-0 | W |
| S Mississippi | -26' | 20-13 | L |
| at Missouri | -17 | 40-10 | W |
| Oklahoma St | -27 | 38-14 | L |
| Iowa St | -29' | 49-14 | W |
| at Texas | -9 | 20-24 | L |
| at Kansas | -32 | 24-17 | L |
| Texas A&M | -13' | 37-0 | W |
| Kansas St | -9' | 41-15 | W |
| at Colorado | -14' | 33-30 | L |
| † Texas | -8 | 22-6 | W |

# NEVADA WOLF PACK

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Nevada is known for its high flying pass attacks and in fact has a streak of 16 straight years in which the QB has thrown for 2,000+ yards, tops in the country. David Neill has NFL type size at 6-5 202 and has thrown for 6,651 yards in just 2 seasons, completing 58% of his passes with a super 49-16 ratio. It will be interesting to see how well he does this year without his top weapon, Trevor Insley, but Neill should contend for All WAC honors provided he stays healthy. Zach Threadgill (6-2 196 So) threw for 177 yards in 2 games as the backup QB last year. Matt Gotta (5-11 180 rFr) was PS#197 and will push for playing time as will Bret Staninger (6-3 204 So). Neill not only possesses a strong accurate arm but is dangerous scrambler and is the leading returning rusher. As long as Neill stays healthy, I look for this unit to continue to improve.

**RUNNING BACKS** - RB Chris Lemon departs after 3 straight 1,000 yard seasons and 4,246 career yards. His bruising running style will be missed. I list 2 RB's below. Also in the mix is Marquis Starks (5-10 186 rFr) who was PS#249RB and awarded the offensive scout team Player of the Year in 99 and could be ready to emerge. He was recruited by both Missouri and Northwestern. Tormey also brought in a couple of true frosh recruits (see Top Newcomers) who could contend for time. Adrien Dugas was listed 1st string out of spring and the school is listing him as an all WAC candidate. With the loss of its star, this unit is clearly weaker.

**RECEIVERS** - Trevor Insley became the NCAA's all time receiving yards leader last season and was a Biletnikoff finalist recording an amazing 2,060 yards in 1999 alone (1st player in NCAA history to top 2,000) and finishing with over 5,000 career yards. Also gone from last year are WR Cleavon Brooks (10 sts, 51 rec, 14.0), TE Nathan Allen (10 sts, 5 rec) and TE Darin Higgins (1 st). The leading returning WR has just 17 rec's. They do get TCU transfer Michael Crawford who was a starter there in 97 & 98. I list the 2 deep below. The most impressive WR in the spring was Nate Burleson who has 4.44 speed and a 39" vertical leap (best on team). Once again some of Tormey's recruits may play immediately but with the loss of a star like Insley, I'll have to call this unit weaker in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Wolf Pack had 5 senior starters returning in 99 and naturally all of them depart this year. Gone are C Ryan Scuffy (10 sts, 1st tm Big West), OG Cameron Norcross (7 sts), OT Jeff Batrez (9 sts), OT Greg Bird (11 sts) and OG Eric Harper (11 sts). All five were 2 year starters. They have a new coach and new terminology on offense and now five new offensive linemen to break in. Three of the players listed below have starting experience and there are a couple of HT's in the group. I think the talent level is decent but this unit is clearly weaker than last year's veteran squad which only allowed 16 sacks on 457 pass attempts.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Wolf Pack had to replace two starters from the front and then had their top DL Rick Cross get in just one start due to back problems. Overall eight different players started and five of them return. Gone are DT Jim Farley (11 sts, 37 tkls), DE Cedric Pittman (11 sts, 46 tkls, 14 tfl) and DT Rick Cross (1 st, 14 tkls). I list the two deep below and this has the makings of a decent unit. Last year the Wolf Pack was literally run over, as they allowed 240 ypg rushing and 5.3 ypc. Despite the losses, I look for improvement out of this group in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Nevada had two starters returning last year but lost one prior to the season due to academics. Nevada's defense ended up allowing 38 ppg and was weak versus both the rush and the pass. This year they must replace two LB's once again in WLB Jason Burk (10 sts, 73 tkls) and MLB Dan Rockwell (11 sts, 95 tkls) as well as backup WLB Chris Lane (20 tkls). Three players return with starting experience and I list the two deep below. They do have some true frosh and redshirt frosh HT's coming in and not listed is Stefan Merriweather (6-1 190 PS#259). Last year's defense was nothing to write home about and I do expect improvement this year despite the losses.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 98 the Pack, with four veteran starters returning, finished #20 in my pass defense rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters and then lost the projected starting CB prior to the season. They fell to #94 in my pass efficiency defense rankings, allowing 22 TD's with just 5 int's. This year all four starters must be replaced in FS Maxzell Williams (11 sts, 2nd tm Big West), SS Greg Oliver (11 sts, #2 tkl'r), CB Charles Rogers (11 sts, 41 tkls, 9 pbu) and CB Mack Carminer (8 sts, 39 tkls). I list the two deep below and there are three HT's in the group but only two with starting experience. The unit would get a boost if Del Bates (5-11 170 Sr), who is the team's fastest player, can overcome academic hurdles and return. While they can't go much lower in the pass efficiency defense rankings, this unit is not as seasoned as last year and looks weaker.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In 98 Nevada finished #80 in my special teams rankings and last year had everyone returning. Unfortunately a -7 finish in my TD/block category hurt them and they fell to the second worst ranking in the country. Almost everyone is back once again in 2000. The biggest loss is PR Insley who averaged 8.5 per return. Both K's and both P's return as do the top 2 KR's. After last year's feeble performance, I can only see improvement. Tormey said the unit "was pathetic" in the spring and vowed major changes in the alignments. He says that his philosophy is that this unit is as important as the offense and defense. Keep in mind, Tormey's special teams at Idaho were usually solid and finished #7 in the country in 1998, so he does put emphasis on this category and there should be huge improvement in the rankings.

DT Horacio Leyva is shown here flying thru the air to get the QB.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chris Lemon | 238 | 1234 | 64 | 1170 | 12 | 4.9 |
| **David Neill** | 100 | 505 | 296 | 209 | 5 | 2.1 |
| **Adrien Dugas** | 35 | 206 | 7 | 199 | 2 | 5.7 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **David Neill** | 423 | 247 | 58.4 | 3402 | 20 | 7 |
| **Zach Threadgill** | 33 | 15 | 45.5 | 177 | 0 | 2 |
| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG | |
| Trevor Insley | 134 | 2060 | 15.4 | 13 | 53 | |
| Cleavon Brooks | 51 | 714 | 14.0 | 3 | 64 | |
| Chris Lemon | 20 | 184 | 9.2 | 1 | 31 | |
| **Mo Jones** | 17 | 200 | 11.8 | 0 | 22 | |
| **Jermaine Brown** | 11 | 122 | 11.1 | 1 | 20 | |
| **Aaron Carter** | 8 | 98 | 12.2 | 0 | 25 | |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Norm Brady** | 60 | 2058 | 41.8 | - | 33.3 | 3 | 11 |
| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| **Mike Phillips** | 2-3 | 4-5 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 7-10 | 44 | |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maxzell Williams | 103 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 1 |
| Greg Oliver | 100 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Dan Rockwell | 95 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| **Josh Smith** | 91 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Jason Burk | 73 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Cedric Pittman | 46 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Charles Rogers | 41 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| Mack Carminer | 39 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Jim Farley | 37 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Horacio Leyva** | 35 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| **Ronnie Taylor** | 34 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Christian Broussard** | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **Jeff Peterson** | 27 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Trevor Insley | 13 | 111 | 8.5 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Johnnie Holmes** | 13 | 225 | 17.3 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**OREGON ST -1 13-28 LOSS** 7,000 Beaver fans were among the 29,167 on hand. OSU's blitzing def harassed UN QB Neill but he completed 22 of 46 for 287 yds. OSU RB Simonton had 199 yds on 35 carries. UN got a TD midway thru the 2Q. After a roughing the P pen on 4th & 20 OSU got a TD. UN settled for a 21 yd FG with :28 left 1H. UN got a 44 yd FG in the 3Q, 13-7. A short pass to OSU TE Maurer turned into a TD after he lumbered 74 yds. OSU added two 4Q TD's to account for the final margin.

**AT COLORADO ST +17' 33-36 WIN** I used UN as a 3★ Small College Play & CSU was off a very satisfying rout of its rival BYU with just 4 days to prepare. UN got a 1Q FG & finished with a 597-529 yd edge. CSU led 14-13 at half, then the offenses were unleashed. CSU settled for a 23 yd FG to open the 3Q but added a TD, 24-13. The teams then traded points, 38-26. UN drove 81 yds for a TD with 2:33 left. After forcing a punt they started at their own 3 but fmbl'd with :19 left & CSU escaped.

**AT OREGON +14 10-72 LOSS** UO led just 14-10 until QB Neill was inj which spelled doom for UN. UO got a 59 yd drive for a TD & then took advantage of int's to set up TD's on drives of 14, 46, 9 and 35 yds. It was 49-10 at half & 63-10 after 3Q's. UO did run the ball most of the 4Q but got a FG & drove 35 yds for a TD late to account for the final.

**FRESNO ST -1' 24-49 LOSS** FSU was w/o 2 inj'd starting OL who were lost for the year. FSU RB Ward (176 yds) had a huge 1Q including an 86 yd TD run. He also blk'd a punt for a TD, 20-0 after 1Q. FSU had 547 yds vs the beleaguered UN defense but UN had a 27-19 FD edge. It was 34-18 after 3Q's but FSU got a pair of TD's to ice it.

**UNLV -8 26-12 WIN** The Wolf Pack held the Rebels to just 25 yds rushing & 86 passing in the 1H. UNLV did have 248 yds in the 2H but that was after they were already down 20-0. UNLV RB Rudolph finished with 120 yds. UN put it away with an 80 yd, 11 play drive in the 4Q, 26-6. UNLV added a penalty aided garbage time TD to account for the final. UNLV has not beaten UN in Reno since 1979.

**AT N MEXICO ST +4 23-16 WIN** NMS had a 484-471 yd edge but a 4-0 TO deficit. An early fmbl set up a 21 yd UN TD drive, 10-0 at half. UN drove 80 yds in the 3Q, 16-0 but NMS got 2 3Q TD's, 16-13. NMS tied it with just 4:00 to go & had the ball but a fmbl set up UN for a 32 yd TD drive which gave the Wolfpack the win.

**AT BOISE ST -2 17-52 LOSS** BSU blk'd a punt & ret'd it for a TD. UN drove 80 yds for a TD but a 59 yd KR set up a 32 yd TD drive for BSU. UN got a 38 yd FG but Boise blk'd a punt to set up a short TD, 21-10 after 1Q. BSU recorded 9 sk's & led 31-10 but Neill's 37 yd TD run w/ :05 left in 2Q made it 31-17. Boise put it away in the 3Q with a 68 yd TD pass & 2 more TD's, 52-17. Surprisingly, neither team scored again.

**N TEXAS -11 41-28 WIN** UN had a 558-343 yd edge. UN took its opening poss 80 yds for a TD. After a NT 38 yd FG, UN made 2 long TD drives. UN (2 xpng), led 19-3. NT missed a FG but UN was called for roughing the K & NT made a 20 yd FG on the half's final play. UN fmbl'd a 3Q punt & NT got a 15 yd TD drive. Each team got a TD. UN got a 34 yd TD pass & 23 yd FG with just 9:12 left, 35-20. With 2:31 left NT got a 49 yd TD pass. UN rec'd the onside & drove 51 yds & Neill's 28 yd TD run with 1:13 left gave them the cover that they deserved with such a commanding yardage edge.

**IDAHO +2' 33-42 LOSS** UN gained 136 yds in the 1Q but IU got a 92 yd KO ret for a TD & added a 19 yd TD drive foll a PR. UN missed a 22 yd FG. IU added a 2Q TD, 19-0 as WR Insley (inj) missed the 2Q. Neill hit just 6 of 16 in the 1H but threw for 278 yds in the 2H. UN got a pair of 3Q TD's, 19-12. IU rec'd a fmbl in the EZ for a TD & UN got a TD drive. IU QB Welsh came in after being thought lost for the year & hit 5 of 7 for 83 yds. He led a 74 yd TD drive. Insley, who had 254 yds mostly in the 2H, hauled in an 11 yd TD pass. Welsh led a 63 yd TD drive with 7:39 left. UN got a 31 yd TD pass, 40-33. IU was SOD at the UN 3 with :36 left which gave the Pack a slim chance but IU scored a safety to salt it away. UN had a 520-378 yd edge.

**AT ARKANSAS ST -3 28-44 LOSS** Neill was sacked 4 times & wound up with a bruised knee, elbow & thumb. ASU led 16-0 before UN drove 78 & 85 yds for TD's. ASU got a TD with :15 left, 23-14. ASU got a 65 yd 3Q TD drive. Foll an int, UN got a TD but ASU drove 76 yds for a TD. UN drove 69 yds in 15 plays for a TD & then ASU went 79 yds (all rushes) for a TD on 4th & goal with 8:37 left to seal the upset.

**UTAH ST -3 35-37 LOSS** Tisdel had announced his resignation under fire. USU rushed for 388 yds & UN passed for 353. UN got a 73 yd run by Lemon & 62 yd run by Neill but trailed 24-21 at half. The 3Q was scoreless! UN got a TD but Brown went 52 yds on a Statue of Liberty to set up a TD. UN got a 40 yd TD pass with 4:14 left. USU got a TD (xpng). UN was int'd at the USU 19 with just :15 left.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Until recently the Wolf Pack was the dominant team of the Big West. From 1991 until 1995 they compiled a 51-18 record but over their final 3 years in the conference were just 14-19 and then now move on to the greener pastures of the WAC. There is a change at head coach as Chris Tormey, who had been the head man at Idaho from 1995-99, takes over after Jeff Tisdel was let go. In his first 2 seasons, Tisdel led the Wolf Pack to Big West co-championships and Nevada's first bowl victory in over 49 years. Last year injuries hurt the team as did a tough schedule (including 5 bowl teams). It was Nevada's worst overall record since 1975. Tormey will need some luck if he is to succeed in Reno this year as Nevada is stepping up to a much tougher conference this year going from the Big West to the WAC. They were also devastated by graduation with 9 starters gone on offense including their all star receiver and the entire O-line and 8 starters departing on defense. Tormey says they will play 6 or 7 true frosh this year and coaches do tend to go with their own recruits. The team must also learn new schemes on both sides of the ball and again has a rough non-conference slate. I see the possibility of a winless season and matching last year's 3 win total would be a major accomplishment as Tormey builds for the future.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| LB | Daryl Towns 6-0 212 PS#119 | |
| LB | Michael Yenick 6-2 235 PS#127 | |
| RB | Josh Griffin 5-9 180 PS#167 | |
| RB | Brad Lindstrom 6-1 193 PS#220 | |
| OL | Nicholas Rae 6-3 295 PS#200JC | |
| DL | Mike Luca 6-4 240 PS#191 | |
| OL | Nicholas Schneider 6-3 315 PS#255 | |
| LB | J.D. Morscheck 6-1 200 PS#215 | |
| OL | Sean Folweiler 6-3 275 PS#256 | |
| OL | John Tennert 6-3 288 PS#284 | |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DAVID NEILL JR.** 6-5 202 *PS#122 : #5 in NCAA in pass eff as true, 7 sts, 3249 yds (58%), 29-9 ratio. 11 sts in 99, 3402 yds (58%), 20-7 ratio.*
**RB Johnnie Holmes So.** 5-9 165 *PS#145, speedy. 256 ret yds in 99. Adrien Dugas (5-10 185 Sr) was PS#276. 324 yds (5.0), 16 rec (10.3) in 3 yrs.*
**WR Nate Burleson rFr.** 6-2 169 *PS#225 in 1999. All WV in HS. Aaron Carter (6-2 189 So) PS#193 WR in 99. 5 gms as true, 8 rec (12.2).*
**WR Michael Crawford Sr.** 5-9 168 *9 gms as true at TCU in 97, 4 rec (15.8). 7 sts at TCU in 98, 15 rec (13.7). J. Brown (5-11 177 So) had 4 sts ly, 11 rec (11.1).*
**WR MO JONES JR.** 6-3 179 *1 st in 98 at QB, 140 yds pass, 22 rush. 6 sts at WR in 99, 17 rec (11.8). TW Cunningham (5-11 193 Jr) was PS#156.*
**TE Erik Streelman So.** 6-5 239 *Took off redshirt & played 5 games as true frosh in 99, 0 rec. Jason Johnson (6-5 200 rFr) was PS#132.*
**C Cody Johnson So.** 6-4 270 *PS#455OL in 98. 2 sts in 99, lettered. Evan Shuler (6-3 275 rFr) PS#363OL in 99. Recruited by Nebraska.*
**RG Sean Folweiler Jr.** 6-3 275 *PS#256JC this year, in for spring. Alan Parker (6-5 290 rFr) PS#265OL, 2nd string in 99 but redshirted.*
**LG Turner Graham Jr.** 6-3 293 *HS wrestler. DL in 98. Moved to OL in 99, 1 st. Tim Raban (6-4 290 So) PS#360. Brandon Siefker (6-4 263 So) PS#310.*
**RT Clark Roosendaal Sr.** 6-6 302 *PS#238 in 96. 2 gms, 3 tkls in 97. 7 sts in 98, 27 tkls, 6 tfl at DL. 2 sts on OL in 99. Nicholas Rae (6-4 289 Jr) PS#200JC.*
**LT Craig Brooks So.** 6-2 315 *PS#80 in 97 & signed at Colo St. 9 gms at CSU in 98. JC in 99. Brian Barnes (6-6 302 So) PS#172OL in 97, 2nd string in 98.*
**K MIKE PHILLIPS SR.** 5-10 170 *KO's in 97 as true. Hit 3 of 9 FG's in 98, L/41 & did KO's. Hit 7 of 10 in 99, long of 44, missed 3 gms w/hip flexor.*

**DE JACOB SILICZ JR.** 6-5 240 *16 tkls, 1 sk, 9 gms in 98. 5 sts, 18 tkls, 5 tfl ly. Steve Sylvester (6-3 285 Jr) JC in for spring. Dwight Lane (6-2 235 Jr).*
**DT HORACIO LEYVA JR.** 6-4 250 *PS#299 in 98. 3 sts as true, 14 tkls, 7 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 35 tkls, 9 tfl. Isaiah Ross (6-3 305 rFr). MIP DL in spring.*
**DT Rickie Stevens Sr.** 6-2 275 *#1 out of spg. Sione Fehoko (6-3 285 rFr) RS in 99. Good spg. Chris Barry (6-3 260 Fr) is PS#231, 16 sks as HS Sr.*
**DE Ronnie Taylor Sr.** 6-4 250 *JC in 98. 2 tkls but reds. 4 sts in 99, 34 tkls, 3 tfl. Brant Hill (6-4 240 rFr) PS#197. Michael Yenick PS#127.*
**LB Darren Taylor Sr.** 6-1 235 *PS#351JC, 110 tkls at JC in 97. 1 st here in 99, 18 tkls, 3 tfl. Carl Lagrone (6-4 210 rFr) PS#160, 7 tkls in spring gm.*
**LB Jeff Peterson Jr.** 6-1 220 *PS#168LB in 97. 1 tkl in 98, 1 st in 99, 27 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 pbu. Daryl Towns PS#119. Reginald Kinlaw (6-2 225 rFr).*
**LB JOSH SMITH SR.** 6-1 235 *4 tkls in 97. 15 tkls In 98. 10 sts in 99, 91 tkls, 5 tfl, #4 tkl'r. Bert Schenone (6-1 235 So) PS#234LB, 9 tkls in 99.*
**CB Ronald Hardiman rFr.** 6-0 170 *PS#125 in 99, recruited by Tex A&M. 4.4 speed. Domonic Cruz (5-9 180 So) 7 tkls in 99 as JC trans. 2 ints in spg gm.*
**CB Aaron Dean So.** 5-10 170 *PS#297 in 98. 1 st, 17 tkls in 99. Track champ in HS. Leondre Lewis (5-10 165 rFr), J.D. Morscheck (6-1 200) is PS#215LB.*
**SS Christian Broussard Sr.** 6-0 195 *PS#76DB in 96. 17 tkls in 97. 15 tkls in 98. 2 sts in 99, 32 tkls, 2 int. Maurice Townsell (6-1 180 rFr) PS#176WR in 99.*
**FS Brian Laudermilk Sr.** 6-1 170 *4 tkls in 98 in 6 gms. 7 gms in 99, 6 tkls, Tyrone Rackley (5-11 185 rFr) was PS#172DB. Brad Lindstrom is PS#220.*
**P NORM BRADY JR.** 6-1 180 *PS#210 WR in 98. 55 punts as true, 39.0 avg, 34.4 net. 60 punts in 99, improved avg to 41.8 but net of 33.3.*

# NEVADA WOLF PACK

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score NEV | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Wolf Pack were in the Big West but are moving to the WAC this yr. New Coach Tormey was an assistant coach with Washington when the Huskies won the National Title in 1991. |
| Sep. 2 | at Oregon | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nevada is 2-6 ATS on artificial turf the last 3 seasons. Wolf Pack is 0-5 SU and 0-4 ATS vs Pac 10 teams. |
| Sep. 9 | TCU | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nevada is 6-2 SU, 2-1 ATS in home openers L/8Y. Chris Tormey is the 23rd head man for this program which dates back to 1898! |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | at Wyoming | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nevada is 1-2 SU, 2-1 ATS the L/3Y after a bye week. They lost 30-34 but covered as 8 pt dogs vs WY after a bye in 97. |
| Sep. 30 | Colorado St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolf Pack is 0-3 SU but 2-1 ATS the L/3Y vs the Rams. Tormey was 8-3-1 ATS L/12 games after a SU loss while at Idaho. |
| Oct. 7 | at UNLV | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The winner of this North / South battle is awarded the Fremont Cannon. Could apply here: Nevada is 1-6 ATS L/7 as away chalk. |
| Oct. 14 | at Fresno St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The road team is 3-0 SU, 2-0 ATS in this series since 1994. Wolf Pack is 4-2 ATS as an away dog the last 2 years. |
| Oct. 21 | San Jose St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Prior to this season NU was 4-7 ATS L/11 conf games. Tormey's Vandals upset SJS 17-12 as a 9 pt dog in '81. |
| Oct. 28 | at SMU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Pack was 4-8 ATS off a SU win coming into this season. Tormey was 5-1 ATS as an away dog while at Idaho. |
| Nov. 4 | UTEP | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the TCU result, NU is 6-0 SU, 2-0 ATS S/91 hosting a Texas school. Nevada is 0-7 ATS in November the last 3 seasons. |
| Nov. 11 | at Hawaii | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Points could be plentiful as this pits two high octane passing systems. Nevada leads all time series 3-1 SU, last meeting was a loss at UH in '68. |
| Nov. 18 | Rice | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolf Pack is 0-3 both SU & ATS in home finales the L3Y. This will be the first ever meeting for these two schools. |
| Nov. 25 | at Tulsa | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nevada is 3-5 SU, 0-2 ATS in road finales. Last series meeting was in '48, a 65-14 Nevada victory. |
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## STADIUM: MACKAY STADIUM (31,545)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (1st Year)

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 7-4 | 8-3 | 9-3 | 9-3 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 3-8 | 44-24 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-6 | 5-5 | 4-7 | 13-18 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 6-5 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-3 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-6 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 4-4 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 2-5 | 7-11 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 6-7 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-5 | 3-2 | 4-5 | 11-12 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 2-6 |
| vs Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 2-4 | 6-9 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 7-9 |
| Off SU Win | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 4-8 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-2 | 3-1 | 3-4 | 9-7 |

## Coach: CHRIS TORMEY (Career 33-23)
### *Tormey's records AT NEVADA*

1st Year at Nevada

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 0-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs WAC | 0-0 | Vs Non-WAC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | Salad | NL | N Texas | 13-6 | - |
| 48 | Harbor | NL | Villanova | 7-27 | - |
| 92 | Las Vegas | NL | Bowling Green | 34-35 | L |
| 95 | Las Vegas | E | Toledo | 37-40 | W |
| 96 | Las Vegas | -6' | Ball St | 18-15 | L |

# NEVADA (3-8)

*CONFERENCE:* **WAC**

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 2*** **Returning: 31 (13,15,3)**
**DEFENSE: 3** **Lost: 20 (10,10,0)**

## NEVADA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 25.7 | 25 | 146 | 4.2 | 326 | 57.5 | 18.3 | -4 | 1999 | 5 | 38.0 | 23 | 240 | 5.3 | 230 | 53.3 | 12.4 |
| 5 | 33.7 | 26 | 144 | 3.9 | 363 | 57.9 | 15.0 | -3 | 1998 | 8 | 28.7 | 19 | 190 | 4.7 | 206 | 48.7 | 13.8 |
| 7 | 32.1 | 24 | 109 | 3.4 | 370 | 59.8 | 14.9 | +2 | 1997 | 7 | 29.1 | 25 | 188 | 4.8 | 260 | 52.0 | 15.4 |
| 2 | 42.9 | 27 | 171 | 4.4 | 357 | 62.3 | 12.3 | +9 | 1996 | 10 | 23.2 | 18 | 131 | 3.7 | 212 | 47.9 | 14.7 |
| 7* | 45.0 | 30 | 147 | 4.0 | 409 | 65.0 | 12.5 | -16 | 1995 | 5 | 30.0 | 22 | 149 | 4.2 | 281 | 52.0 | 14.3 |
| 3 | 38.0 | 28 | 178 | 4.5 | 330 | 60.0 | 13.5 | N/A | 1994 | 8 | 25.0 | 21 | 137 | 3.6 | 333 | 51.0 | 14.9 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Oregon St | 21 | 31-92 | 3.0 | 22-46 | 287 | 4 | | 22 | 39-188 | 4.8 | 21-43 | 257 | 2 | -2 |
| at Colorado St | 33 | 38-149 | 3.9 | 36-53 | 448 | 2 | | 27 | 37-217 | 5.9 | 23-34 | 312 | 0 | 0 |
| at Oregon | 19 | 30-57 | 1.9 | 18-48 | 249 | 5 | | 27 | 52-272 | 5.2 | 15-20 | 290 | 0 | -4 |
| Fresno St | 27 | 34-84 | 2.5 | 26-42 | 376 | 5 | | 19 | 51-348 | 6.8 | 16-23 | 199 | 0 | 2 |
| UNLV | 27 | 46-220 | 4.8 | 14-27 | 200 | 4 | | 21 | 38-177 | 4.7 | 19-33 | 180 | 3 | 0 |
| at New Mexico St | 23 | 43-194 | 4.5 | 17-33 | 277 | 8 | | 25 | 52-247 | 4.8 | 12-26 | 237 | 2 | 4 |
| at Boise St | 26 | 29-139 | 4.8 | 28-45 | 350 | 9 | | 23 | 41-167 | 4.1 | 14-29 | 259 | 2 | -2 |
| N Texas | 26 | 32-153 | 4.8 | 29-38 | 405 | 0 | | 19 | 41-139 | 3.4 | 15-41 | 204 | 1 | -1 |
| Idaho | 28 | 52-203 | 3.9 | 22-38 | 317 | 10 | | 19 | 39-207 | 5.3 | 14-26 | 171 | 2 | 0 |
| at Arkansas St | 25 | 27-118 | 4.4 | 26-45 | 328 | 0 | | 27 | 54-291 | 5.4 | 15-25 | 281 | 3 | 0 |
| Utah St | 22 | 24-193 | 8.0 | 25-42 | 353 | 3 | | 22 | 53-388 | 7.3 | 8-23 | 141 | 1 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 277 | 386-1602 | 4.2 | 263-457 | 3590 | 48 | | 251 | 497-2641 | 5.3 | 172-323 | 2531 | 16 | -4 |
| AVERAGES | 25.2 | 35-146 | 4.2 | 24-42 | 326 | 4.5 | | 22.8 | 45-240 | 5.3 | 16-29 | 230 | 1.5 | -0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| SW Louisiana | NL | 38-14 | - |
| at N Mexico St | NL | 45-24 | - |
| Toledo | NL | 35-49 | - |
| at San Diego St | NL | 27-30 | - |
| N Texas | NL | 56-24 | - |
| NE Louisiana | NL | 59-35 | - |
| at Louis Tech | NL | 49-45 | - |
| UNLV | NL | 55-32 | - |
| at Utah St | NL | 30-25 | - |
| at Pacific | NL | 45-39 | - |
| San Jose St | NL | 45-28 | - |
| Toledo | NL | 37-40 | - |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Oregon | NL | 30-44 | - |
| Montana St | NL | 31-7 | - |
| at California | NL | 15-33 | - |
| Kent | NL | 63-42 | - |
| at UNLV | NL | 54-17 | - |
| Boise St | NL | 66-28 | - |
| at Idaho | NL | 15-24 | - |
| at N Texas | NL | 40-13 | - |
| N Mexico St | NL | 63-14 | - |
| at Utah St | NL | 54-27 | - |
| Arkansas St | NL | 66-14 | - |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Colorado St | +8' | 13-45 | L |
| UNLV | -16 | 31-14 | W |
| Oregon | +3' | 20-24 | L |
| at S Mississippi | -14 | 19-35 | L |
| at Toledo | -1 | 13-31 | L |
| Wyoming | +8 | 30-34 | W |
| Idaho | -4 | 42-23 | W |
| N Texas | -17 | 65-10 | W |
| at N Mexico St | -31 | 45-24 | L |
| at Boise St | NL | 56-42 | – |
| Utah St | -6 | 19-38 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Oregon St | +7' | 6-48 | L |
| Colorado St | +16' | 14-26 | W |
| at Fresno St | +13' | 27-24 | W |
| at UNLV | -10' | 31-20 | W |
| N Mexico St | -12 | 45-48 | L |
| at N Texas | -1 | 21-27 | L |
| at Idaho | +3 | 58-23 | W |
| Boise St | -11 | 52-24 | W |
| at Utah St | -6' | 26-21 | L |
| Cal Poly-SLO | NL | 63-0 | – |
| S Mississippi | +10 | 28-55 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oregon St | -1 | 13-28 | L |
| at Colorado St | +17' | 33-38 | W |
| at Oregon | +14 | 10-72 | L |
| Fresno St | -1' | 24-49 | L |
| UNLV | -8 | 26-12 | W |
| at New Mexico St | +4 | 23-16 | W |
| at Boise St | -2 | 17-52 | L |
| N Texas | -11 | 41-28 | W |
| Idaho | +2' | 33-42 | L |
| at Arkansas St | -3' | 28-44 | L |
| Utah St | -3 | 35-37 | L |

# NEW MEXICO LOBOS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year in the magazine I called for Sean Stein to win the starting QB job. Unfortunately for NM, he began the year as 3rd string and it wasn't until midseason that he won the job. As I mention in Phil's Forecast, the Lobos struggled early without him, and were much more potent with him as starter. Stein threw for 1,584 yds (51.8%) with an 11-9 ratio which are not overwhelming numbers but should easily be improved upon with him getting most of the reps as the starter. He also had 164 yds rushing last year. At JUCO in 98 Stein threw for 2,797 yds (60.6%) and the team had a 10-1 record when he starter. Eric Jaworsky threw for 498 yds (64.7%) with a 4-1 ratio. Justin Mobley began the year alternating at QB and had 88 yds passing (39%) with a 1-3 ratio and 105 yds rushing in limited action. Jaworsky graduates and Mobley moved to safety this year. Ken Stopka (6-2 210 Jr) was PS#42 but has not seriously contended for the job in his 3 years. Justin Millea (6-1 205 rFr) was PS#167. Stein's true competition this year will be from a pair of JUCO's. Rudy Caamano (6-1 190 So) threw for 2100 yards with a 19-4 ratio at JUCO last year and was in for the spring. Jeremy Denson (PS #9 JUCO!) looks to be Stein's biggest threat and is the most athletic of the QB's. With the new offensive coordinator being from TCU, the QB will be more option-oriented and Denson has the best tools in that area. Regardless of who wins the job, this unit should be much stronger.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Lobos' RB corps looked solid especially with the addition of a rare VHT in Ted Iacenda. However they still struggled to rush the ball. In fact, the streak of NM games without a 100 yd rusher reached 29 games. Finally, Jarrod Baxter put together 3 straight 100 yd rushing efforts. Long said that most of the other backs were being brought down by arm tackles all season and he was remiss in not giving Baxter more playing time earlier in the season. Five of the top seven rushers return with the only losses being Reginal Johnson, who did not have the kind of year expected with just 157 yards, and Rishard Stafford (123 yds). If Iacenda lives up to his potential, this group should be vastly improved, and they do have much more experience than last year's group. I list the top 5 below but injuries could be a problem as they have no other players at RB who are ready to contribute.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Lobos returned their top 2 WR's in Germany Thompson (39 rec's, 14.2) and Martinez Williams (60 rec, 10.1) who formed a solid combo. Unfortunately both of them depart. Iacenda was the 3rd leading receiver. The Lobos also used super LB Brian Urlacher on the offense and he had 7 rec's with an amazing 6 TD's. TE Tommy Hemphill had 7 rec's and departs along with Urlacher. TE Jonathan Burrough is back but is mainly a blocker. I list the two deep below. This is one unit in which I expect some newcomers to have an immediate impact like Larry Davis who figures to be the "go to" guy after starting 5 games at Illinois in 98. With the loss of most of the top players, this group does look weaker in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - It appeared that the Lobos had a veteran unit last year as they returned 4 starters but RG Chad Thacker was lost before the season as were two other players that I had in my projected 2 deep. Even with 3 starters back, this group did not start to gel until the 2H of the year. This year they must replace RG Frans Dinkelmann (7 sts), C Jason Carson (11 sts, 2nd tm MW, 3 yr st'r) and LT Josh Brown (7 sts, 3 yr st'r). Five players are back with starting experience and they have a couple HT sophomores as well as a JUCO and a Hawaii transfer that will all contend for time. I like the way the Lobos' O-line matured last year and it looks like they are in even better shape in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Lobos returned one starter to the 3 man defensive front and this year only 1 departs. Gone is DE Jason Purvis (11 sts, 6 tfl) who had an off year after netting 13 tfl in 98. They also lose one backup. They move OLB Jeff Macrea into a DE slot and he had 6 starts in 98 at OLB. Long brought in 3 JC transfers last year who got their feet wet in IA ball and should have a big impact in the 2nd year of the system. I list a 3 deep below, and this should be a solidly improved group as it is much more experienced than last year.

**LINEBACKERS** - I know the Lobos play a 3-3-5 scheme but I will list 4 DB's and will discuss their Lobo position with the LB's. Last year they had perhaps the top defensive player in the Mt West conference in Brian Urlacher, but he departs and was #1DC of CHI. His unusual combination of size & speed will be missed. Also departing from the LB corps is LLB Stacy Washington (9 sts, 47 tkls) and RLB Casey Tisdale (11 sts, 74 tkls, 6.5 sks, #7 DC of NE). Shannon Kincaid may step into Urlacher's large shoes at LOBO as he has solid speed (10.5 in 100m) and also is one of the 5 "Beefmasters" of the team (weightlifting champ for class). Rantie Harper was listed #1 Lobo out of spring. They have a couple of HT's in the LB ranks plus some JUCO transfers and 3 players return with starting experience. Even with the presence of Urlacher the defense did not live up to expectations last year. While this group will be weaker, I like the talent available and it has the makings of a decent LB corps.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 97 the Lobos finished #13 in my pass efficiency defense rankings but had to replace all 4 starters in 98 and dropped to 78th. Last year they had 3 starters returning but still finished #81, allowing 55.3% with a 20-7 ratio. This year the only losses are CB Marcus McDavid (7 sts, 6 pbu) and 2 backups who combined for 18 tackles. Not only do 4 players return with starting experience, but Harper is now in his 3rd year after returning from baseball and Long brings in QB Justin Mobley (PS#101), gets Derrell Moten back from a redshirt season (3 sts in 98) and adds a solid JUCO transfer. With the talent infusion and experience, I look for a much better finish in my pass defense rankings this year. If you check out the 2 deep, you will note that there are 4 HT's in the group.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This unit was strong under Franchione, finishing in the upper half of my rankings from 95-97 while in Long's first year they finished #110. Last year they did not show much improvement at #104 in my rankings. They should be solidly improved this year. P Cort Moffitt took the duties as a true frosh and while the team had a disappointing net of 31.4, I look for solid improvement in his 2nd year in the program. K David McKinney had a strong leg but was inconsistent and departs and Long brings in a JUCO for the spot. They lose their top KR man Reginal Johnson but he avg'd just 18.3. They will likely improve on those numbers. Their top PR last year was Joe Manning, but he avg'd just 5.1. Brian Urlacher's 15.8 PR avg will be missed, but overall this should be an improved unit in 2000.

SS Rantie Harper had a team high of 3 interceptions in 1999.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Holmon Wiggins** | 138 | 618 | 17 | 601 | 5 | 4.4 |
| **Jarrod Baxter** | 83 | 436 | 2 | 434 | 4 | 5.2 |
| Reginal Johnson | 32 | 165 | 8 | 157 | 1 | 4.9 |
| Rishard Stafford | 38 | 137 | 14 | 123 | 0 | 3.2 |
| **Sean Stein** | 68 | 164 | 164 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sean Stein** | 272 | 141 | 51.8 | 1584 | 11 | 9 |
| Eric Jaworsky | 68 | 44 | 64.7 | 498 | 4 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Martinez Williams | 60 | 609 | 10.1 | 0 | 41 |
| Germany Thompson | 39 | 552 | 14.2 | 3 | 52 |
| **Ted Iacenda** | 27 | 303 | 11.2 | 3 | 39 |
| **Kirk Robbins** | 15 | 120 | 8.0 | 0 | 17 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cort Moffitt** | 60 | 2220 | 37.0 | - | 31.4 | 2 | 13 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| David McKinney | 1-1 | 3-6 | 1-7 | 0-0 | 5-14 | 44 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brian Urlacher | 154 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| **Mike Barnett** | 112 | 1.5 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Casey Tisdale | 74 | 6.5 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| **Desmar Black** | 62 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| **David Mauer** | 60 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Rantie Harper** | 55 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| Stacy Washington | 47 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Henry Stephens** | 38 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Brian Johnson** | 34 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Stephen Persley** | 32 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| **Scott Gerhardt** | 26 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Walter Bernard** | 26 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Jason Purvis | 24 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Joe Manning** | 17 | 87 | 5.1 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reginal Johnson | 11 | 201 | 18.3 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT UTEP +4' 10-13 WIN** UTEP dominated. NM got a 32 yd FG after a long fmbl ret. UTEP got 2 FG's, just 6-3 at half despite a 195-55 yd edge. 2Q, NM got an int ret to the UTEP 1 but was SOD. 3Q, UTEP went 85 yds for a TD. QB Perez was inj'd & Stuckey hit just 3 of 9 in his place. NM got the cover on a 20 yd TD pass w/:03 left foll a muffed punt.

**NEW MEXICO ST -6' 28-35 LOSS** NMS earned their 1st victory in Albuquerque since 1976. NMS had a 377-309 yd edge. NM got a Johnson 60 yd TD. NMS tied it after 1Q but NM led 20-7 at half. NM fmbl'd at the NMS 20. A few plays later NMS hit a 71 yd TD pass & they then scored on their next 2 poss, 28-20. NM got a 35 yd fmbl ret to the 18 to set up a tying TD. NMS faked a FG for a 29 yd TD pass with 5:54 left for the win.

**N ARIZONA NL 45-14** - NM dominated. NA got just two 1H FD's & two 2H big play TD's. NM had a 28-11 FD edge & 616-258 yd edge. All 3 NM QB's, Jaworsky, Stein & Mobley scored 1H TD's. NM had 341 yds at the half; that was more than they managed to tally in either of their first two games.

**AT BOISE ST -3 9-20 LOSS** NM opened with an 80 yd TD drive. Boise got a FG. NM got a 2Q safety, 9-3 at half. BSU had a solid 3Q drive but settled for a 22 yd FG. They drove 19 yds for a TD after a fmbl. Later Boise lined up for a punt. NM kept their regular defense in looking for the fake but BSU LS Sasser placed the ball on the ground. He faked a lateral & the NM defenders raced past him. He then scooped up the ball & raced 39 yds for a TD, 20-9. NM's last chance to score came on a 41 yd FG, but it was a bad snap.

**AT SAN DIEGO ST +15 24-21 WIN** SD had 23-12 FD & 443-241 yd edges but 5 TO's. NM got a TD on their 2nd poss then Stein, making his 1st start, had a 51 yd option run set up a TD, 14-0 after 1Q. NM added a 25 yd FG, 17-0. SD got 2 TD's, 17-14 at half. SD missed three 3Q scoring chances before a SD WR caught a pass at the NM 29 & was down before he fumbled (as replay showed) but the refs did not blow the whistle & even Urlacher, who ret'd it 71 yds for a TD, thought the play should have been ruled dead. SD got a TD pass with :23 left but NMS rec'd the onside kick & hung on.

**BYU +16' 7-31 LOSS** BYU & the weather absolutely dominated. The 1H was played in rain & BYU, thanks to a roughing the K pen on its 1st drive, had 80, 55 & 37 yd TD drives on its 1st 3 poss, 21-0. NM had just 1 FD the entire 1H & BYU added a FG just before half. A storm delayed the 2H for 43:00 & a crowd of 25,301 was down to less than 500 when the teams returned. BYU got a 61 yd TD run on its 1st play of the 3Q. NM got a 79 yd 5 FD garbage drive for a TD with just 3:50 left vs the BYU backups & finished with -10 yds rushing. BYU had a 17-10 FD edge & 390-124 yd edge.

**UNLV -8' 27-6 WIN** Defenses controlled the 1H w/ 10 punts but NM got a TD. UNLV got a 3Q 52 yd TD drive, 7-6. NM, which had not scored in the 3Q in over a year, went on its longest drive of the day, 80 yds in 11 plays for a 3Q TD. NM added a 44 yd FG, 46 yd, a 4Q TD drive & a 37 yd FG & had a 412-221 yd edge in their Homecoming.

**COLORADO ST +7 22-36 LOSS** CSU's 1st offensive play was a 58 yd TD pass but NM got 80 & 62 yd TD drives, the 2nd kept alive by two 4th down conv, 14-6. The defenses controlled the rest of the 1H. NM continued its 3Q woes as CSU got a safety & added 59 & 29 yd TD drives, 22-14. CSU got a 66 yd TD bomb to Rice, 29-14. NM got a 80 yd TD drive but CSU drove 80 yds for a TD with 5:38 left. NM was SOD at its own 29 but CSU was int'd with :45 left. NM was SOD the CSU 19.

**AT UTAH +12 7-52 LOSS** Utah drove 78 yds for a TD & NM drove 80 yds for a TD. NM missed a 45 yd FG foll an int & the rest of the game belong to the Utes. They drove 73 yds for a TD & Steve Smith got 70 & 52 yd PR's for TD's. An 18 yd TD pass to Anderson made it 35-7 at the half. Utah drove 69 yds for a TD & 53 yds for a FG & a Smith 40 yd return set up a 30 yd TD drive, 52-7.

**AT WYOMING +17 28-42 WIN** NM's blitzing def stopped WY often but also gave up big plays. NM had a 39:32 TOP edge but WY had a 493-392 yd edge. It was 7-7 after 1Q. It was 14-14 when NM was int'd at the WY 10 with :30 left 1H. WY got a 3Q int and drove 22 yds for a TD. NM was SOD at the WY 26. Brye got a 41 yd TD run, 28-14. NM drove 79 yds for a TD. Brye got a 78 yd TD run after NM was SOD at the 5. WY got ahead of the spread with a TD with 3:43 left but NM got the backdoor cover with a 7 yd TD run.

**AIR FORCE +11 33-28 WIN** I used a 4★ Over 47 College Totals Club Play. The 1st 3 poss were all long TD drives & AF led 14-7. They added a 40 yd drive foll a blk'd punt, 21-7. NM drove 67 yds in 15 plays including a 4th & 8 conv & AF's final drive of the half ended with an int in the EZ. NM drove 70 yds & 57 yds for TD's on their 1st two 3Q poss. NM then got a 63 yd TD drive which included two 4th down conversions & took charge 33-21. AF fmbl'd at the NM 2 & got a 56 yd drive for a TD with 2:00 left but NM rec'd the onside kick.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

The Lobos have had just 3 winning seasons in the last 15 years with their best year being in 1997. They went 9-2 during the regular season under Dennis Franchione. He left for TCU and Rocky Long, who was the star QB here from '69-'71, came in from UCLA. In 1998 they had a soft schedule just like they did in '97 but implementing new schemes they struggled, dropping to 3-9 and lost their last 3 games by an average score of 42-11. They bolted the WAC for the much tougher Mountain West conference in 1999. Offensively, N Mexico's totals dropped again in '99 as they avg'd just 345.4 yds offense and 21.8 pts. They avg'd just 15.6 ppg and 236.6 ypg against their first five Div IA opponents in '99. They switched to QB Sean Stein at midseason and against the last five foes, UNM averaged 23.4 ppg and 400 ypg. Despite the revival in the 2H, Long fired Offensive Coordinator Jim Fenwick and brings in Dan Dodd from TCU. Long is going to have to do a better job with halftime adjustments. Last year in the first 8 games, they went to the locker room with the halftime advantage seven times. Their 3Q's have been abysmal. In fact, they did not score in the 3Q in the first 6 games of last year. Long was very pleased with the team's offseason progress in the weight room. Last year in the Mt West press conference he said his team was NOT a title contender (unusual). This year he says they can contend and is much more optimistic. I rate them the 2nd most improved team in the Mt West conference and they will be stronger on both sides of the ball. They have their usual soft non-conf slate and also get lower division Mt West foes Wyoming and SD St in Albuquerque. They do have 4 conference road games but are much stronger and should flirt with a winning record.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| QB | Jeremy Denson | 6-2 180 PS#9JC |
| K | Vladimir Borombozin | 5-10 164 PS#128JC |
| DL | Mike Augustyniak | 6-5 230 PS#151 |
| QB | Jeff Grady | 6-2 220 PS#119 |
| OL | Claude Terrell | 6-3 320 PS#335 |
| OL | Nate Hembree | 6-5 280 PS#340 |
| LB | Domingo Villarruel | 6-3 220 PS#279 |
| LB | Frank Rodgers | 6-2 240 PS#341 |
| QB | Rudy Caamano | 6-1 185 PS#445JC |
| RB | Landrick Brody | 5-11 240 PS#450 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB SEAN STEIN SR.** 6-2 230 *PS#25JC. 2797 yds (61%) at JC in 98. Started L/7 here in 99, 1584 yds (52%), 164 rush.* ***Jeremy Denson*** *is PS#9JC!*

**FB Holmon Wiggins Jr.** 6-0 205 *40 yds as true. Top TB in 99, 601 yds (4.4), incl 424 in L/5. Adrian Boyd (5-11 169 rFr) PS#167. Quincy Wright (5-10 185 So) PS#214.*

**RB JARROD BAXTER JR.** 6-1 236 *8 sts in 98, 190 yds (5.0). 8 sts ly, 434 yds (5.2). Ted Iacenda (6-0 230 Sr) was* ***PS#23*** *& signed at USC. 92 yds rush, 303 yds rec ly.*

**WR Kirk Robbins Jr.** 5-11 180 *PS#201 in 97. 4.45 spd. 19 rec (15.2) in 98. 15 rec (8.0) ly. Rob Caston (5-10 185 Sr) had 54 rec at JC in 98. 8 rec here in 99 (16.3).*

**WR Larry Davis Sr.** 5-10 190 *PS#229JC in 98.* ***5 sts at Illinois****, 17 rec (15.5) in 98. Scout tm MVP here in 99. Joe Manning (6-0 180 So) 13 rec (9.4) in 99.*

**TE JONATHAN BURROUGH SR.** 6-5 256 *PS#196DB in 96, 1 st in 97, 2 rec (15.0), 7 sts in 98, 1 rec, 4.6 spd. 11 sts in 99, 1 rec (30.0). Joseph Fiola (6-3 270 So) 30 snaps ly at OL.*

**C RASHAD McCLURE SO.** 6-3 285 *9 sts as rFr, 660 snaps, graded 97% vs N Ariz. James Copple (6-4 299 Jr) 8 gms in 98, 2 sts in 99, 145 snaps.*

**RG JON OLIVER JR.** 6-6 275 *4 gms in 98. 5 sts in 99 (miss 2 w/ inj). Aaron Leverenz (6-3 325 So) PS#412, 2 sts as true frosh at Hawaii.*

**LG Brian Choi So.** 6-5 315 *PS#113OL. 365 lbs in 99, 1 gm. Dropped 50 lbs this year & added mobility. Jeremy Sorenson (6-3 290 Jr) PS#45TE in 95.*

**RT JON SAMUELSON SR.** 6-6 305 *PS#176OL, 170 snaps, 27.5 knockdowns as rFr. 9 sts in 98. 11 sts in 99, 807 plays, two 100% grades. Luke Nogales (6-5 300 rFr).*

**LT B.J. Long Jr.** 6-5 290 *12 gms as 2nd string in 98. 11 gms in 99, 277 snaps, 3 sts. Eric May (6-6 335 So) PS#167OL, 10 gms backup ly.*

**K Vladimir Borombozin Jr.** 5-10 164 *PS#128JC. Hit 14 of 18 FG's as soph at JC ly. 24 of 33 in career, HM JC AA. Cort Moffitt hit 61 yd FG in high school.*

**DE Jeff Macrea Sr.** 6-2 270 *PS#247 6 sts at OLB in 98, 38 tkls, 4 tfl. Danny Hernandez (6-2 275 Sr) PS#225JC, 4 tfl here ly. Tony Mazotti 14 sks at JC ly.*

**NT HENRY STEPHENS SR.** 6-3 285 *11 tkls, 2 tfl in 97. 1.5 tfl in 98. 38 tkls, 7 tfl in 99. Stan Makaafi (6-1 295 Jr) 14 tkls in 99. Adrian Terry (6-0 240 So) 8 tkls as rFr.*

**DE BRIAN JOHNSON JR.** 6-3 265 *11 sts as rFr, 18 rec (11.8) at TE. 11 sts at DE in 99, 34 tkls, 3 tfl. LeMarcus Spillers (6-0 290 Sr) PS#289JC, 23 tkls, 5 tfl here ly.*

**LLB David Mauer Sr.** 6-0 230 *PS#315JC. 2 sts in 99, 60 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. Jason Welding (6-1 215 Jr) PS#176LB. Mohammed Konte (6-2 215 Jr) 2 sts, 7 tkls ly.*

**MLB MIKE BARNETT SR.** 6-3 230 *90 tkls at JC in 96, 7 sts, 49 tkls, 4 tfl here in 98. 11 sts in 99, 112 tkls, 11.5 tfl. Charles Moss (6-0 215 So) PS#155LB, 8 tkls in 99.*

**RLB Antonio Manning Jr.** 6-2 245 *PS#112LB in 97. 73 tkls, 18 tfl, 12 sks at JC ly. In for spring. Amos Wilson (6-1 235 Sr) 11 tkls, 1 sk in 99.*

**LOBO Shannon Kincaid rFr.** 6-1 225 *PS#289DB, 10.58 in 100m. Jacob Ordenstein (5-11 195 So) PS#304RB. 1 tkl ly. Deario Richardson (5-10 195 rFr).*

**CB Stephen Persley Jr.** 5-9 175 *PS#94DB. 17 tkls as true. 4 sts in 99, 32 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Edwin Garrett (5-9 175 Jr) PS#118DB. 4.4 speed, 1 tkl in 98.*

**CB WALTER BERNARD SR.** 6-2 200 *4.38 speed! 2 int, 7 pbu in 98. 11 sts in 99, 26 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. Dante Childress (5-8 184 Jr) PS#288DB in 97, 6 pbu at JC.*

**SS RANTIE HARPER SR.** 6-1 205 *PS#95 in 93. Baseball w/STL. 7 sts here in 98, 30 tkls, 3 sks. 7 sts ly, 55 tkls, 8 tfl, 3 int. Justin Mobley (6-2 190 Sr) PS#101QB, 213 yds ly.*

**FS DESMAR BLACK SO.** 5-9 180 *4.4 speed, 300 bench. 11 sts in 99, 62 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. Derrell Moten (6-0 195 So) 3 sts as true in 98, 45 tkls, 3 pbu, RS in 99.*

**P CORT MOFFITT SO.** 6-3 225 *Hit 61 yard FG in HS, avg 41.0 on punts. Started here as true in 1999, 60 punts, 37.0 avg & team net of 31.4.*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score NM | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The SU winner is 29-4 ATS the L/3 years in Lobo games. They do not play this year, but the home team is 7-4 ATS in the UTEP series, but 0-3 L/3Y. Lobos are 8-4 ATS in home finales. New Mexico is 6-2 ATS their L/8 Albuquerque openers. |
| Sep. 2 | Boise St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | New Mexico is 7-2 ATS their last 9 lined openers. Last year's upset win by Boise was the only 90's series meeting. |
| Sep. 9 | Oregon St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Should apply here: NM is 19-13 L/32 ATS as a HD since 1989. Mention this ad & deduct $19 off this weekend's Late Phone Pkg. |
| Sep. 16 | at New Mexico St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NM is 6-4-1 ATS vs their instate rival, but have dropped the last 2. NMSU plays in the Big West and was 6-5 SU and 5-5 ATS in 1999. |
| Sep. 23 | N Arizona (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Lumberjacks play the Big Sky and were 8-4 SU last year. NAU returns 31 upperclassmen from the 17th ranked team in Div 1AA ly. |
| Sep. 30 | Wyoming | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: NM is 0-6 ATS L2Y off a SU win. Lobos are 10-3-1 ATS in the 2nd of B2B HG's (altitude). |
| Oct. 7 | at Colorado St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The favorite is 4-1 ATS L/5 overall meetings. New Mexico is 14-9 ATS as an away dog since 1993. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | at Air Force | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Including a 2-0 mark LY, Lobos are 7-2 ATS after a bye week. Lobos have covered 4 of the L/5 vs the Falcons. |
| Oct. 28 | Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Coming into this season the Lobos had dropped 5 of 7 ATS as a home dog. New Mexico is 0-5 ATS the L/5 meetings with the Utes. |
| Nov. 4 | San Diego St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 9-1 ATS & the visitor is 7-2 ATS in this series. The Lobos are 10-3 ATS L/13 vs the Aztecs. |
| Nov. 11 | at UNLV | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NM is 9-14 ATS in the first of two or more road games. Prior to this season NM was 6-11 ATS their L/17 as a road favorite. |
| Nov. 18 | at BYU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | New Mexico has covered 7 of 11 vs the Cougars. Lobos are 14-4 ATS in their 2nd straight road game. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 5-7 | 3-7 | 6-5 | 9-3 | 3-9 | 4-7 | 36-43 |
| ATS | 6-5 | 6-6 | 4-6 | 7-3 | 9-3 | 2-9 | 5-5 | 39-37 |
| Home Fav | 1-1 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 5-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 11-10 |
| Home Dog | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 7-9 |
| Away Fav | 0-3 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 6-9 |
| Away Dog | 2-0 | 4-2 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 14-9 |
| Favorite | 1-4 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 4-2 | 8-1 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 17-19 |
| Dog | 5-1 | 5-3 | 3-3 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 1-5 | 4-3 | 22-18 |
| Grass | 5-4 | 3-5 | 4-5 | 6-2 | 8-2 | 1-9 | 4-4 | 31-31 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 3-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 8-6 |
| vs WAC | 5-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 6-3 | 2-6 | 4-3 | 30-26 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 9-11 |
| Off SU Win | 4-1 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 7-2 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 17-14 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-4 | 4-3 | 2-4 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 2-6 | 4-2 | 18-21 |

## Coach: ROCKY LONG (Career 7-16)
### *Long's records AT NEW MEXICO*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year at New Mexico | | 1-3 | Home Favorite |
| 7-16 | Straight Up | 2-4 | Home Underdog |
| 7-14 | Vs The Spread | 1-3 | Away Favorite |
| 6-8 | Off A S/U Loss | 3-4 | Away Underdog |
| 6-9 | Vs WAC | 1-5 | Vs Non-WAC |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | Sun | NL | SW Texas | 0-7 | L |
| 45 | Sun | NL | Denver | 34-24 | W |
| 46 | Harbor | NL | Montana St | 13-13 | T |
| 61 | Aviation | NL | W Michigan | 28-12 | W |
| 97 | Insight.com | +9' | Arizona | 14-20 | W |

# NEW MEXICO (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **MT. WEST**

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 6*** **Returning: 39 (18,19,2)**
**DEFENSE: 6** **Lost: 20 (10,8,2)**

## NEW MEXICO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 21.8 | 19 | 143 | 3.6 | 202 | 53.5 | 15.8 | +2 | 1999 | 7 | 27.1 | 19 | 165 | 4.2 | 206 | 55.3 | 13.7 |
| 5* | 22.8 | 19 | 139 | 3.6 | 228 | 53.3 | 16.1 | -10 | 1998 | 2 | 33.1 | 21 | 173 | 4.3 | 222 | 54.8 | 11.9 |
| 5 | 31.1 | 20 | 201 | 4.5 | 194 | 57.0 | 12.7 | +7 | 1997 | 7 | 21.1 | 19 | 161 | 4.0 | 160 | 45.1 | 15.2 |
| 7* | 30.1 | 22 | 245 | 4.9 | 191 | 60.6 | 14.5 | +10 | 1996 | 7 | 25.5 | 21 | 166 | 4.2 | 223 | 54.0 | 15.3 |
| 5 | 23.3 | 22 | 216 | 4.6 | 202 | 57.1 | 18.0 | -1 | 1995 | 8 | 27.6 | 24 | 188 | 4.3 | 242 | 63.8 | 15.6 |
| 4* | 33.4 | 25 | 211 | 4.8 | 261 | 57.2 | 14.1 | +6 | 1994 | 5 | 32.2 | 27 | 222 | 4.9 | 266 | 63.6 | 15.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at UTEP | 11 | 28-77 | 2.8 | 13-23 | 102 | 1 | | 20 | 46-105 | 2.3 | 18-29 | 165 | 2 | +3 |
| New Mexico St | 17 | 38-142 | 3.7 | 14-23 | 167 | 3 | | 21 | 54-201 | 3.7 | 9-21 | 176 | 1 | -2 |
| N Arizona | 28 | 48-323 | 6.7 | 19-32 | 293 | 0 | | 11 | 22-21 | 1.0 | 19-36 | 237 | 4 | -1 |
| at Boise St | 21 | 41-57 | 1.4 | 22-41 | 273 | 5 | | 17 | 38-126 | 3.3 | 21-31 | 269 | 3 | 0 |
| at San Diego St | 12 | 31-84 | 2.7 | 19-34 | 157 | 2 | | 23 | 40-168 | 4.2 | 27-46 | 275 | 4 | +2 |
| BYU | 10 | 28-(-10) | -0.4 | 13-35 | 134 | 7 | | 17 | 40-165 | 4.1 | 16-30 | 225 | 2 | 0 |
| UNLV | 25 | 46-195 | 4.2 | 24-40 | 217 | 1 | | 14 | 34-118 | 3.5 | 12-29 | 103 | 1 | +1 |
| Colorado St | 25 | 48-254 | 5.3 | 19-41 | 218 | 1 | | 12 | 33-101 | 3.1 | 11-22 | 245 | 2 | 0 |
| at Utah | 16 | 35-182 | 5.2 | 13-32 | 101 | 3 | | 29 | 53-287 | 5.4 | 12-21 | 182 | 1 | +1 |
| at Wyoming | 23 | 51-157 | 3.1 | 19-38 | 235 | 3 | | 19 | 29-244 | 8.4 | 17-27 | 249 | 3 | -3 |
| Air Force | 23 | 48-112 | 2.3 | 23-31 | 329 | 4 | | 23 | 46-283 | 6.2 | 9-17 | 140 | 0 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 211 | 442-1573 | 3.6 | 198-370 | 2226 | 30 | | 206 | 435-1819 | 4.2 | 171-309 | 2266 | 23 | +2 |
| AVERAGES | 19.2 | 40-143 | 3.6 | 18-34 | 202 | 2.7 | | 18.7 | 40-165 | 4.2 | 16-28 | 206 | 2.1 | 0.2 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Arizona | NL | 45-21 | – |
| Utah | -4 | 9-36 | L |
| N Mexico St | -15 | 36-24 | L |
| Air Force | +5' | 24-27 | W |
| at Fresno St | +12 | 34-51 | L |
| Hawaii | -7 | 24-10 | W |
| at Colorado St | +12 | 22-14 | W |
| Texas Tech | +7' | 7-34 | L |
| at San Diego St | +11 | 29-38 | W |
| BYU | +6 | 14-31 | L |
| at UTEP | -13 | 12-17 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Mexico St | -9 | 28-7 | W |
| N Arizona | -13 | 49-33 | W |
| C Florida | NL | 17-7 | – |
| at BYU | +13' | 14-17 | W |
| TCU | -3' | 27-7 | W |
| at Rice | -5' | 21-38 | L |
| San Diego St | +6' | 42-48 | W |
| at SMU | -2 | 31-52 | L |
| at Tulsa | +1 | 34-23 | W |
| Utah | +1 | 24-31 | L |
| UTEP | -20 | 44-17 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Arizona | -8' | 33-10 | W |
| N Mexico St | -23 | 61-24 | W |
| at UTEP | -16' | 38-20 | W |
| at Utah St | -1' | 25-22 | W |
| SMU | -6 | 22-15 | W |
| at San Diego St | +4 | 36-21 | W |
| Rice | -1' | 23-35 | L |
| at Utah | +2' | 10-15 | L |
| at TCU | -8 | 40-10 | W |
| BYU | -3' | 38-28 | W |
| Tulsa | -14 | 51-13 | W |
| † Colorado St | +9' | 13-41 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Idaho St | NL | 38-9 | – |
| Utah St | -12 | 39-36 | L |
| at N Mexico St | -18 | 27-28 | L |
| at San Jose St | -7 | 20-37 | L |
| at Air Force | +16' | 14-56 | L |
| UTEP | -4' | 19-22 | L |
| San Diego St | +5 | 33-36 | W |
| at Hawaii | -6' | 30-20 | W |
| Fresno St | +5' | 20-28 | L |
| at BYU | +16 | 21-46 | L |
| Utah | +11 | 7-41 | L |
| at C Florida | +21 | 6-38 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at UTEP | +4' | 10-13 | W |
| New Mexico St | -6' | 28-35 | L |
| N Arizona | NL | 45-14 | – |
| at Boise St | -3 | 9-20 | L |
| at San Diego St | +15 | 24-21 | W |
| BYU | +16' | 7-31 | L |
| UNLV | -8' | 27-6 | W |
| Colorado St | +7 | 22-36 | L |
| at Utah | +12 | 7-52 | L |
| at Wyoming | +17 | 28-42 | W |
| Air Force | +11 | 33-28 | W |

# N CAROLINA TAR HEELS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Even though Ronald Curry was not a returning starter from 98, much was expected. He started the first five games and threw for 682 yds (49.1%) with a 3-10 ratio and had 356 yds rushing. He was injured after 5 starts and the position went into chaos. Luke Huard (6-4 220 So) was PS#10 and got in 4 starts but was also injured and forced to play at less than 100%. He threw for 256 yds (38.7%) with a 1-2 ratio while rushing for 76 yds. Domonique Williams was in the doghouse at RB and was forced to move to the QB position where he started the final 2 games, both victories. Williams rushed for 183 yds and passed for 352 (44.7%) with a 2-0 ratio. I mention in Phil's Forecast what a dropoff the team had in ppg and ypg in the first 5 starts that Curry missed. Antwon Black (PS#35) was playing at safety when he was moved to QB but he contracted mono and missed the rest of the season after throwing for 139 yds and rushing for 100. Torbush also signed a VHT frosh this year. Curry missed spring (with the Final 4 hoops team) and Huard and Black got a lot of reps in O'Cain's new offense. This should be one of the more improved positions in the NCAA in the year 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - NC had not gone a full season without a player rushing for at least 400 yds since 1966, but did so last year. The Heels have had twenty-four 1,000 yard rushers, the most of any team in NCAA history. Five RB's topped 200 yards in 99. The leading rusher finished with 303 in true frosh Daniel Davis. Part of the reason there was not a feature back last year was injuries and this year's group should be vastly improved as it is loaded with VHT's. The lone loss this year is super blocking FB Deon Dyer (11 sts, 233 yds, #4DC of MIA). Davis, Domonique Williams (6-0 210 Jr) and Rufus Brown (6-1 220 Jr) are all VHT's that could step to the forefront and become the feature back. I list the 2 deep below. Williams may be out of Torbush's doghouse now and finally ready to make an impact and Davis did produce as a true frosh. All three will be looking over their shoulders as Torbush signed a super class of TB's once again. Check out the list of Top Newcomers and you will see no less than 4 RB's on that list, and as we saw with Davis last year, he's willing to play true frosh.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Heels had to replace two of three starters, both of whom went on to NFL training camps. This year they lose 1.5 starters. Gone are WR Jason Peace (PS#6) who was #2 with 23 rec's (16.2) and WR Greg Harris (5 sts, 12 rec). TE Crumpler is back after earning 1st Team All ACC honors and the TE position is 3 deep with VHT's. The WR spot is also very talented with 8 HT's. I list 5 of them below. Not listed are DeFonte Coleman (6-1 215 So) who was PS#44, Danny Davis (6-0 190 Jr, PS#66) and Isaiah Robinson (6-0 190 rFr, PS#103). This is a very talented receiving corps that is more experienced than last year and with the stability at QB, I look for a lot more catches by this group.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year's Offensive Coordinator, Steve Marshall, came to Carolina with the reputation for developing offensive lines. Last year he had 5 senior starters but with the instability at QB, the offense was bogged down & the O-line did not perform as expected. Naturally this year all 5 depart and the unit starts from scratch. I list the two deep below and there are plenty of HT's and VHT's in the group and Torbush is very high on the athleticism of the unit. Two players return that have been starters in the past and while this group is clearly less experienced than the 99 version, it could actually turn out to be more productive.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Heels lost 3 starters to the NFL and one backup to graduation but this year 3 starters return. The only losses are DT Sherrod Peace (11 sts, 4 tfl) and DE Teto Simpson (17 tkl). There are plenty of HT's and VHT's in this athletic group (DE Julius Peppers also played hoops) and I list a 3 deep below. This group has a lot more experience and is stronger than the 99 version.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last season the Heels had to replace their #1 tackler who was the #4DC of BUF and then lost star MLB Brandon Spoon to injury in the second game and later starting OLB Merceda Perry to injury versus Georgia Tech. This year they must replace Tim Burgess (4 sts, 60 tkls) and MLB Shawn Woodard (2 sts, 31 tkls) but everyone else returns and each of the starting three are VHT's. I list the two deep below and this unit could resemble the dominating units from previous years.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After finishing in the top 20 in my pass efficiency defense ratings for 3 straight years with the talented CB Dre' Bly on hand, last year the Heels had to replace 3 starters including Bly and had a very inexperienced group. They got off to a slow start but had a strong finish and closed at #42 in my rankings, allowing 53.3% with an 11-13 ratio. This year the only loss is CB Jason Horton (3 sts, 8 pbu) and six players return with starting experience plus they get some solid VHT newcomers. This group is much more experienced, has added talent, and should make a big climb in the rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Under Mack Brown this unit finished #92 and #82 in his final two seasons. Torbush had the group performing well in 98 as they ranked #12. Last year they returned all of the key components from that group but in a subpar year slipped to #47. The weakness was the poor PR game which was among the weakest in the NCAA, averaging just 3.1. The strength was Brian Schmitz's punting. Schmitz was not only named 1st Team ACC, he set a single season ACC record averaging an amazing 47.8 yards on 74 punts. He also had a super net of 40.1. He will be missed. I do not include K in my special teams rankings but Josh McGee was also among the best, hitting 17 of 21 FG's including 5 of 6 from 40+ with a long of 50. He also departs and will be difficult to replace. Kory Bailey averaged 13.1 on PR's in 98 and slipped to 4.1 last year, but I look for a return to his 98 form. The KR game was also down with Bailey averaging 28.5 in 98, and slipping to 18.6 last year. With the plethora of talent at RB & WR, I expect either Bailey or some newcomers to take over and excel in the return game. With the loss of two super K's, it will be tough for them to get much higher than last year's #47 spot.

Kory Bailey is a double threat as a WR and kick returner.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Daniel Davis** | 69 | 331 | 28 | 303 | 2 | 4.4 |
| **Anthony Saunders** | 75 | 322 | 25 | 297 | 1 | 4.0 |
| **Rufus Brown** | 74 | 294 | 19 | 275 | 1 | 3.7 |
| Deon Dyer | 73 | 240 | 7 | 233 | 2 | 3.2 |
| **Ronald Curry** | 60 | 356 | 130 | 226 | 2 | 3.8 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ronald Curry** | 110 | 54 | 49.1 | 682 | 3 | 10 |
| **Domonique Williams** | 47 | 21 | 44.7 | 352 | 2 | 0 |
| **Luke Huard** | 75 | 29 | 38.7 | 256 | 1 | 2 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kory Bailey** | 25 | 418 | 16.7 | 2 | 45 |
| Jason Peace | 23 | 373 | 16.2 | 1 | 32 |
| **Alge Crumpler** | 20 | 191 | 9.6 | 0 | 34 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brian Schmitz | 74 | 3538 | 47.8 | - | 40.1 | 0 | 18 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Josh McGee | 5-5 | 7-10 | 4-5 | 1-1 | 17-21 | 50 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Billy-Dee Greenwood | 118 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| **Merceda Perry** | 83 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Sedrick Hodge** | 79 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| **Quinton Savage** | 71 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| **David Bomar** | 67 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Tim Burgess | 60 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| **Errol Hood** | 58 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 5 |
| **Julius Peppers** | 50 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| **Quincy Monk** | 42 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sherrod Peace | 42 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Ross McAllister** | 39 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Ryan Sims** | 33 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Shawn Woodard | 31 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kory Bailey** | 15 | 62 | 4.1 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sam Aiken** | 13 | 275 | 21.2 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**VIRGINIA -2' 17-20 LOSS** Each team opened with a long drive, NC netting a 39 yd FG & VA settling for a 23 yd'r. VA got an int but tossed one back on the next play at the NC 1 yd line. NC had a long int ret for a TD with :12 left in half, 9-3. NC missed a 42 yd FG in the 3Q & VA drove 64 yds for a TD, 10-9. VA drove 33 yds for a TD after an int. NC drove 71 yds for a TD, 17-17. VA hit a 50 yd FG with just :27 left.

**AT INDIANA +1' 42-30 WIN** Curry hit 19 of 24 including many key 3D conv. Indy led 10-7 but NC got 2 2Q TD's, 21-10. NC missed a 32 yd FG & Indy drove 80 yds for a TD (2 ptng), 21-16 at half. Indy missed a 53 yd FG. The teams combined for 5 straight long TD drives with NC getting 3 & Indy 2 from mid 3Q - mid 4Q. Indy's last gasp was SOD at the NC 33.

**FLORIDA ST +19 10-42 LOSS** FSU used 52 players in the 1Q alone. FSU drove 80 yds in 6 plays for a TD. NC fmbl'd 3 plays later & FSU got a quick TD. On the next play, FSU ret'd an int 25 yds for a TD & then Warrick ret'd a punt 75 yds for a TD. Less than 7:00 in FSU led 28-0. FSU had a 25-17 FD edge & 460-273 yd edge. It was 35-3 at the half. It was the 1st time any team had scored 4 TD's in the 1Q against NC since 1969.

**AT CLEMSON +5' 20-31 LOSS** CU had a 444-275 yd edge & Curry threw 4 int's. CU drove 67 yds for a TD foll an int but QB Streeter was inj'd. Dantzler hit 7 of 15 & rushed for 82. NC drove 70 yds for a TD & hit a 39 yd FG foll a CU fmbl. CU got a short FG, 10-10 at half. NC drove 47 yds for a TD. Dantzler hit a 49 yd TD pass, 17-17. A Curry pass was bobbled by the WR & int'd & CU drove 35 yds for a TD. CU missed a 23 yd FG & NC nailed a 21 yd'r, 24-20. Curry's 3rd int was foll by a Dantzler 56 yd TD run, 31-20. After an NC punt, CU used a 15 play drive to take off all but 1:44 & was SOD at the 17. NC was int'd.

**AT GA TECH (OT) +17 24-31 WIN** GT QB Hamilton had 2 int's & 2 fmbl's but NC lost Curry in the 2Q. GT fmbl'd & NC drove 83 yds for a TD. GT missed a 40 yd FG & fmbl'd 2 punts but NC settled for 24 & 21 yd FG's. GT got a 47 yd TD pass late 1H. NC powered to 276 yds rushing as Huard hit just 7 of 15. GT got 59 & 68 yd TD drives to open the 3Q, 21-13. NC drove 36 yds after a fmbl for a TD (+2pt conv). NC drove for a 36 yd FG & GT missed a 43 yd FG. Hamilton was int'd & ret'd to the GT 10. NC went for it on 4th & 2 but was SOD. GT got 31 & 39 yd passes to set up a FG with :05 left, OT. GT got a TD & Huard's 4th & 6 pass fell incomplete. GT had a 510-352 yd edge.

**HOUSTON -6' 12-20 LOSS** NC students were home on fall break & a crowd generously estimated at 38,000 (smallest home crowd s/95) showed up. It was Huard's first start & he hit just 1 of 7 in the 1H. UH had a 376-126 yd edge as well as a 20-8 FD edge. UH got a pair of 80 yd TD drives, 14-0. TO's kept NC in it. UH's P dropped a snap (safety). After a short UH punt, NC got a 39 yd TD pass. UH fmbl'd a punt setting up an NC 38 yd FG, 14-12 at half despite NC having just 5 FD's. UH had a pair of 44 yd drives (18 plays combined, all on the ground) which resulted in 37 & 30 yd FG's, 20-12. UH punted with :15 left but fmbl'd the snap at the UH 42. Two Hail Mary's were inc.

**AT MARYLAND +9 7-45 LOSS** NC suffered 7 TO's & 3 mistakes early put them in an insurmountable hole. They roughed MD's punter & MD got a 39 yd FG. MD added a 51 yd int ret for a TD & after Bailey fmbl'd the KO, drove 12 yds for a TD, 17-0 with 5:16 left in the 1Q. MD drove 34 yds for a TD foll a PR & NC fmbl'd at the MD 30. The Terps drove 38 yds for a TD with 2:27 left foll an int, 31-0. MD took its 1st 2 drives of the 2H for TD's, 45-0 & NC got most of its yds in garbage time & finished with a misleading 19-17 FD edge.

**FURMAN NL 3-28** - Furman was a IAA power & their option offense met with solid success with 461 yds. Huard, the passing QB, had a bum shoulder. Ex-DB Black, who started the previous game at QB, was inj. In an emergency start at QB, RB Williams hit 4 of 10 passes for 60 yds with 26 yds rushing. Furman had a 301-86 1H yd edge.

**WAKE FOREST +8 3-19 LOSS** Huard ret'd but only hit 11 of 30 & was actually lifted briefly for Williams. WF had a 257-131 yd edge & played conservatively. It was 3-3. WF drove 80 yds in 8 plays for a TD and had a 58 yd FG blk'd at the end of the half. NC was SOD at the WF 20. WF added 29, 35 & 38 yd FG's. NC's final drive accounted for 42 of their 131 yds.

**† NC STATE +12 10-6 WIN** Thurs Night in Charlotte. Williams at QB. NC's defense did not allow a FD in the 1Q. NC opened w/ a 78 yd TD drive. NCS had a 1st & goal at the 1 but settled for a 28 yd FG, 7-3 at half. NC faked a punt to keep a 58 yd drive alive for a 32 yd FG. NCS settled for a 26 yd FG but their final drive went 90 yds & they had a 3rd & goal at the 1 but a fmbl lost 8 yds & their final pass was stopped 6 inches short.

**DUKE +3 38-0 WIN** McGee hit 6 FG's, tying the ACC single game mark. NC rallied for Torbush & got their first shutout s/96. Duke suffered 6 TO's. Duke was w/o K Lenhardt & Morton missed 2 FG's & was int'd on a fake punt. NC's 274 yds at the half were more than the team totaled in 5 of the first 10 gms. Duke TO's set up all of NC's 2H scoring & NC got 4 FG's & an int for a TD. Duke had a TD pass called back in the final seconds by pen.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Carl Torbush suffered through a season of injuries and lost his top defensive player, his starting QB, then his job. NC entered into buy out talks with Torbush with 2 games left in the season but the team rallied and beat rivals NC State and Duke in the final 2 games and it was enough for NC to reconsider and keep him around for the year 2000. Last year's losing season was the Tar Heels' first since 1989 and broke their streak of 7 consecutive bowl bids. In the first 5 games after QB Curry went down, NC averaged just 203.6 ypg. With Curry in the first 5 games, they averaged 331.8 ypg. The Tar Heels' new Offensive Coordinator is Mike O'Cain who had been the head coach at NC State and piloted some potent offenses. Defensively, the Tar Heels have really slipped the last 2 years. They lost 17 players to the NFL from the '97 and '98 teams. Last year they had a very young defense with just one senior starter that lost its top LB early to injury and would allow 24.7 ppg and 374 ypg, the weakest totals in over a decade. They did improve as the season went on and did not allow a TD in the final 10 Q's of the season, and this year the unit returns 10 starters! Torbush has turned over the Def Coordinator reins to Ken Browning. I look for them to more closely resemble those tough units you have grown accustomed to seeing at NC, and rank them the 17th best defense in the country as of this writing.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DL | Clarence Gaddy 6-4 210 PS#22 |
| RB | Andre' Williams 6-0 215 PS#18 |
| RB | Madison Hedgecock 6-3 235 PS#25 |
| OL | Justin Barton 6-6 290 PS#20 |
| QB | Darian Durant 6-1 215 PS#19 |
| RB | Jason Crawford 6-2 215 PS#43 |
| DL | Jermicus Banks 6-5 235 PS#44 |
| RB | Brandon Russell 5-11 185 PS#55 |
| OL | Skip Seagraves 6-5 250 PS#56 |
| DL | Jonas Seawright 6-6 290 PS#72 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB RONALD CURRY JR.** 6-2 200 *PS#1 in 98. 4 sts, 978 yds (45%), 6-7 ratio, 616 rush. 5 sts til inj in 99, 682 yds (49%), 3-10 ratio, 356 yds rush (5.9).*

**RB DANIEL DAVIS SO.** 5-11 215 *PS#4, 303 yds (4.4) as true. Dominique Williams (PS#3). 2 sts at QB ly, 535 total yds. Rufus Brown (PS#16) 809 yds, 2 yrs.*

**FB Anthony Saunders Jr.** 6-1 225 *PS#22 in 97. 5 sts in 2 yrs, 391 yds (3.6). **Madison Hedgecock** is PS#25. Ronnie Robinson (6-1 245 Sr) has 5 career sts.*

**WR Sam Aiken So.** 6-2 190 *PS#55, 3 rec, 298 ret yds as true. **Jamal Jones** (5-11 200 rFr) PS#25. Bosley Allen (6-1 190 So) PS#29, 3 rec as true, inj ly.*

**WR KORY BAILEY JR.** 6-1 190 *PS#71, 1 st as rFr, 38 rec (9.6), 512 ret yds. 5 sts in 99, 24 rec (16.7). **Chesley Borders** (6-0 180 So) was PS#10, 1 st, 4 rec ly.*

**TE ALGE CRUMPLER SR.** 6-3 260 *PS#6. 11 sts in 97, 29 rec (12.2). Inj in 98, 11 sts ly, 1st tm ACC, 20 rec (9.6). Dauntae Finger (6-3 265 Sr) PS#24, Zach Hilton PS#24.*

**C Cam Holland Sr.** 6-2 305 *PS#83. Lettered as rFr. 5 sts, 269 plays in 98 til inj. 2nd string in 99. Adam Metts (6-0 270 Jr) was PS#42 & 6 gms ly.*

**RG Isaac Morford So.** 6-3 300 *PS#62. 2nd string but RS in 98. 11 gms as backup, 200 snaps ly. Jupiter Wilson (6-2 300 rFr) was PS#110 ly.*

**LG Don Peters So.** 6-2 305 *PS#77 in 98. Banged up as rFr. Greg Woofter (6-5 265 rFr) was PS#91. Donti Coats (6-3 290 rFr) was PS#113.*

**RT Bryant Malloy So.** 6-3 310 *PS#11 in 98. 11 gms as backup C & OT, 70 snaps in 99. Louis Marchetti (6-6 280 Sr) 2 letters. David Stevenson PS#97.*

**LT James Wagstaff Sr.** 6-3 360 *PS#114 OL. Lettered in 97. **11 sts**, 475 plays in 98. Only 3 gms in 99. Riko Feemsler (6-5 315 rFr) was PS#62 in 99.*

**K Jeff Reed Sr.** 6-0 220 *Walk-on who hit 54 yarder in high school. Chris Bender (6-0 180 Sr) 5 of 9 with a long of 42 in high school.*

**DE ROSS McALLISTER SR.** 6-5 255 *13 tkls, 1 tfl in 97-98. 9 sts ly, 39 tkls, 5 tfl. Joey Evans (6-5 265 Jr) PS#142, 1 st, 5 tfl ly. Eric Davis (6-3 260 So) PS#79.*

**DT RYAN SIMS JR.** 6-4 295 *PS#42. 32 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 11 sts in 99, 6 tfl. Donti Coats (6-3 290 rFr) PS#113, +25 lbs. Anthony Perkins (6-5 260 Jr) 24 tkls, 2 yrs.*

**DT Willie Quick So.** 6-3 280 *PS#49. 5 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Jeb Terry (6-5 280 So) PS#78, 3 tkls as true. Darryl Grant (6-2 270 rFr) was PS#103 DL.*

**DE JULIUS PEPPERS SO.** 6-6 270 *PS#6! 11 sts as rFr, 50 tkls, 6 sks, 4 tfl. Malcolm Stewart (6-3 225 So) PS#65, 21 tkls, 4 tfl as true. Stephon McQueen 32 tkls, 3 yrs.*

**OLB SEDRICK HODGE SR.** 6-4 235 *PS#41, 17 tkls as true. 12 sts, 99 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. 11 sts, 79 tkls, 7 tfl ly. 4.5 speed. Ian Alexander (6-4 220 rFr) PS#106.*

**MLB BRANDON SPOON SR.** 6-2 245 *PS#5! 73 tkls, 7 tfl in 97. 12 sts, 142 tkls, 5 sks in 98. 2 sts til inj ly. Quincy Monk (6-4 240 Jr) PS#60, 7 sts, 42 tkls ly.*

**OLB MERCEDA PERRY SR.** 6-4 245 *PS#14. 20 tkls as true. 43 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. 7 sts (inj) in 99, 83 tkls, 4 tfl. Clay Roberson (6-1 230 rFr) was PS#70.*

**CB ERROL HOOD JR.** 5-11 195 *PS#65. 1 st in 98, 7 tkls. 11 sts in 99, 5 int, 11 pbu. Kevin Knight (5-8 175 So) PS#116, 1 st as true. Dexter Reid PS#47.*

**CB ANTHONY ANDERSON JR.** 5-9 180 *PS#105, 10 pbu L/2Y. **Michael Waddell** (5-11 170 So) PS#5 in 99! Derrick Johnson (5-8 165 rFr) PS#32.*

**SS QUINTON SAVAGE SR.** 5-11 195 *14 tkls in 97, 28 tkls in 98. 6 sts in 99 til inj, 71 tkls, 2 pbu. David Bomar (5-11 190 Sr) 4 sts in 99, 67 tkls, 1 int.*

**FS BILLY-DEE GREENWOOD JR.** 6-2 185 *PS#11 3 sts as rFr, 82 tkls, 4 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 118 tkls, 7 pbu, 1 tfl. Nathan Sutton (5-10 190 Jr) was PS#109 in 97.*

**P Blake Ferguson Fr.** 6-0 170 *PS#26K. Avg 42 yds punt. Hit 57 & 51 yd FG's & 5 from 40+ in HS. John Lafferty (5-10 180 So) is walk-on.*

# N CAROLINA TAR HEELS

Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Weather (919) 515-8225

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score NC | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Last year's 3-8 SU record was NC's only losing season of the 90's. In 1990, the year after their last losing season, they went **9-1-1 ATS**!! North Carolina is 2-7 ATS when playing the week before NC State. Including bowls, NC is 4-0 SU & ATS vs Big East schools since '96. Heels are 5-2 ATS in their 2nd straight game away from Chapel Hill. |
| Sep. 2 | Tulsa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tar Heels are 1-5 ATS their L/6 season openers. N Carolina is 4-0 SU but 0-4 ATS vs current WAC schools S/76. |
| Sep. 9 | at Wake Forest | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Visitor is 9-0-1 ATS the L/10 series meetings. Heels have covered 6 of 8 road openers. |
| Sep. 16 | at Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 6-1 ATS the L/7 renewals of this rivalry. NC has lost by 13, 13, & 26 L/3 trips to Tallahassee, but is 3-0 ATS. |
| Sep. 23 | Marshall | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tar Heels are 21-14-1 ATS off a SU loss the last 10 years. UNC is 3-7 ATS at home vs non-ACC teams the L/4Y. |
| Sep. 30 | Georgia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Coming into this season NC was 3-7 ATS L/3Y in September. Heels are 2-4 ATS vs the Yellow Jackets. |
| Oct. 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | N Carolina St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N Carolina is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS vs the Wolfpack. Tar Heels are 9-3-1 SU, 7-6 ATS after a bye since 1989. |
| Oct. 21 | Clemson | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The SU winner is 13-1-1 ATS in this series, so it makes sense that... The favorite is 11-2-1 ATS the L/14 meetings. |
| Oct. 28 | at Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UNC has not won SU at Virginia since 1981. The away team is 2-12 ATS L/14 meetings. |
| Nov. 4 | at Pittsburgh | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tar Heels are 2-5 ATS in non-ACC games in Oct or Nov the L/10 yrs. NC is 4-2 ATS their last 6 artificial turf games, 3-0 L/13. |
| Nov. 11 | Maryland (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 9-2 ATS in this matchup. NC is 9-4 ATS their L/13 Terp tussles. |
| Nov. 18 | at Duke | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tar Heels are 6-11 ATS their L/17 season finales. NC is 6-12 ATS the L/18 vs the Blue Demons. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: LY the Heels shut Duke out. The last shutout in this series prior to that was a Duke 41-0 win in '89. NC won 47-14 the next year!! |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: KENAN MEMORIAL STADIUM (60,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 10-2 | 8-3 | 6-5 | 9-2 | 10-1 | 6-5 | 3-8 | 52-26 |
| ATS | 7-5 | 5-6 | 4-6-1 | 8-3 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 4-6 | 39-37-1 |
| Home Fav | 3-3 | 3-3 | 1-2-1 | 4-1 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 15-17-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 3-5 |
| Away Fav | 2-0 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 11-10 |
| Away Dog | 2-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 10-6 |
| Favorite | 5-3 | 4-5 | 2-5-1 | 6-3 | 5-5 | 4-4 | 0-2 | 26-27-1 |
| Dog | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 4-4 | 13-11 |
| Grass | 5-4 | 5-4 | 3-6-1 | 6-3 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 4-6 | 34-34-1 |
| Artificial | 2-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 5-3 |
| vs ACC | 4-4 | 4-4 | 2-5-1 | 6-2 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 29-26-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 10-11 |
| Off SU Win | 4-5 | 3-4 | 2-3 | 6-2 | 4-5 | 4-1 | 0-1 | 23-21 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-0 | 2-1 | 2-2-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-3 | 4-5 | 14-12-1 |

## Coach: CARL TORBUSH (Career 14-21)
### *Torbush's records AT NORTH CAROLINA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year at N Carolina | | 2-5 | Home Favorite |
| 11-13 | Straight Up | 1-3 | Home Underdog |
| 10-11 | Vs The Spread | 2-1 | Away Favorite |
| 6-8 | Off A S/U Loss | 5-3 | Away Underdog |
| 8-8 | Vs ACC | 2-3 | Vs Non-ACC |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | Sun | +1 | Texas | 31-35 | L |
| 95 | Carquest | -2 | Arkansas | 20-10 | W |
| 96 | Gator | -6' | W Virginia | 20-13 | W |
| 97 | Carquest | -11' | Virginia Tech | 42-3 | W |
| 98 | Las Vegas | -7 | San Diego St | 20-13 | T |

# N CAROLINA (3-8)

*CONFERENCE:* **ACC**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 4***
**DEFENSE: 10**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 47 (21,22,4)**
**Lost: 16 (8,5,3)**

## NORTH CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 16.9 | 16 | 144 | 3.2 | 133 | 45.3 | 16.4 | +2 | 1999 | 4 | 24.7 | 20 | 191 | 4.3 | 183 | 53.3 | 15.1 |
| 6* | 24.0 | 16 | 133 | 3.5 | 185 | 49.7 | 13.2 | +0 | 1998 | 4 | 23.6 | 17 | 133 | 3.1 | 209 | 47.9 | 14.5 |
| 6* | 29.0 | 19 | 116 | 3.1 | 267 | 60.4 | 13.2 | +1 | 1997 | 9 | 12.2 | 12 | 79 | 2.3 | 128 | 46.4 | 17.0 |
| 8 | 29.8 | 20 | 118 | 2.8 | 243 | 60.3 | 12.1 | +26 | 1996 | 8 | 10.3 | 13 | 73 | 2.4 | 156 | 45.8 | 22.3 |
| 6 | 23.7 | 21 | 160 | 3.6 | 239 | 55.2 | 16.8 | -16 | 1995 | 4 | 18.3 | 16 | 122 | 3.0 | 155 | 50.0 | 15.1 |
| 5* | 31.2 | 21 | 223 | 4.5 | 190 | 55.0 | 13.3 | -1 | 1994 | 3 | 22.3 | 17 | 125 | 3.6 | 203 | 54.0 | 14.7 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Virginia | 16 | 42-145 | 3.5 | 10-28 | 147 | 3 | | 17 | 43-153 | 3.6 | 10-25 | 165 | 3 | +1 |
| at Indiana | 29 | 55-215 | 3.9 | 20-26 | 252 | 2 | | 26 | 40-254 | 6.4 | 17-29 | 159 | 1 | -1 |
| Florida St | 17 | 46-147 | 3.2 | 12-29 | 126 | 6 | | 25 | 34-135 | 4.0 | 21-34 | 325 | 2 | -2 |
| at Clemson | 15 | 41-113 | 2.8 | 12-29 | 162 | 7 | | 21 | 51-236 | 4.6 | 15-26 | 208 | 3 | -2 |
| at Georgia Tech | 18 | 58-276 | 4.8 | 10-20 | 76 | 3 | | 23 | 41-237 | 5.8 | 14-27 | 273 | 1 | +5 |
| Houston | 8 | 30-39 | 1.3 | 6-17 | 87 | 4 | | 20 | 55-257 | 4.7 | 11-19 | 119 | 1 | +1 |
| at Maryland | 19 | 48-154 | 3.2 | 12-26 | 133 | 5 | | 17 | 48-268 | 5.6 | 8-19 | 76 | 1 | -6 |
| Furman | 11 | 47-175 | 3.7 | 6-15 | 71 | 1 | | 19 | 58-274 | 4.7 | 10-12 | 187 | 0 | +1 |
| Wake Forest | 12 | 29-12 | 0.4 | 13-32 | 119 | 5 | | 17 | 51-125 | 2.5 | 15-23 | 132 | 5 | -1 |
| † N Carolina St | 13 | 51-132 | 2.6 | 6-15 | 96 | 1 | | 21 | 31-83 | 2.7 | 21-41 | 226 | 1 | 0 |
| Duke | 15 | 47-177 | 3.8 | 10-21 | 189 | 0 | | 13 | 33-76 | 2.3 | 12-34 | 146 | 4 | +6 |
| TOTALS | 173 | 494-1585 | 3.2 | 117-258 | 1458 | 37 | | 219 | 485-2098 | 4.3 | 154-289 | 2016 | 22 | +2 |
| AVERAGES | 15.7 | 45-144 | 3.2 | 11-23 | 133 | 3.4 | | 19.9 | 44-191 | 4.3 | 14-26 | 183 | 2.0 | 0.2 |

## 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Syracuse | -7 | 9-20 | L |
| at Maryland | -9 | 18-32 | L |
| at Louisville | -6 | 17-10 | W |
| Ohio Univ | -35 | 62-0 | W |
| Virginia | +3' | 22-17 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | -2' | 25-27 | L |
| Wake Forest | -24 | 31-7 | T |
| at Clemson | +2 | 10-17 | L |
| Florida St | +19 | 12-28 | W |
| Duke | -15 | 28-24 | L |
| at N Carolina St | -6 | 30-28 | L |

## 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Clemson | -3 | 45-0 | W |
| at Syracuse | +3 | 27-10 | W |
| Georgia Tech | -10' | 16-0 | W |
| at Florida St | +16 | 0-13 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -23 | 45-6 | W |
| Maryland | -25' | 38-7 | W |
| at Houston | -22 | 42-14 | W |
| N Carolina St | -26 | 52-20 | W |
| Louisville | -22 | 28-10 | L |
| at Virginia | -2' | 17-20 | L |
| at Duke | -31' | 27-10 | L |

## 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | -30 | 23-6 | L |
| Stanford | -13 | 28-17 | L |
| at Maryland | -24 | 40-14 | W |
| Virginia | -14 | 48-20 | W |
| at TCU | -26 | 31-10 | L |
| Wake Forest | -24 | 30-12 | L |
| at N Carolina St | -12' | 20-7 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | -8' | 16-13 | L |
| Florida St | +7 | 3-20 | L |
| at Clemson | -6 | 17-10 | W |
| Duke | -22 | 50-14 | W |

## 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miami (Oh) | -19 | 10-13 | L |
| at Stanford | -8 | 34-37 | L |
| Georgia Tech | -4' | 21-43 | L |
| Clemson | -6' | 21-14 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -7 | 29-10 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -4 | 38-31 | W |
| at Florida St | +27 | 13-39 | W |
| Maryland | -16 | 24-13 | L |
| at Virginia | +10 | 13-30 | L |
| at Duke | -6' | 28-6 | W |
| N Carolina St | +2' | 37-34 | W |

## 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Virginia | -2' | 17-20 | L |
| at Indiana | +1' | 42-30 | W |
| Florida St | +19 | 10-42 | L |
| at Clemson | +5' | 20-31 | L |
| at Georgia Tech | +17 | 24-31 | W |
| Houston | -6' | 12-20 | L |
| at Maryland | +9 | 7-45 | L |
| Furman | NL | 3-28 | – |
| Wake Forest | +8 | 3-19 | L |
| † N Carolina St | +12 | 10-6 | W |
| Duke | +3 | 38-0 | W |

# N CAROLINA ST WOLFPACK

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Jamie Barnette departs after a great career. He was a 4 year starter who leaves with a ton of school records. Barnette's senior season did not go as planned, however. After throwing for 3,370 yds (51%) with a 19-14 ratio as a junior, Barnette only managed 2,320 yds passing (50.6%) with a 13-9 ratio. Last year his backup was true frosh Jatavis Sanders (PS#48) who had 165 yds passing on 17 pass attempts. He hit just 2 of 7 for 14 yds versus William & Mary but versus Georgia Tech and E Carolina hit 7 of 10 for 151 yds with 1 TD. Sanders has a couple of challengers for the starting QB slot. Toki McCray (6-0 186 rFr) was PS#117 and was beaten out by Sanders for the backup role and redshirted. True frosh Phillip Rivers is my choice to become the starter instantly. New head coaches usually go with their own recruits and Amato landed this VHT who graduated early from high school and participated in spring practice. They also signed an insurance policy in PS#13JC Olin Hannum, who threw for 3,378 yards (64%) with a 26-6 ratio at JC in 99. This group is a lot less experienced but has talent.

**RUNNING BACKS** - This position had very little continuity in 1999. The top RB's were Ray Robinson and Rahshon Spikes who were both banged up prior to the opener and saw little practice time in August. All four RB's who earned starts last year were injured at times and missed action. Robinson was the ACC Rookie of the Year in 98 but only had 4 starts due to injury last year and dropped from 825 yds (5.3) to 438 yds (3.9). Spikes (PS#9) led the team with 636 yds (4.5). K.J. Stone (5-10 186 So, PS#247) has 4.35 speed and missed over half of the season with injury but finished #3 with 81 yds rushing. Almost everyone returns to this position with the lone loss being Spikes. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Eric Leak (5-8 190 Sr) has alternated between WR and TB and had 67 yds rushing and 71 yds receiving in 99. Despite the loss of Spikes, I'll call this unit improved as I cannot possibly foresee them suffering as many injuries as they did last year. I also look for Ray Robinson to regain his freshman form & he drew rave reviews all spring and emerged injury free.

**RECEIVERS** - Koren Robinson was the ACC Rookie of the Year with 48 receptions and 853 yards despite not becoming a starter until October 16th. He finished with a league high six 100 yard receiving games. Robinson got off to a slow start on the year and had 12 catches and almost as many drops after the first seven games. The Wolfpack then lost both starting WR's to injury in Chris Coleman and Ryan Hamrick. Robinson filled the void with 36 catches over the last 5 games. They lose Chris Coleman this year (41 rec, 11.9) and Ryan Hamrick (17 rec, 12.8). The rest of the group was made up of mostly underclassmen last year. Robinson averaged 7.2 catches per game over the final 5 and that translates out to a 79 catch seasons should he continue to show improvement. I'll call this unit stronger in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Wolfpack had to replace two starters to graduation, then lost a returning starter to injury and another projected starter to injury in the first game of the season last year. The O-line allowed 27 sacks in 358 passes and only paved the way for 3.1 ypc rushing. This unit was hit hard by graduation. Gone are starters RG Alex Santos, RT Todd Boyle and C Ryan Knudtson as well as two backups. While the losses are steep, provided injuries do not strike again, they should be stronger at the center position as Keegan Weir returns from injury. They also get back Alex Rice who was a 98 starter who missed 99. LT Jarvis Borum is huge and nicknamed "Big Earth". I see a lot of HT's in this group meaning O'Cain did a good job recruiting in this area and despite the massive losses, this unit could even be stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Wolfpack had a young defensive front last year having to replace two starters and two backups and they had zero seniors in the two deep. This year only one player departs in DE Clint Johnson (10 sts, 5 tfl). Everyone else returns and there are plenty of HT's in the two deep that I list below. Amato said team speed overall was lacking especially in the defensive front four. Despite his reservations, this unit is a year older, bigger and stronger and has some solid additions including Northwestern transfer Drew Wimsatt.

**LINEBACKERS** - This unit returns intact for the second straight year. Last year they had to deal with the loss of perhaps their top LB, Edrick Smith, to injury in the opener versus Texas but he returns this year as does everyone else from the unit. Six players have starting experience and everyone in the two deep is an HT. Smith and Clayton White were both on the preseason Butkus list last year and could make it again in 2000. With another year's experience and the return of a top notch player, this unit looks much stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Wolfpack ranked 45th in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and had to replace both starting safeties including an NFL DC last year. They returned the outstanding CB duo of Lloyd Harrison (#3DC of WAS, 12 sts, 3rd tm AA, 5 int, 15 pbu) and Tony Scott (#6DC of NYJ, 12 sts, 4 int, 18 pbu, 2nd tm ACC). They managed to climb to #34 in the rankings in 99 allowing 53.9% with only 12 TD's and 15 int's. Not only do their solid CB's depart, but they also lose backup CB Marcelle Hough (4 pbu). They have two very experienced safeties this year who will be challenged by a VHT for playing time. I like the talent at CB this year but with the loss of a pair of outstanding CB's, this group is definitely weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This unit never ranked in the top 40 of my special teams rankings under O'Cain. They have blocked 9 punts in the last 2 years which helped them win the Texas and S Carolina games last season. They finished at only #64 in my rankings in 99. Punting has been a problem with a net of just 31.9 in 98 and 33.2 in 99, but hopefully redshirt frosh Moore will be able to improve that average. They return their top PR and KR so those numbers should improve. Passingham is back to handle FG's but will face competition from Moore as well as frosh signee Austin Herbert (PS#11) who will contend for both jobs. Herbert had 37 career FG's, hit 17 of 26 as a senior and averaged 41 ypp with 74% of his KO's reaching the EZ. Amato inherits a good deal of experience and talent and I look for improvement in the special teams rankings this year.

A healthy Ray Robinson sweetens the Wolfpack offense in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rahshon Spikes | 140 | 672 | 36 | 636 | 4 | 4.5 |
| **Ray Robinson** | **112** | **488** | **50** | **438** | **3** | **3.9** |
| **KJ Stone** | **21** | **86** | **5** | **81** | **0** | **3.9** |
| **Carlos Doggett** | **22** | **96** | **19** | **77** | **0** | **3.5** |
| Jamie Barnette | 81 | 254 | 231 | 23 | 5 | 0.3 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jamie Barnette | 338 | 171 | 50.6 | 2320 | 13 | 9 |
| **Jatavis Sanders** | **17** | **9** | **52.9** | **165** | **1** | **0** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Koren Robinson** | **48** | **853** | **17.8** | **2** | **70** |
| Chris Coleman | 41 | 487 | 11.9 | 1 | 30 |
| **Bryan Peterson** | **21** | **274** | **13.0** | **2** | **49** |
| Ryan Hamrick | 17 | 217 | 12.8 | 1 | 20 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scott Earwood | 76 | 2906 | 38.2 | - | 33.2 | 0 | 11 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kent Passingham** | **7-9** | **2-3** | **0-2** | **0-0** | **9-14** | **31** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brian Williams** | **131** | **0** | **5** | **4** | **2** |
| **Dantonio Burnette** | **123** | **3.5** | **5** | **0** | **0** |
| **Adrian Wilson** | **104** | **1** | **5** | **3** | **3** |
| **Levar Fisher** | **104** | **3.5** | **8** | **1** | **0** |
| **Clayton White** | **86** | **4.5** | **11** | **7** | **0** |
| Lloyd Harrison | 68 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 5 |
| Tony Scott | 63 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 4 |
| **Nate Goodson** | **62** | **3** | **6** | **4** | **0** |
| **Corey Lyons** | **61** | **1.5** | **3** | **1** | **0** |
| **Brian Jamison** | **55** | **6.5** | **3** | **2** | **0** |
| **Jeff Fisher** | **54** | **0.5** | **2** | **0** | **0** |
| **William Pannell** | **43** | **1.5** | **1** | **0** | **0** |
| Clint Johnson | 33 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Koren Robinson** | **14** | **94** | **6.7** | **1** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Marcus Ellerbe** | **12** | **260** | **21.7** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT TEXAS +9' 23-20 WIN** A very misleading final. UT had 372-172 yd edge & 20-7 FD edge but 3 blk'd punts did them in. UT had a 25 yd TD drive & 48 yd FG foll NCS TO's. NCS got an 80 yd drive for a TD but lost C Weir to inj & had just 72 more yds. UT had a punt blk'd for a safety & got an 80 yd TD pass, 17-9 at half. In the 4Q UT had a punt blk'd for a TD, 17-15. UT had a 12 play drive for a 26 yd FG, 20-15. NCS blk'd another punt for a TD, 23-20. UT was SOD & int'd on their final 2 drives.

**S CAROLINA -7' 10-0 WIN** High winds & torrential rain & SC dominated. NCS had just 6 FD's & 96 total yds & Barnette was held to 18 yds passing. NCS did not get a 1 FD until late 1H. SC fmbl'd at the NCS 29, was int'd at the NCS 20, fmbl'd a FG snap, fmbl'd at their own 12 to give NCS a FG, fmbl'd at the NCS 20, was SOD at the NCS 32, had a punt blk'd for a TD, missed a 50 yd FG by a foot & was SOD at the NCS 32.

**WILLIAM & MARY NL 38-9 -** NCS had just 13 FD's & 268 yds in its first 2 gms but took it out on winless I-AA W&M. They made an int on the 2nd play & scored on their 1st 5 poss, 31-0. 38-3 in the 3Q before they allowed 2 W&M FG's. Barnette hit 12 of 15 for 192 yds in the 1H but was relieved late 4Q. NCS finished with a 451-316 yd edge.

**AT FLORIDA ST +28 11-42 LOSS** NCS had 6 TO's. It was 3-3 after 1Q. FSU got a 51 yd TD drive & then 47, 22 and 31 yd FG's, the last 2 on short drives foll TO's, 18-3 at half. FSU drove 68 yds for a TD but NCS answered with an 83 yd TD drive, 25-11. FSU rec'd a fmbl in the EZ for a TD, got a 47 yd FG & ret'd an int 47 yds for a TD & got the cover.

**AT WAKE FOREST -7 7-31 LOSS** I used WF as a 4★ Late Phone Play & they simply dominated with 266 rush yds & NCS had just 155 yds total. WF led 24-7 at half. WF drove 64 yds for a TD early 3Q & later missed a 42 yd FG & NCS was SOD twice in the 4Q.

**CLEMSON +1' 35-31 WIN** The 1Q was a flurry of scoring & when the smoke cleared CU led 21-14 as CU RB Zachery had 2 TD runs & Dantzler hit Lawyer for a 30 yd TD pass. CU had a 2Q FG but NCS QB Barnette hit his 2nd TD pass, this one a 22 yd'r, & CU led 24-21 at half. NCS took their 1st 2H poss for a TD, conv on 4th & goal from the 1 with Barnette's 3rd TD toss, 28-24. CU answered when Dantzler hit Wofford for a TD, 31-28. NCS got Barnette's 4th TD pass early 4Q & the Wolfpack defense held on.

**VIRGINIA E 26-47 LOSS** NCS was without WR Coleman & lost WR Hamrick to injury in the 1Q. VA led 10-7 early 2Q but NCS went on an 80 yard TD drive & then after an int drove 79 yards for a TD, 19-10. NCS had a 272-160 yard edge at half. NCS fumbled & VA got a 51 yard TD drive, a 15 yd TD drive following an int, an 80 yard TD drive & a 32 yard TD drive after a fumble & led 40-19 after 3Q's. NCS got an 80 yd TD drive but VA got a late 60 yd TD drive & had a 514-363 yard edge.

**AT DUKE (OT) +2' 31-24 WIN** It was 7-7 & NCS threatened twice but stalled. Duke drove 84 yds for a TD & NCS got a 74 yd screen pass for a TD. Duke drove 68 yds for a TD & NCS missed a 42 yd FG, 21-14 at half. Duke missed a 35 yd FG at the end of a 14 play drive & then was int'd at the NCS 6. NCS drove 94 yds for a TD. The Wolfpack got a 27 yd FG with 1:37 left but Duke conv on 4th down twice & nailed a 50 yd FG on the last play. In OT NCS got a TD & Duke's 4th & 21 pass was int'd.

**AT GEORGIA TECH +17 21-48 LOSS** GT was off a bye & simply dominated. They had 45 & 46 yd TD drives & had a 12 play drive end in a punt. NCS made a 70 yd TD pass, 14-7. GT added a 49 yd FG & got a TD with :36 left, 24-7. GT got 77 & 91 yd 3Q TD drives, 38-7. NCS got a 51 yd gain on a fake punt to key an 83 yd drive. GT got a 35 yd TD drive & 34 yd FG, NCS got an 81 yd garbage drive for a TD with 1:53 left.

**MARYLAND +1' 30-17 WIN** NCS dominated. MD ret'd a fmbl on the 1st play for a TD but after 3Q's NCS led 30-10 w/ a 388-103 yd edge & 22-4 FD edge. MD got a TD early 4Q & NCS missed a 36 yd FG & MD gained 138 yds in the 4Q.

**† N CAROLINA -12 6-10 LOSS** Thurs Night in Charlotte. RB Williams QB'd for NC. NC's defense did not allow a FD in the 1Q. NC opened w/ a 78 yd TD drive. NCS had a 1st & goal at the 1 but settled for a 28 yd FG, 7-3 at the half. NC faked a punt to keep a 58 yd drive alive for a 32 yd FG. NCS settled for a 26 yd FG but their final drive went 90 yds & they had a 3rd & goal at the 1 but a fmbl lost 8 yds & their final pass was stopped just short.

**AT E CAROLINA +8 6-23 LOSS** Record crowd of 50,092 and EC finally hosted NCS for the first time in series history. NCS controlled the 1Q. NCS drove 80 yds for a TD, 6-0. NCS blk'd a punt but missed a 42 yd FG. EC drove 75 yds for a TD & then after an int, got a short TD drive to lead 14-6 at half. NCS drove 74 yds but dropped a TD pass & had a 21 yd FG blk'd. NCS had a 23 yd FG blk'd & then after an EC 34 yd FG, was SOD at the 45. EC QB Garrard got a 46 yd TD pass & NCS was SOD at their own 36 & their final drive ran out of time. NCS missed 3 FG's & an xp while outgaining E Carolina 403-400.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

The Wolfpack was off a solid season & a bowl bid for HC Mike O'Cain. They opened 1999 with 3 straight wins including an upset win at Texas, but injuries on offense cost them dearly. When the NCS offense was stopped 1 yard short against NC in a Thursday Night game, it sealed O'Cain's 7th straight loss to their rival. A loss the next week kept them out of a bowl and cost him his job. New head man Chuck Amato got a late start in recruiting and did not even have his assistant coaches hired by mid-January. Amato surprisingly hired Offensive Coordinator Norm Chow, who had been at BYU for the last 22 years and was named the 1999 National Assistant Coach of the Year. With 22 or 23 scholarships to offer, Amato did not sign the full allotment of players because of the late start. Also numerous players who committed to NCS changed their minds after the coaching switch. O'Cain was not dealt a great hand last year as injuries crippled the offense. Their top RB Ray Robinson was never 100% and had just 4 starts. They lost their top 2 WR's to injury, lost their starting C to injury in the opening game and also a starting guard. The defense did finish fourth in the ACC in total defense last year and only 3 starters depart from the stop unit for new DC Buddy Green. They will have a true frosh QB in Phillip Rivers who had a solid spring, but are changing schemes on both sides of the ball. The non-conference slate is manageable and a good start usually helps a rookie coach get the players believing in his system. They get some winnable ACC games at home and a new coach like Amato sometimes surprises, but I do see their first losing season since '96 in a rebuilding year.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| QB | Olin Hannum | 6-1 190 PS#13JC |
| QB | Phillip Rivers | 6-5 215 PS#40 |
| DL | Ricky Fowler | 6-2 292 PS#85 |
| K | Austin Herbert | 5-10 200 PS#11 |
| DL | Steve Williams | 6-4 245 PS#122 |
| LB | Chance Moyer | 6-4 254 PS#154 |
| LB | Chip Thomas | 6-2 220 PS#162 |
| WR | William Johnson | 6-1 195 PS#164 |
| OL | Reggie Poole | 6-2 310 PS#255JC |
| DB | Kerrick Sanders | 5-11 185 PS#259JC |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Phillip Rivers Fr.** 6-5 216 *PS#40. 2025 yds (QB) 10 int at FS at HS ly. Jatavis Sanders (5-11 182 So) PS#48, 165 yds as true. Olin Hannum PS#13JUCO.*

**RB Ray Robinson Jr.** 5-10 202 *PS#74RB in 98. ACC rookie of yr as true. 825 yds (5.3), 10 TD's. 4 sts in 99 (inj) 438 yds (3.9). Carlos Doggett (5-10 207 So) was PS#118.*

**FB DEREK ROBERTS SR.** 6-1 244 *PS#116RB in 96. 1 st at LB in 96, 97, 18 tkls. FB in 99, 10 sts, 43 yds (3.9), 5 rec (8.0). Cotra Jackson (5-11 213 So) had 53 total yds in 99.*

**WR Bryan Peterson So.** 5-10 189 *PS#80. 4 sts as true, 21 rec (13.0), 2 TD's. Craig Moody (6-1 180 rFr) was PS#77. William Johnson is PS#164.*

**WR KOREN ROBINSON SO.** 6-2 200 *ACC rookie of year. Size & 4.4 speed. Started 7 gms in 99, 48 rec (17.8), 148 return yds. 36 rec in L/5 gms (7.2 per gm).*

**TE ANDY VANDERVEER JR.** 6-4 240 *10 sts ly, #5 w/ 12 rec (13.4). Tramayne Simmons (6-2 242 Sr, PS#89LB) had 6 rec, Joseph Gray (6-4 248 So) PS#28.*

**C Keegan Weir Jr.** 6-5 282 *PS#308. Lettered in 98. Started in 99 opener but inj'd. Derek Green (6-3 271 So) PS#215OL, 4 sts in 99 as rFr.*

**RG Tim Turner So.** 6-6 319 *PS#47 in 96. 11 gms as 2nd string in 99 but 0 letter. Reggie Poole (6-2 310 Jr) PS#56LB in 96 & played DT & OL at JC.*

**LG ALEX RICE SR.** 6-4 311 *PS#76. 2nd string as rFr, 12 sts, 781 snaps in 98. Missed ly (inj). Mel Quitman (6-3 329 So) PS#122, 2nd string ly.*

**RT Scott Kooistra So.** 6-6 300 *PS#163DL. 2nd string as rFr & lettered. +25 lbs. Jermaine Wilkinson (6-5 325 Sr) PS#72OL, 0 letters.*

**LT JARVIS BORUM SR.** 6-7 341 *PS#140. "Big Earth" 1 4 sts in 97, 5 sts in 98, 12 sts in 99, 765 snaps, huge. Matt Broel (6-5 294 Jr) PS#227.*

**K KENT PASSINGHAM SR.** 5-9 174 *Handled KO's in 97 & 98. Hit 9 of 14 FG's in 99, long of 31. Bobby Moore (5-10 203 So) was PS#64QB, 18 of 26 FG's in HS long of 54.*

**DE BRIAN JAMISON JR.** 6-2 230 *PS#61, 1 tfl as true. 7 sts in 99, 55 tkls, 9.5 tfl, 2 pbu. George Anderson (6-0 244 So) PS#62LB, 25 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl as rFr.*

**DT JEFFREY FISHER SR.** 6-1 285 *PS#56. 6 sts in 98, 2 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 54 tkls, 2.5 tfl, benches 450! Darius Bryant (6-1 298 Jr) PS#120, 8 sts in 98, 29 tkls in 99.*

**DT NATE GOODSON JR.** 6-2 268 *PS#147LB. 1 st, 3 tfl in 98. 11 sts, 9 tfl, 62 tkls in 99. Shane Riggs (6-3 265 So). Rashad Streets (6-1 307 Jr) PS#53.*

**DE Drew Wimsatt So.** 6-3 238 *PS#87DL in 98. Trans from Northwestern. Corey Smith (6-2 245 Jr) 25 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. 1 st, 24 tkls, 5.5 tfl in 99.*

**SLB LEVAR FISHER JR.** 6-1 229 *PS#124. 9 sts, 4 tfl, 4 pbu as true. 12 sts in 99. 104 tkls, 11.5 tfl, 9 hurries. William Pannell (6-3 212 Jr) 59 tkls, 2.5 tfl, 2 yrs.*

**MLB EDRICK SMITH SO.** 6-0 245 *PS#98, 9 sts as true, 98 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl. 1 st in 99 (inj RS). Dantonio Burnette (5-10 220 So) PS#198, 123 tkls, 8.5 tfl as true.*

**WLB CLAYTON WHITE SR.** 6-0 225 *PS#118. 3 sts in 97, 4 tfl. 12 sts in 98, 110 tkls, 9 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 86 tkls, 15.5 tfl, 7 pbu. Corey Lyons (5-11 196 Jr) 83 tkls, 2 yrs.*

**CB Kerrick Sanders Jr.** 5-11 185 *PS#259JC, 6 int, 28 pbu at JC ly. Anthony Cason (5-10 182 Jr), 4.3 speed, 2 int, 17 tkls. 1 pbu. 21 gms in 2 yrs.*

**CB JJ Washington rFr.** 5-7 174 *PS#78DB. Julius Patterson (5-10 180 So) PS#71 was WR in 99, 1 rec. James Walker (6-1 175 Fr) signed ly.*

**SS ADRIAN WILSON JR.** 6-2 212 *PS#176. 43 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 12 sts in 99, 104 tkls, 6 tfl, 3 int, 3 pbu. Terrence Holt (6-2 202 So) 21 tkls ly, Torry's brother.*

**FS BRIAN WILLIAMS JR.** 6-0 200 *PS#82, 15 tkls as true. 12 sts, 131 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Marcus Ellerbe (5-7 176 So) PS#20, 8 tkls, 1 pbu here.*

**P Bobby Moore So.** 5-10 203 *PS#64QB in 99. 6 tkls as true. 41 yd avg in HS, 2324 yds pass. Austin Herbert is PS#11, 41 yd avg in HS, 74% KO's into EZ.*

# N CAROLINA ST WOLFPACK

Raleigh, North Carolina
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score NCST | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The SU winner is 5-0 ATS when NCS plays a current Big 12 team. North Carolina State is 8-2 ATS hosting Clemson. Wolfpack is 6-2 ATS vs Virginia. |
| Sep. 2 | Arkansas St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolfpack is 11-1 SU, 5-4 ATS in their season opener. The Indians play in the Big West Conf and were 4-7 SU & 6-3 ATS LY. |
| Sep. 9 | at Indiana | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolfpack is 12-22 ATS L/7Y & after a SU win. NC State is 4-10 ATS in non-Syracuse non-conf games. |
| Sep. 16 | SMU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Wolfpack didn't play a current WAC school in either the 80's or 90's. NCS is 2-6-1 ATS the L/3Y as a home favorite. |
| Sep. 21 | Georgia Tech (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pack is 1-9-1 ATS their L/11 games vs Georgia Tech. NC St is 4-3 SU but 1-5 ATS in Thursday games. |
| Sep. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: NCS is 23-9 ATS as a home dog S/84. |
| Oct. 7 | at Clemson | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NCS is 8-11 SU overall, 4-0 ATS L/4 after a bye week. NCS is 12-17 (41%) their L/29 October games. |
| Oct. 14 | at N Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolfpack is 1-6 L/7 but 10-7 L/17 ATS in this intrastate squabble. NCS is 1-8 ATS their L/9 games prior to a bye, pending GT outcome. |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolfpack are 7-4 ATS as a DD dog but was 0-2 LY. New Coach Amato is the former OC for Florida St. |
| Nov. 4 | at Maryland | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The dog has barked their way to a 12-2-1 ATS mark the L/15 games. NCS is 3-10 ATS prior to playing Duke. |
| Nov. 11 | Duke (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 5-1 ATS in this series since 1994. NC State is 4-1 in sandwiched home games since 1992. |
| Nov. 18 | at Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolfpack is 6-12 ATS L/18 road finales. NCS is 5-12-1 ATS prior to playing rival Wake Forest. |
| Nov. 25 | Wake Forest | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wolfpack are 4-1 SU & ATS in their Carter-Finley finale. N Carolina St is 8-4 ATS L/12 vs Wake Forest. |

## STADIUM: CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM (51,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 7-4 | 8-3 | 3-8 | 3-8 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 6-6 | 40-38 |
| ATS | 5-5 | 3-7 | 4-5-1 | 4-7 | 5-5-1 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 31-41-2 |
| Home Fav | 2-2 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 1-2-1 | 0-4 | 1-0 | 7-13-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 9-5 |
| Away Fav | 1-2 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 6-9 |
| Away Dog | 1-1 | 2-1 | 0-2-1 | 1-5 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 2-3 | 9-13-1 |
| Favorite | 3-4 | 1-5 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 2-3-1 | 2-6 | 1-2 | 13-22-1 |
| Dog | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-3-1 | 2-7 | 3-2 | 3-0 | 4-3 | 18-18-1 |
| Grass | 4-5 | 2-6 | 4-5-1 | 4-7 | 4-5-1 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 28-40-2 |
| Artificial | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-1 |
| vs ACC | 3-5 | 3-5 | 4-3-1 | 3-5 | 3-4-1 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 23-31-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-0 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 8-10 |
| Off SU Win | 2-4 | 1-5 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 3-4 | 1-4 | 13-22 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-4-1 | 3-4 | 1-3-1 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 15-16-2 |

## Coach: CHUCK AMATO (Career 0-0)
### *Amato's records AT N CAROLINA STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year at N Carolina State | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 0-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs ACC | 0-0 | Vs Non-ACC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | Peach | +2' | E Carolina | 34-37 | L |
| 92 | Gator | -1 | Florida | 10-27 | L |
| 93 | Hall of Fame | +14' | Michigan | 7-42 | L |
| 94 | Peach | +6' | Mississippi St | 28-24 | W |
| 98 | MicronPC | +6' | Miami (Fla) | 23-46 | L |

# N CAROLINA ST (6-6)

CONFERENCE: **ACC**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 4**
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 38 (16,20,2)**
**Lost: 20 (11,8,1)**

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5* | 20.3 | 18 | 113 | 3.1 | 211 | 50.8 | 16.0 | +2 | 1999 | 6 | 25.2 | 20 | 157 | 3.6 | 202 | 53.9 | 14.3 |
| 6* | 30.5 | 22 | 147 | 4.0 | 300 | 51.7 | 14.7 | 0 | 1998 | 4 | 29.3 | 20 | 176 | 4.4 | 216 | 53.4 | 13.4 |
| 8* | 29.6 | 22 | 179 | 4.4 | 222 | 56.8 | 13.6 | -3 | 1997 | 9 | 24.4 | 19 | 131 | 3.5 | 249 | 55.3 | 15.6 |
| 6 | 24.4 | 19 | 140 | 3.4 | 213 | 46.4 | 14.5 | -11 | 1996 | 5 | 36.5 | 22 | 227 | 4.9 | 200 | 55.1 | 11.7 |
| 7* | 23.6 | 21 | 144 | 3.5 | 224 | 55.4 | 15.6 | -7 | 1995 | 5 | 32.2 | 23 | 191 | 4.5 | 231 | 67.8 | 13.1 |
| 5* | 25.4 | 20 | 190 | 4.3 | 183 | 57.4 | 15.0 | -13 | 1994 | 6 | 22.9 | 19 | 136 | 3.7 | 188 | 55.7 | 14.1 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Texas | 7 | 27-107 | 4.0 | 9-26 | 65 | 0 | | 20 | 36-56 | 1.6 | 30-46 | 316 | 0 | -1 |
| S Carolina | 6 | 38-78 | 2.1 | 3-7 | 18 | 2 | | 11 | 53-153 | 2.9 | 5-18 | 79 | 5 | +2 |
| William & Mary | 24 | 43-200 | 4.7 | 19-29 | 251 | 2 | | 18 | 27-32 | 1.2 | 25-52 | 284 | 1 | +1 |
| at Florida St | 16 | 38-109 | 2.9 | 10-25 | 129 | 0 | | 23 | 35-149 | 4.3 | 23-40 | 229 | 0 | -4 |
| at Wake Forest | 13 | 24-26 | 1.1 | 16-29 | 129 | 5 | | 22 | 66-266 | 4.0 | 7-13 | 101 | 3 | -2 |
| Clemson | 21 | 46-135 | 2.9 | 15-30 | 215 | 2 | | 21 | 33-83 | 2.5 | 24-42 | 285 | 6 | +3 |
| Virginia | 18 | 39-100 | 2.6 | 11-28 | 263 | 5 | | 29 | 51-281 | 5.5 | 13-25 | 233 | 2 | -2 |
| at Duke | 21 | 43-163 | 3.8 | 19-28 | 280 | 2 | | 24 | 39-119 | 3.1 | 19-38 | 265 | 3 | +2 |
| Georgia Tech | 19 | 33-94 | 2.8 | 15-32 | 320 | 0 | | 30 | 47-266 | 5.7 | 19-31 | 247 | 0 | +1 |
| Maryland | 27 | 44-180 | 4.1 | 23-37 | 324 | 1 | | 12 | 33-106 | 3.2 | 12-25 | 135 | 3 | +3 |
| N Carolina | 21 | 31-83 | 2.7 | 21-41 | 226 | 0 | | 13 | 51-132 | 2.6 | 6-15 | 96 | 0 | 0 |
| at E Carolina | 21 | 31-86 | 2.8 | 21-46 | 317 | 3 | | 18 | 50-244 | 4.9 | 12-17 | 156 | 3 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 214 | 437-1361 | 3.1 | 182-358 | 2537 | 22 | | 241 | 521-1887 | 3.6 | 195-362 | 2426 | 26 | +2 |
| AVERAGES | 17.8 | 36-113 | 3.1 | 15-30 | 211 | 1.8 | | 20.1 | 43-157 | 3.6 | 16-30 | 202 | 2.2 | 0.2 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Marshall | NL | 33-16 | – |
| Virginia | +6 | 24-29 | W |
| at Florida St | +27 | 17-77 | L |
| Baylor | -1 | 0-14 | L |
| Clemson | +3 | 22-43 | L |
| at Alabama | +14 | 11-27 | L |
| at Duke | -2 | 41-38 | W |
| Maryland | -6 | 13-30 | L |
| at Georgia Tech | +8 | 19-27 | T |
| at Wake Forest | -5 | 52-23 | W |
| N Carolina | +6 | 28-30 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Georgia Tech | +1' | 16-28 | L |
| Florida St | +28 | 17-51 | L |
| at Purdue | +4' | 21-42 | L |
| at Maryland | +9 | 34-8 | W |
| Alabama | +11 | 19-24 | W |
| at Virginia | +19 | 14-62 | L |
| at N Carolina | +26 | 20-52 | L |
| Duke | -10 | 44-22 | W |
| at Clemson | +10 | 17-40 | L |
| Wake Forest | -14 | 37-22 | W |
| † E Carolina | +9 | 29-50 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Syracuse | +25 | 32-31 | W |
| at Duke | -7' | 45-14 | W |
| Clemson | -2 | 17-19 | L |
| N Illinois | -35' | 41-14 | L |
| at Wake Forest | -7 | 18-19 | L |
| at Georgia Tech | +5' | 17-27 | L |
| N Carolina | +12' | 7-20 | L |
| at Florida St | +29' | 35-48 | W |
| Maryland | -17 | 45-28 | T |
| Virginia | +2' | 31-24 | W |
| E Carolina | -10 | 37-24 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ohio Univ | -13' | 34-31 | L |
| Florida St | +26 | 24-7 | W |
| at Baylor | -4 | 30-33 | L |
| Syracuse | +12 | 38-17 | W |
| Georgia Tech | -2 | 24-47 | L |
| Duke | -10' | 27-24 | L |
| at Virginia | +10' | 13-23 | W |
| at Clemson | -4 | 46-39 | W |
| Wake Forest | -14 | 38-27 | L |
| at Maryland | -10 | 35-21 | W |
| at N Carolina | -2' | 34-37 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Texas | +9' | 23-20 | W |
| S Carolina | -7' | 10-0 | W |
| William & Mary | NL | 38-9 | – |
| at Florida St | +28 | 11-42 | L |
| at Wake Forest | -7 | 7-31 | L |
| Clemson | +1' | 35-31 | W |
| Virginia | E | 26-47 | L |
| at Duke | +2' | 31-24 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | +17 | 21-48 | L |
| Maryland | +1' | 30-17 | W |
| † N Carolina | -12 | 6-10 | L |
| at E Carolina | +8 | 6-23 | L |

# NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Northwestern appeared to have an All Big 10 candidate at QB in Gavin Hoffman (6-5 237, PS#14) heading into last year. Hoffman stunningly decided to transfer to Penn over the summer throwing this position into chaos. Lightly experienced Nick Kreinbrink (6-2 230 Jr) had 28 career passes under his belt and began the year as the starter. He threw for just 774 yards (38%) with a 4-5 ratio. Zak Kustok (PS#20) originally signed at ND in 97. Due to some transfer problems he did not start until the 5th week. Kustok's stats were not much better as he threw for 741 yards (45.8%) with a 3-6 ratio but he did rush for 378 yards, the 1st NU QB since 1987 to top 200 yards rushing. His stats were hurt by the injuries to the WR corps. Coaches like their own recruits and Randy Walker has some that will contend for the starter's spot. Matt Danielson (6-0 220 rFr) is Gary's son and was PS#171. True frosh Tony Stauss (PS #12!) may also contend (see Top Newcomers). Steve Parker (6-4 204 So) was PS#74. Bob Barz (6-2 203 So) was PS#186 and got in 6 pass attempts in 99. Kustok was the clear starter out of spring and Kreinbrink decided to quit to play baseball after spring was over. This position has added talent and is much more experienced than last season. This should be one of the most improved positions in the Big 10.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Randy Walker was known for his powerful rush attacks at Miami, OH and his first two recruiting classes have been loaded with HT RB's. Last year he had to replace his top 2 FB's including a NFL DC, but this year all of the top RB's return. Damien Anderson rushed for over 1,000 yards and was the lone bright spot offensively for the team last year. NU is the only Big Ten 10 team to have 3 different players top 1,000 yards in a season the last 5 years. Anderson returns and with a more stable offensive front could be in for a big junior season. Walker calls him a special player. His top backup last year was Louis Ayeni (6-0 202 So) who had 160 yards as a true frosh and was PS#159. He is the 2nd best back here but will spend time at WR in an effort to get the best 11 on the field. Kevin Lawrence (5-11 203 So) was PS#171. I list the top 3 FB's below. Three of this year's top recruits are RB's and could see immediate playing time.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year NU lost 3 of their top 4 receivers including their star D'Wayne Bates who had nearly 3 times as many rec's (83) as the next closest receiver. This year they lose their top 2 TE's in Jay Tant (3 yr st'r, HM Big 10, 17 rec, #5DC of AZ) and John Cerasani (3 rec) as well as starting WR Aaron Burrell (6 sts, 11 rec). They lost starting WR Sam Simmons to injury after 7 games and he returns as does Teddy Johnson who took his place and led the team with 23 rec's (15.4). Derrick Thompson (5-9 178 Sr) was 2nd on the team with 22 rec's but only averaged 7.4 ypr. Walker brought in a pair of HT's last year in Schweighardt and Patrick, and I list them below in the 2 deep. Kustok also said he was anxiously awaiting the arrival of true frosh Jordan (PS #50) and El Da'Sheon Nix (6-3 190 PS #129) in the fall and expects both to play immediately. Ben Kennedy (6-6 261 rFr, PS#122) adds depth to the TE's I list below. Even with the losses this unit is more experienced, and I expect solid improvement in the passing game.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Barnett signed five of the top 85 OL in 97 and 5 frosh combined for 28 starts in 98. This unit appeared to be in solid shape last year replacing just 1.5 starters but lost their starting C to a torn ACL and a starting LT who decided to transfer. Two other returning starters lost their jobs so it was basically a brand new offensive front. This year they only lose RG Brian Hemmerle (5 sts) and LT Mark Perry (9 sts). The majority of the players last season were underclassmen and there are 7 players who return with starting experience. They also receive a VHT transfer from Notre Dame in Jeff Roehl who was the most dominating OL in spring. This group is bigger, stronger, deeper, more experienced and has added talent.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Cats had an experienced unit last year up front but went from allowing 3.7 ypc in 98 to 4.3 in 99. This year they lose 3 players in DT Darryl Hodge (11 sts, 44 tkls), DT Jeff Dyra (6 sts til inj, 33 tkls) and DE Gladston Taylor (1 st, 15 tkls). The three departed players combined for just 3 sacks. Hodge left for personal reasons and may still return in the fall. Basically 3 starters return as Collins has 10 career starts. They also get 3 solid rFr joining them, two of whom I list below including a VHT and Matt Anderson (6-4 278 rFr, PS#175). Conrad Emmerich, who has 19 starts at LB, has bulked up to 270 lbs and moves to DE. Simon did tear his ACL in the spring and will need 4 to 6 months to mend. This is a good sized front which bodes well for the physical Big 10 play and looks stronger than last year's group.

**LINEBACKERS** - For the fourth time in five years a Northwestern LB led the conference in tackles per game. Following in the lineage of Pat Fitzgerald and Barry Gardner, sophomore Kevin Bentley led the Big 10 in 99 with a 13.5 tpg average and was ranked 5th in the country in tackles. NU had to replace 2 starters last year and this year everyone returns. There is plenty of talent available as every single player I list in the 3 deep below is an HT and 4 have 7 or more starts to their credit. I like the size, talent and experience of this group and naturally they will be improved this season.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After they finished 67th in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98, the Cats returned just 2 starters last year but still moved up to #22 allowing only 48.3% completions and a 13-7 ratio. They also set a school record with 60 pbu with the previous high being 44. The great news this year is that only one player departs in FS Kyle Sanders (3 sts, 47 tkls). SS Mycal Jones was academically ineligible in the spring. I list the 2 deep below and there are plenty of HT's in the mix. With nearly everyone back they should remain near the top of my pass efficiency defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - From 94-96 Barnett's squad recorded 2 top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings. They fell to #47 & #73 the next 2 years but last year rebounded to finish #56. The higher finish was despite the fact that their KR average dropped. Sam Simmons averaged a whopping 27.6 leading the Big 10 in KR's in 98. Last year he had just 5 returns and a 26.2 average as true frosh Louis Ayeni led the team with 17 returns but with only a 17.4 average. Simmons was super on PR's averaging 15.4. K Tim Long (PS#5) hit a solid 12 of 18 with a long of 43 and returns. P J.J. Standring dropped about a yard in his average & net from 98 and should return to his earlier form. Walker also signed Brian Huffman, one of the top frosh K's in the country. This is a solid special teams unit and has a shot at breaking into the top 20 this season.

WR Teddy Johnson is part of one the most improved offenses in the NCAA.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Damien Anderson** | 306 | 1237 | 109 | 1128 | 3 | 3.7 |
| **Zak Kustok** | 92 | 378 | 169 | 209 | 2 | 2.3 |
| **Louis Ayeni** | 44 | 168 | 8 | 160 | 0 | 3.6 |
| Nick Kreinbrink | 32 | 58 | 120 | -62 | 0 | -1.9 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nick Kreinbrink | 158 | 60 | 38.0 | 774 | 4 | 5 |
| **Zak Kustok** | 153 | 70 | 45.8 | 741 | 3 | 6 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Teddy Johnson** | 23 | 354 | 15.4 | 4 | 49 |
| **Derrick Thompson** | 22 | 162 | 7.4 | 0 | 15 |
| Jay Tant | 17 | 203 | 11.9 | 0 | 28 |
| **Damien Anderson** | 16 | 184 | 11.5 | 0 | 67 |
| **Sam Simmons** | 12 | 261 | 21.8 | 1 | 71 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **JJ Standring** | 84 | 3404 | 40.5 | - | 35.5 | 1 | 17 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tim Long** | 7-8 | 4-5 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 12-18 | 43 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kevin Bentley** | 148 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| **Napoleon Harris** | 110 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| **Rashad Morton** | 103 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| **Billy Silva** | 83 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Mycal Jones** | 68 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| **Conrad Emmerich** | 65 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **S. Cummings-John** | 61 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| **Dwayne Missouri** | 52 | 5 | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| **Harold Blackmon** | 48 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 2 |
| Kyle Sanders | 47 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Darryl Hodge | 44 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Javiar Collins** | 38 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Jeff Dyra | 33 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sam Simmons** | 11 | 169 | 15.4 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Louis Ayeni** | 17 | 295 | 17.4 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**MIAMI, OH +4 3-28 LOSS** MU was facing Coach Walker who had left for the job at Northwestern. A partially blk'd punt set up a MU 18 yd TD drive. In the 2Q NU missed a 25 yd FG & MU drove 80 yds for a TD. NU got a 16 play drive but settled for a 21 yd FG, 14-3 at half. Anderson had 129 yds rushing but just 24 in the 2H as NU went to the pass & Kreinbrink hit 9 of 29. MU got 2 Bath TD passes to account for the final & had a 397-307 yd edge in defeating their former coach.

**TCU +8 17-7 WIN** TCU opened with an 80 yd TD drive but struggled the rest of the game. NU got 96 yds on their 1st 2 drives but each ended in punts & they also struggled offensively but got an 87 yd PR for a TD by Simmons, 7-7. NU got a 3Q 71 yd pass to set up a TD, 14-7. TCU missed a 45 yd FG & fmbl'd on 2nd & goal from the NU 3 early 4Q. NU nailed a 32 yd FG. TCU was SOD at the NU 28 and was at the NU 19 when the game ended.

**AT DUKE (OT) +8 15-12 WIN** Duke was down to their 3rd string QB. NU got 43, 37 and 26 yd FG's with 2 drives beginning in Duke terr, 9-0. Duke got a 49 yd FG with 6:02 left 1H. NU had a 112-30 yd edge until Duke's final drive of the half. NU missed a 52 yd FG & had a 43 yd'r blk'd. Duke got a 23 yd FG with 7:41 left. They fmbl'd at the NU 20 but drove for a 37 yd FG with 1:14 left. In OT Duke got a FG & NU got a 27 yd TD pass.

**AT PURDUE +28 23-31 WIN** Pur got a FG & TD on their 1st 2 drives. NU got an 80 yd drive for a TD w/1:14 left & Pur fmbl'd at the NU 3 late. Pur had a 222-139 yd edge but only led 10-7 at half. NU opened the 3Q w/ an 80 yd TD drive, 14-10. Pur got a 47 yd TD run. NU drove 73 yds but settled for a 24 yd FG, 17-17. Bentley ret'd an int 40 yds for a TD for the Cats, 23-17 (xp blk'd). Pur got a 65 yd TD drive, 24-23. Pur was at its 1 facing a 3rd & 11 when Brees hit Sutherland with a 99 yd TD pass, 31-23. NU didn't cross midfield on its last 2 poss but the Wildcats got the comfortable cover.

**MINNESOTA +6' 14-33 LOSS** UM had over 220 yds both rushing & passing (442 total) while NU had 320 total. NU was int'd & a 54 yd ret set up a 16 yd TD drive. UM got a 63 yd reverse to set up a TD. NU hit a 49 yd TD pass, 14-7. UM got a 27 yd FG, 17-7. NU drove 62 yds to open the 3Q, 17-14. After an exchange of fmbl's, UM had a 43 yd FG blk'd & NU missed a 39 yd FG. UM got a 64 yd TD pass & after rec a fmbl got a 16 yd reverse for a TD & in 1:00 took control, 31-14. UM later blk'd a punt for a safety.

**AT INDIANA +8 17-34 LOSS** Rainy, NU keyed on Randle El leaving RB Williams open on the pitch (241 yds). NU got a 75 yd TD drive. NU ret'd an int for a TD, 14-0. NU's final 4 poss of the half resulted in -25 yds. Indy got a 56 yd run & 55 yd pass to set up TD's. Indy got a late 1H TD, 21-14. Indy settled for a 26 yd 3Q FG. NU ret'd the KO 64 yds & nailed a 30 yd FG but Indy added a 4Q FG & a TD. IU had a 543-194 yd edge.

**IOWA -4' 23-21 LOSS** NU dominated the 1Q but settled for 25, 25 & 28 yd FG's before adding a 40 yd drive for a TD. At the half NU led 16-0 & had a 205-31 yd edge. NU fmbl'd a punt at their own 5 setting up an UI 3Q TD. UI went 80 yds in 15 plays for a TD w/3:18 left in the 3Q, 16-14. NU was SOD at the UI 29. UI got a 74 yd TD run 2 poss later, 21-16 w/11:13 left. NU took over with 2:30 left. On 3rd & 13 NU fmbl'd but was ruled down although replay showed it to be a fmbl. That set up a 4th & 2 & NU conv. They needed another 4th & 2 & this time Kustok's 2 yd TD run with :04 left gave them the win.

**WISCONSIN +23 19-35 WIN** Many Badger fans were on hand & UW led 14-0 at half on 2 TD runs. Foll a UW fmbl, NU got a 22 yd FG. UW ret'd a NU int 93 yds for a TD & a 14 pt turnaround, 21-3. Dayne's 2nd TD made it 28-3 after 3Q's & NU got as close as 28-11 but a UW 27 yd TD pass sealed it. NU had a 347-296 yd edge but did most of their damage in garbage time. Dayne rushed for 81 1Q yds & 162 overall.

**AT MICHIGAN +23 3-37 LOSS** UM simply dominated with 223 yds rushing & 226 passing while NU had 200 total yds. The Wolves had 83, 74, 82 and 50 yd TD drives in the 1H, 27-0 and had a commanding 310-93 yd edge. They opened the 3Q with a 64 yd TD drive, 34-0. NU did get a FG in the 3Q but UM nailed a 26 yd FG with :33 left.

**MICHIGAN ST +19 0-34 LOSS** MSU had a large number of fans in attendance on an unseasonably warm day. NU was shutout for the 1st time since 1993. MSU had just 14 FD's. NU drove for 51 and 48 yd FG att's on their 1st 2 series but missed both. MSU was limited to 11 yds on its 1st 3 poss but led 10-0. MSU got a 26 yd fmbl ret for a TD, 17-0. MSU got a TD foll an int early 3Q & added a 42 yd FG. In the 4Q they got an 84 yd TD pass.

**AT ILLINOIS +13' 7-29 LOSS** Kittner hit just 16 of 30 with 2 int's after having only thrown 2 in the first 10 gms. UI did not punt in the 1H. UI settled for a FG. NU got a TD, 7-3. UI was int'd in the EZ. NU lost 3 fmbl's in the 1H & a 35 yd PR by UI set up a 20 yd TD drive. UI added a 21 yd TD run by Harvey & 31 yd FG but missed a 42 yd FG att before half, 20-7. UI added a 27 yd FG & 34 yd TD run in the 4Q & each team finished with 24 FD's but the Illini had a 452-377 yd edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year the Cats had to overcome the unexpected departure of Gary Barnett to Colorado. Randy Walker, who did a fine job at Miami (Oh), slipped on the headset as his replacement. Another unexpected loss came when QB Gavin Hoffman (PS#14) decided to leave the team and transfer to Penn prior to the season. Starting C Ty Garner, starting LT Blake Henry and starting LB Preston Letts were all lost prior to the season. Walker implemented changes in the schemes on both sides of the ball. After a 3-9 record in 1998 including an 0-8 mark in Big 10 play, the Cats only won 3 again but did grab a Big 10 win. It was a very young Wildcat team last year and out of the 44 players on Northwestern's 2 deep, 38 return this year including 21 starters. This is the most improved team in the Big 10. While I will not call for the "Purple to get to Pasadena" they could be a surprise team this year. QB Kustok is now in command of the offense and has a capable corps of receivers, a top notch RB in Anderson and a veteran O-line. They should at least double last year's paltry 12.8 ppg and they will have a pass attack to complement the run. The defense returns practically intact and has talent. My talent ratings actually have them #32 in the country on that side of the ball, #7 in the Big 10 provided both DE Simon and SS Jones are able to return. They should open up 2-0 and the pivotal game may be a road trip to TCU. The Frogs will be ranked and favored, but keep in mind the 1999 version of the Cats beat them 17-7. An upset there would fill them with confidence and they have 3 games in Big 10 play which can be classified as winnable. I will call for them to top last year's 3 win total and they have the potential to surprise especially since they avoid both Ohio St and Penn St in Big 10 play.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| QB | Tony Stauss | 6-2 200 PS#12 |
| RB | Dan Pohlman | 6-1 225 PS#54 |
| OL | Matt Ulrich | 6-3 295 PS#66 |
| RB | Noah Herron | 5-11 220 PS#72 |
| WR | Roger Jordan | 6-3 200 PS#50 |
| RB | Rob Shirley | 6-0 230 PS#84 |
| OL | Ike Ndukwe | 6-6 300 PS#78 |
| RB | Torri Stuckey | 5-11 200 PS#89 |
| OL | Mike Corliss | 6-6 260 PS#88 |
| DL | Colby Clark | 6-3 265 PS#89 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB ZAK KUSTOK JR.** 6-1 212 *PS#20QB in 97 & signed at ND. Started L/7 here in 99, 741 yds (46%), 3-6 ratio, 378 yds rush. Tony Stauss is PS#12.*
**RB DAMIEN ANDERSON JR.** 5-11 208 *PS#51. 9 sts as rFr, 537 yds (3.3). 11 sts in 99, 1128 yds (3.7), 16 rec (11.5), 2nd tm Big 10. Louis Ayeni had 160 yds (3.6).*
**FB Brian Marshall Sr.** 5-10 209 *PS#47. 158 yds as true. 3 sts, 296 yds (3.0) in 98. 4 KR in 99. Chris Brown (6-3 220 rFr) PS #72. Rob Shirley is PS #84.*
**WR SAM SIMMONS JR.** 5-10 202 *PS#31. 124 yds rush (4.0) as true, top KR B10 (27.6), 132 yds rec. 7 sts til inj ly, 12 rec (21.8). Kunle Patrick (6-1 199 rFr) PS#21.*
**WR TEDDY JOHNSON SR.** 5-11 190 *PS#42. 2 rec as true. Inj in 98. Started L/7 in 99, 23 rec (15.4). Jon Schweighardt (5-10 180 So) PS#33, 11 rec (12.2) as true.*
**TE Eric Worley rFr.** 6-4 251 *PS#35 in 99 & reds. Mike Sherry (6-4 232 Jr) PS #42 in 97. FB in 99. David Farman (6-5 252 So) was PS#80QB.*
**C AUSTIN KING SO.** 6-4 282 *PS#214OL in 99. Started L/9 gms of 99 as true! Offensive newcomer of the year. Matt Ulrich is PS#66OL.*
**RG Jeff Roehl So.** 6-4 290 *PS#30OL in 98 & signed at ND. Sat out 99 after transfer. Adam Fay (6-4 301 Jr) PS#33OL in 97. 9 sts in 98.*
**LG WAYNE LUCIER JR.** 6-4 294 *PS#51OL. 7 gms as true. 2 at TE, 5 at OT. 11 sts in 99 at OG, +25 lbs. Carl Matejka (6-5 301 rFr) PS#402.*
**RT MIKE SOUZA JR.** 6-6 296 *PS#9 in 97. 8 gms in 98, 4 sts. 11 sts at OT in 99. Jack Harnedy (6-7 297 Sr) PS#56, 5 sts in 98. 3 letters*
**LT LEON BROCKMEIER JR.** 6-7 303 *PS#69 in 97. 2 sts in 98. 10 sts in 99. Lance Clelland (6-5 312 Jr) PS#19 in 97. 5 sts in 98, 2nd string in 99.*
**K TIM LONG SR.** 6-1 195 *PS#5 in 96. Inj in 97. 3 gms in 98, 2-2 xp's. 12 of 18 FG's, long 43 ly. Brian Huffman hit 56, 49, 47 yd FG's in HS ly.*

**DE DWAYNE MISSOURI SR.** 6-5 265 *12 sts in 98, 7 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 52 tkls, 5 sks, 15 tfl, 2nd tm Big 10.* ***Conrad Emmerich*** *(6-5 270 Sr) PS#47, 19 sts at LB L/3Y.*
**DT Javiar Collins Sr.** 6-6 310 *PS#45DL. 5 sts in 98, 36 tkls, 3 tfl. 5 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. George Woods (6-1 281 rFr) was PS#82OL.*
**DT Pete Chapman So.** 6-3 292 *PS#41DL in 98. 10 gms, 12 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Jeff Baer (6-3 281 Jr) 1 tkl in 98 (inj). 23 tkls, 1 sk in 99, 11 gms.*
**DE SALEM SIMON JR.** 6-4 270 *PS#175. 3 sts in 98, 18 tkls, 2 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 32 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 pbu.* ***Gabe Nyenhuis*** *(6-4 261 rFr) was PS#26OL.*
**OLB NAPOLEON HARRIS JR.** 6-3 235 *PS#18TE. 32 tkls in 98. 7 sts in 99, 110 tkls, 5 tfl. Regis Eller (6-1 230 So) PS#52. Onaje Grimes (6-2 233 So) PS#163.*
**MLB BARRY SILVA JR.** 6-3 245 *PS#54. 7 sts in 99, 83 tkls, 3 tfl. Chris Jones (6-2 241 So) PS#94 torn ACL in 99. Syga Thomas (6-1 225 Fr) PS#160.*
**OLB KEVIN BENTLEY JR.** 6-1 233 *11 sts ly led Big 10 w/148 tkls, 10 tfl, 3 pbu. Pat Durr (6-2 229 So) PS#103, 8 tkls as true. Vince Cartaya (6-4 235 So) PS#81.*
**CB SHEGUN CUMMINGS-JOHN JR.** 5-11 196 *1 pbu, 2 tfl in 98. 11 sts in 99, 61 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int,* ***14 pbu.*** *Raheem Covington (5-9 175 So) 10 gms, 15 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr.*
**CB HAROLD BLACKMON SR.** 6-0 205 *PS#52QB. 6 sts in 97, 12 sts in 98, 2 int, 7 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 48 tkls, 2 int,* ***17 pbu.*** *Chasda Martin (5-11 194 So) PS#99.*
**SS MYCAL JONES SR.** 5-11 204 *PS#48 in 97. 10 sts, 66 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. 8 sts til inj ly, 68 tkls, 6 pbu. Marvin Brown (5-10 197 Jr) PS#99.*
**FS RASHAD MORTON SR.** 5-11 213 *PS#87. 33 tkls in 97 & 98. 11 sts in 99, 103 tkls (#3), 2 tfl, 3 pbu. Brandon Evans (5-11 190 rFr) PS#118RB.*
**P J.J. STANDRING JR.** 6-0 202 *78 punts as rFr, 41.5 avg, net of 36.2. 84 punts in 99, 40.5 avg, net of 35.5. Brian Huffman is PS#8K.*

# NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score NW | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 31 | N Illinois (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | May apply here: Cats are 3-10 ATS L/13 as DD favorites. NW is 4-10-1 ATS in their first lined home game. |
| Sep. 9 | Duke | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | If favored, NW is 4-7 L/11 as non-conference chalk. Northwestern is 7-13 ATS in their second straight home game. |
| Sep. 16 | at TCU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wildcats are 20-13 ATS L/33 away games. NWU is 6-3 ATS ATS in non-Big 10 road games since 1994. |
| Sep. 23 | at Wisconsin | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 10-2 ATS in this series since 1988. Northwestern is 5-10 ATS in conference openers since 1985. |
| Sep. 30 | Michigan St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NWU is 18-8 ATS vs bowl teams from the previous year. The home team is 10-5 ATS in this series since 1983. |
| Oct. 7 | Indiana | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NWU is 14-5 ATS overall, but 0-3 LY, when line is -7 to +7. The favorite is an amazing 13-1 ATS in the series since 1983. |
| Oct. 14 | Purdue (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Northwestern is 13-4 overall L/17 as a home dog, but was 2-3 LY. The visitor is 7-1 ATS the L/8 in this series. |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | at Minnesota | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Northwestern is 4-1 ATS after a bye week. The underdog is 6-2 ATS in this series. |
| Nov. 4 | Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NWU is 1-5 ATS the last two years in November. Wildcats are 5-1 ATS vs Michigan since 1992. |
| Nov. 11 | at Iowa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mention this ad & take $35 off our Post Season Package. Purple & Black Cats are 10-4 ATS their L/14 road finales. |
| Nov. 18 | Illinois | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Northwestern is 2-5 ATS their last 7 home finales. The underdog is 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this instate rivalry. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

Northwestern is 7-2 SU & ATS as an away favorite.
The Wildcats are 2-6 ATS as a conference home favorite.
NWU is 11-4 ATS away on artificial turf since 1993.
Northwestern is 3-1 ATS L/4 vs current WAC schools.

## STADIUM: RYAN FIELD (47,130)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 2-9 | 3-7-1 | 10-1 | 9-2 | 5-7 | 3-9 | 3-8 | 35-43-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 6-5 | 10-1 | 5-6 | 7-5 | 6-6 | 4-7 | 43-36 |
| Home Fav | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 5-11 |
| Home Dog | 1-3 | 2-3 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 15-10 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 6-2 |
| Away Dog | 3-2 | 3-2 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 17-13 |
| Favorite | 1-1 | 1-0 | 3-1 | 2-5 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 11-13 |
| Dog | 4-5 | 5-5 | 7-0 | 3-1 | 5-2 | 4-4 | 4-6 | 32-23 |
| Grass | 1-1 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 2-2 | 6-5 | 4-3 | 4-6 | 22-19 |
| Artificial | 4-5 | 4-3 | 7-1 | 3-4 | 1-0 | 2-3 | 0-1 | 21-17 |
| vs BIG 10 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 8-0 | 4-4 | 6-2 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 29-27 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 14-9 |
| Off SU Win | 1-1 | 2-1 | 8-1 | 3-5 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 3-0 | 18-13 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-5 | 3-3 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 5-2 | 5-4 | 1-6 | 20-20 |

## Coach: RANDY WALKER (Career 62-43-5)
### *Walker's records AT NORTHWESTERN*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Northwestern | | 0-1 | Home Favorite |
| 3-8 | Straight Up | 2-3 | Home Underdog |
| 4-7 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 1-6 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-3 | Away Underdog |
| 2-6 | Vs BIG 10 | 2-1 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | Rose | NL | California | 20-14 | W |
| 95 | Rose | +3 | USC | 32-41 | L |
| 96 | Citrus | +8' | Tennessee | 28-48 | L |
| | | | | | |
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# NORTHWESTERN (3-8)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 10**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 9**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 39 (17,20,2)**
**Lost: 16 (11,4,1)**

## NORTHWESTERN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 12.8 | 16 | 141 | 3.1 | 143 | 41.8 | 22.2 | -6 | 1999 | 6 | 27.4 | 19 | 188 | 4.3 | 200 | 48.3 | 14.2 |
| 3 | 17.8 | 15 | 93 | 2.5 | 202 | 53.1 | 16.6 | -3 | 1998 | 5 | 28.1 | 18 | 163 | 3.8 | 207 | 53.3 | 13.1 |
| 3 | 20.3 | 17 | 132 | 3.5 | 188 | 54.7 | 15.8 | +9 | 1997 | 6 | 24.0 | 21 | 189 | 4.2 | 203 | 59.8 | 16.3 |
| 9* | 28.0 | 22 | 158 | 3.9 | 224 | 60.2 | 13.7 | +5 | 1996 | 4 | 23.2 | 19 | 139 | 3.6 | 208 | 57.4 | 15.0 |
| 5* | 25.9 | 16 | 170 | 4.1 | 158 | 55.1 | 12.7 | +19 | 1995 | 8 | 15.1 | 18 | 128 | 3.2 | 202 | 57.0 | 21.9 |
| 8 | 19.1 | 18 | 163 | 3.7 | 156 | 48.8 | 16.7 | -11 | 1994 | 8 | 31.9 | 20 | 202 | 4.7 | 216 | 60.8 | 13.1 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Miami (Oh) | 16 | 51-181 | 3.5 | 9-29 | 126 | 5 | | 19 | 51-145 | 2.8 | 11-19 | 252 | 3 | -1 |
| TCU | 15 | 40-81 | 2.0 | 11-22 | 220 | 2 | | 17 | 40-113 | 2.8 | 19-36 | 205 | 2 | +1 |
| at Duke | 12 | 38-91 | 2.4 | 15-38 | 121 | 4 | | 14 | 39-45 | 1.2 | 14-46 | 165 | 0 | +1 |
| at Purdue | 23 | 45-132 | 2.9 | 17-38 | 241 | 3 | | 28 | 27-134 | 5.0 | 32-51 | 405 | 1 | +2 |
| Minnesota | 14 | 47-95 | 2.0 | 10-28 | 225 | 7 | | 18 | 42-220 | 5.2 | 17-38 | 222 | 2 | -4 |
| at Indiana | 10 | 34-169 | 5.0 | 3-17 | 25 | 0 | | 27 | 75-429 | 5.7 | 6-8 | 114 | 4 | 0 |
| Iowa | 21 | 55-180 | 3.3 | 17-36 | 169 | 1 | | 12 | 27-136 | 5.0 | 11-28 | 143 | 1 | +1 |
| Wisconsin | 21 | 47-197 | 4.2 | 19-31 | 150 | 1 | | 17 | 49-207 | 4.2 | 6-11 | 89 | 1 | 0 |
| at Michigan | 12 | 38-121 | 3.2 | 11-29 | 79 | 2 | | 23 | 42-223 | 5.3 | 17-39 | 226 | 1 | -2 |
| Michigan St | 11 | 51-110 | 2.2 | 5-17 | 41 | 8 | | 14 | 38-151 | 4.0 | 10-22 | 192 | 4 | -2 |
| at Illinois | 24 | 51-198 | 3.9 | 16-33 | 179 | 3 | | 24 | 49-261 | 5.3 | 16-31 | 191 | 0 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 179 | 497-1555 | 3.1 | 133-318 | 1576 | 36 | | 213 | 479-2064 | 4.3 | 159-329 | 2204 | 19 | -6 |
| AVERAGES | 16.3 | 45-141 | 3.1 | 12-29 | 143 | 3.3 | | 19.4 | 44-188 | 4.3 | 14-30 | 200 | 1.7 | -0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Notre Dame | +28 | 17-15 | W |
| Miami (Oh) | -17 | 28-30 | L |
| Air Force | +3 | 30-6 | W |
| Indiana | -3' | 31-7 | W |
| at Michigan | +17 | 19-13 | W |
| at Minnesota | +2' | 27-17 | W |
| Wisconsin | +3 | 35-0 | W |
| at Illinois | +1 | 17-14 | W |
| Penn St | +7 | 21-10 | W |
| Iowa | -9 | 31-20 | W |
| at Purdue | -3 | 23-8 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Wake Forest | -17 | 27-28 | L |
| at Duke | -9 | 38-13 | W |
| Ohio U | -32 | 28-7 | L |
| at Indiana | -4 | 35-17 | W |
| Michigan | +7 | 17-16 | W |
| Minnesota | -10 | 26-24 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +5 | 34-30 | W |
| Illinois | -12' | 27-24 | L |
| at Penn St | +9 | 9-34 | L |
| at Iowa | +6 | 40-13 | W |
| Purdue | -10 | 27-24 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Oklahoma | -4' | 24-0 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -13' | 20-27 | L |
| Duke | -17 | 24-20 | L |
| Rice | -7 | 34-40 | L |
| at Purdue | +3' | 9-21 | L |
| Wisconsin | +3' | 25-26 | W |
| at Michigan | +24 | 6-23 | W |
| Michigan St | +13 | 19-17 | W |
| at Ohio St | +21' | 6-49 | L |
| Penn St | +16 | 27-30 | W |
| at Illinois | -12' | 34-21 | W |
| Iowa | +11 | 15-14 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| UNLV | -14' | 41-7 | W |
| Duke | -12' | 10-44 | L |
| at Rice | +5' | 23-14 | W |
| at Wisconsin | +12 | 7-38 | L |
| Illinois | -14 | 10-13 | L |
| at Iowa | +10 | 24-26 | W |
| Michigan | +14 | 6-12 | W |
| Ohio St | +29 | 10-36 | W |
| at Michigan St | +10 | 5-29 | L |
| Purdue | +13 | 21-56 | L |
| at Penn St | +24 | 10-41 | L |
| at Hawaii | -16' | 47-21 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miami (Oh) | +4 | 3-28 | L |
| TCU | +8 | 17-7 | W |
| at Duke | +8 | 15-12 | W |
| at Purdue | +28 | 23-31 | W |
| Minnesota | +6' | 14-33 | L |
| at Indiana | +8 | 17-34 | L |
| Iowa | -4' | 23-21 | L |
| Wisconsin | +23 | 19-35 | W |
| at Michigan | +23 | 3-37 | L |
| Michigan St | +19 | 0-34 | L |
| at Illinois | +13' | 7-29 | L |

# NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - With OC Kevin Rogers, the Irish need a solid option QB to be effective. Jarious Jackson (#7DC of DEN) got off to a slow start last year but ended up throwing for 2,753 yards (58%) with a 17-14 ratio and 734 yards rushing. He set single season school records for passing yards, completions, attempts and total offense. Arnaz Battle (PS#6) is a very elusive runner who has played in 11 games with 218 yards passing and 198 rushing in 2 years. He will take over the starting duties. Gary Godsey (6-7 240 rFr) was PS#7TE. He was a QB in HS and was the 3rd string QB here last year. There is a chance he will be the backup TE. Davie brings in three top notch QB's this year in Matt LoVecchio (PS #13), Carlyle Holiday (PS #8) and Jared Clark (PS #23), one of whom will probably inherit the backup role. This group is less experienced than it was heading into last year and while loaded with talent, it is very young. I'll call it a little weaker in 2000 but still very productive.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Irish had to replace both starters and their leading returning rusher had just 202 yards in 1998. The projected starting RB Tony Driver lost his job to Tony Fisher (PS#19). Fisher is a big back who led the team in rushing with 783 yards (5.0). He will be pushed by the speedy Julius Jones (5-10 201 So) who is the brother of Thomas (Virginia, #1 NFL DC of ARZ) and was PS#12 with 375 yards (5.0). Terrance Howard (6-1 195 Jr) was PS#11RB and will also contend as will VHT true frosh Vontez Duff. The FB position looks well stocked with the top 3 listed below all VHT's. Not listed is Chris Yura (5-11 211 So) PS #50. This group has more experience than last year and as usual is loaded with talent. I look for improved numbers in 2000, and this is one of the most talented RB corps in the country.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Irish had to replace their leading receiver who had almost triple the catches of the #2 man. This year they lose 2 of their top 3 WR's but 2 starters return and 6 of the top 8 are back. Last year's WR group was hobbled by injuries as Raki Nelson (23 rec, 17.2 ypc) missed 6 games. Bobby Brown also missed some time but had 9 starts and led the team with 36 rec's (16.9). They have a super combo of TE's and QB Godsey could move into the 3rd string role in the fall. I list the top 5 WR's below and most are VHT's with experience. Davie also signed 3 of the top 30 WR's out of HS this year (see Top Newcomers). Davie says they are as deep at WR as they have been for some time. This group has a little more experience than last year and in the second year with Rogers as OC, I'll call it slightly improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Irish were forced to start NINE different players on the offensive front last year due to injuries, but that should be a blessing for this year, experience-wise. Davie says that this is the deepest and most experienced line that he has fielded here. I commented in last year's magazine that I really liked how precise the ND athletic department is, as they keep track of the minutes played. For the offensive line, a position that gamers very few stats, that is a key one. Last year they had to replace six players who had combined for 2,823 minutes and had just 496 minutes of experience returning. My 5 projected starters this year have nearly 1,100 combined minutes and experience. This year the only losses are C John Merandi (12 sts) and LT Matt Brennan (1 st). ND went from allowing 13 sacks in 1998 to 33 last year and the ypc dropped from 4.6 to 4.2. I almost list an entire 3 deep below and it contains an amazing 13 VHT's. This group should be vastly improved in 2000 and has the makings of one of the strongest lines in the country.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Irish returned all 4 starters to the defensive front last year but clearly under-performed as they allowed 4.0 ypc rushing and the Irish managed just 18 sacks as a whole on defense. This year they lose DE Lamont Bryant (12 sts, 53 tkls, 4 sks, 6 tfl), DT Brad Williams (12 sts, 25 tkls, 3 tfl) and DT Antwon Jones (1 st, 5 tkls). Naturally there are almost all VHT's available in this unit and I list the talented 2 deep below. This year there are a few changes, a NG and a DT as opposed to 2 DT's. While this year's group is less experienced than the 99 version, they should be more productive.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Irish defense was below average last year and part of the reason was probably due to a very inexperienced LB corps. ND had to replace 3 senior starters last year and this year returns 3 players with starting experience. They do lose LB Ronnie Nicks (9 sts, 29 tkls, 2 tfl) and LB Joe Ferrer (6 sts, 27 tkls, 4 tfl). If you check the 2 deep below you will see that I have included 2 HT true frosh and a VHT sophomore who could all see time. This is a much more experienced and stronger unit in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 1998 the Irish lost their starting CB's to graduation and lost their top two safties to injury and finished 63rd in my pass defense rankings. Last year they had 3 starters returning but CB Brock Williams was suspended prior to the season so only 2 starters actually returned. ND finished #60 in my rankings, allowing 58% with a 21-12 ratio taking on one of the toughest slates of opposing QB's in the country. This year they must replace 3 starters in CB Deveron Harper (12 sts, 4 int, 4 pbu), SS A'Jani Sanders (12 sts, 3 int, 4 pbu, #1 tkl'r), FS Deke Cooper (12 sts, 70 tkls, 2 int) and backup CB Lee Lafayette (2 sts, 13 tkls, 1 int). Despite the losses they actually have 3 full-time starters returning. The aforementioned CB Brock Williams (8 sts in 98) returns while Clifford Jefferson mans the other CB slot after starting all 12 last year. Tony Driver had 7 starts at SS in 98 and returns after moving to RB last season. I also look for more production from Gerome Sapp who was PS#1DB last year but got in just 9:37 of playing time as a true frosh. Despite the losses I think this group will move up in the pass defense rankings this season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Irish ranked #4 in my special teams rankings in Holtz's final year but then with almost everyone back in 97 fell to 34th in Davie's first season. They dropped all the way to 70th in his 2nd year but rebounded to finish #58 last year. ND does have a high number of VHT's from the skill positions on hand, and Davie says they will be explosive in the return game for the first time in his tenure. One extremely sore area for Davie last year was FG kicking. Jim Sanson and David Miller combined to hit just 8 of 18 FG's and missed numerous xp's. They made only 1 FG from 40+ all year. I list the 2 candidates for the K's job below, and they can only get better. P Joey Hildbold is back and he had a net of 35.2. PS#1K Nick Setta could beat out both of the returnees and had a super 47.8 punting average as a senior in HS. All the top PR's and KR's are back and I look for improved coverage on the KR's. This should be a solidly improved unit in 2000.

RB Tony Fisher & 4 returning OL starters should bowl over the competition.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tony Fisher** | 156 | 811 | 28 | 783 | 5 | 5.0 |
| Jarious Jackson | 140 | 734 | 270 | 464 | 7 | 3.3 |
| **Julius Jones** | 75 | 415 | 40 | 375 | 3 | 5.0 |
| **Tony Driver** | 49 | 191 | 4 | 187 | 4 | 3.8 |
| **Arnaz Battle** | 19 | 136 | 36 | 100 | 1 | 5.3 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jarious Jackson | 316 | 184 | 58.2 | 2753 | 17 | 14 |
| **Arnaz Battle** | 15 | 7 | 46.7 | 84 | 0 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bobby Brown | 36 | 608 | 16.9 | 5 | 42 |
| **Joey Getherall** | 35 | 436 | 12.5 | 3 | 58 |
| Raki Nelson | 23 | 395 | 17.2 | 0 | 45 |
| **Tony Fisher** | 18 | 297 | 16.4 | 2 | 47 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Joey Hildbold** | 54 | 2107 | 39.0 | - | 35.2 | 1 | 15 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jim Sanson | 1-3 | 4-6 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 6-13 | 44 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A'Jani Sanders | 91 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 3 |
| **Anthony Denman** | 89 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| **Cliff Jefferson** | 77 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Deke Cooper | 70 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Deveron Harper | 59 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Lamont Bryant | 53 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| **Rocky Bolman** | 39 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Tyreo Harrison** | 34 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **Grant Irons** | 34 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ronnie Nicks | 29 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Ferrer | 27 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Brad Williams | 25 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Anthony Weaver** | 24 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Julius Jones** | 15 | 195 | 13.0 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Julius Jones** | 26 | 603 | 23.2 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**KANSAS -17 48-13 WIN** KU suffered 3 early TO's & ND got a 38 yd TD run, a 22 yd int ret for a TD & drove 64 yds for a TD, 20-0 after 1Q. ND had a FG blk'd & KU drove 36 yds for a TD. KU got an int & drove 57 yds for a TD, 20-13 at half. KU int'd a ND pass but their FG was blk'd. KU wore down in the 87° heat & ND had 363 rush yds. After a 35 yd ND TD drive they got a fmbl ret for a TD, 34-13. ND added 46 & 74 yd TD runs.

**AT MICHIGAN +7' 22-26 WIN** UM settled for 3 FG's & ND drove 80 yds for a TD, 9-7. ND drove 41 yds for a TD with :51 left, 14-9. UM drove 80 yds for an early 3Q TD, 16-14. UM missed a FG after a ND fmbl but made a 27 yd FG. After a ND int, UM had a 52 yd FG bounce off the upright. ND drove 65 yds for a TD, 22-19. A celeb pen forced them to kick from the 20. UM started at the 42 & a late hit pen helped UM which got a Thomas 1 yd TD run with 1:38 left. ND got to the UM 11 but ran out of time.

**AT PURDUE +4 23-28 LOSS** ND got a FG & TD on short drives foll TO's. Pur drove 74 yds for a TD. ND drove 47 yds for a TD (xpng) after a punt blk, 16-7. Pur got a 30 yd TD pass w/ 2:12 left & ND ran out of time at the Pur 23 before half (no FG att). Both teams got TD's & ND led 23-22. Pur got 38 & 28 yd FG's the latter w/ 4:18 left. ND had a 1st & goal at the 2 w/ 1:02 left but lost 9 on a 2nd & 1 run & failed to get off the final play by just :01.

**MICHIGAN ST -6' 13-23 LOSS** MSU got an 80 TD yd drive early 2Q. MSU fmbl'd & ND tied it as Jackson hit Brown for an 8 yd TD pass. 3Q, ND was int'd at the 20 & then settled for a short FG. MSU hit a 24 yd FG to tie. ND fmbl'd & MSU hit a 33 yd FG. ND got a 42 yd pass to set up a 34 yd FG, 13-13 w/ 5:44 left. On 3rd & 10 MSU WR Scott took a pass 80 yds for a TD, 20-13. ND punted on 4th & 1 w/ 3:08 left & MSU nailed a 31 yd FG. MSU had a 433-353 yd edge.

**OKLAHOMA -6 34-30 LOSS** ND had 566-237 yd, 26-14 FD and 40:41-19:19 TOP edges but trailed 30-14 early 3Q before rallying. ND drove 76 yds for a TD but OU ret'd KO 89 yds for a TD. OU got a safety on a bad snap on a punt & drove 37 yds for a TD foll a 43 yd KR. ND had a drive kept alive by a running into the P pen & then got a 58 yd TD pass. OU ret'd the KO 66 yds & hit a 26 yd TD pass, 23-14 at half. OU got a 45 yd TD drive & then ND drove 80, 56 & 98 yds for TD's, 34-30. ND missed a 21 yd FG but OU's final 4 passes fell inc.

**ARIZONA ST -12' 48-17 WIN** ASU star RB JR Redmond was pulled in the 3Q with a sore shoulder. TO's were the key here as ASU had 6. At the half ND had just a 239-238 yd edge but led 27-0. ND extended it to 41-0 before the backups mopped up.

**USC -8 25-24 LOSS** USC dominated the 1H with 58, 82 and 82 yd scoring drives. ND missed a 29 yd FG but got a 37 yd FG with 1:17 left, 21-3. It rained steadily in the 2H and ND had the 3Q wind. USC hit a 29 yd FG but ND drove 71 yds for a TD. ND got a 37 yd drive for a TD foll a fmbl early 4Q & the wind shifted so ND had it again in the 4Q. ND got for a 33 yd FG with 8:07 left, 24-19. ND drove 74 yds for a TD with 2:40 left. USC fmbl'd the KO but ND fmbl'd it back, however USC was SOD with :36 left.

**NAVY -27 28-24 LOSS** ND had 130 yds in pen's, the most in 39 years but ND had a 524-317 yd edge. ND led 14-0. Navy got a TD & a rec'd a blk'd punt for a TD with 1:07 left. Navy opened the 3Q with a 20 yd int ret for a TD. Jackson's 57 yd run tied it. Navy missed a 45 yd FG but rec'd a fmbl setting up a 33 yd FG w/just 5:02 left. ND went on a 16 play drive. A 4th & 10 play got a generous spot & ND got a FD by an inch. ND won it w/a 16 yd TD pass w/:36 left.

**AT TENNESSEE +9' 14-38 LOSS** UT got a 24 yd FG after a ND int. Each team had a long TD drive, 10-7 with 3:26 left. UT went 80 yds for a TD with :09 left, 17-7. UT drove 50 yds for a TD and then got a 40 yd TD run, 31-7. ND drove 45 yds for a TD & then was SOD at the UT 9 w/ 12:02 left. UT drove 91 yds in 19 plays for the clinching TD & ND was int'd.

**AT PITTSBURGH -9 27-37 LOSS** Final home game in Pitt Stadium and a loud capacity crowd. ND attempted 39 passes as Jackson had a career high 317 yds. It was 10-10 at half. Pitt drove 57 yds for a TD but ND rec'd a fmbl'd punt & drove 33 yds to tie. Pitt got a 33 yd FG. ND fmbl'd on its own 29 setting up a quick 3 play TD drive. ND drove 64 yds for a TD w/ :32 left in 3Q, 27-24. Pitt got a 44 yd FG & ND a 39 yd'r. ND was int'd & Pitt drove 44 yds for a TD to ice it. ND got to Pitt's 13 but was SOD & the fans tore down the goalposts.

**BOSTON COLLEGE -8' 29-31 LOSS** ND got 94 & 63 yd TD drives, 14-0. BC drove 53 yds foll an int & 49 yds for a TD to tie. BC drove 94 yds for a 23 yd FG with 1:16 left. ND got a 44 yd FG on the final play, 17-17. BC drove 93 yds for a TD to open the 3Q & drove 80 yds for a TD. ND drove 62 yds for a TD with 5:52 left (xpng). ND ret'd a punt 67 yds for a TD with 3:27 left (2 pt ng). ND got it back with 2:18 left but was int'd at the 38.

**AT STANFORD +5' 37-40 WIN** SU clinched a Rose Bowl bid the previous week. SU got a 62 yd pass & a 37 yd fmbl ret for TD's in the 1st 1:30 & ND fmbl'd the KO. SU was int'd in the EZ & it stayed 14-0. After a ND int, SU got a 31 yd FG. ND got 72, 42 and 67 yd TD drives, 21-20 but SU got a 34 yd FG, 23-21. ND drove 65 yds for a 3Q TD but had a 42 yd FG blk'd. SU got a 38 yd TD pass & then a 38 yd drive for a TD, 37-29. ND tied it with 1:32 left with a TD & 2 pt conv. SU nailed a 22 yd FG with :02 left for the win.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year the Irish had their first losing season since 1986 and it was the first seven loss season for ND since 1963. A tough schedule and injuries were to blame. In 1998 they faced just two bowl teams but last year faced 8 teams that made it to bowls for one of the most difficult slates in the country. As the injuries mounted, so did the losses. In the season finale versus Stanford, 21 players missed the game due to injuries or suspension. ND allowed an average of 27.6 ppg, the second highest in the history of the program. The Irish also allowed 241.5 ypg passing and 383.7 ypg total with both of those numbers also the second most generous ever. Davie is 1-2 against Michigan, Purdue and USC, 0-3 vs Michigan St, 0-2 in bowl games and just 4-9 vs ranked teams in his three years. Last year they not only brought in a brand new offensive coordinator and coaches but had a young team with just 4 returning starters. Injuries hit the O-line particularly hard as nine different players got starts. They must replace a record setting QB, but Arnaz Battle will be surrounded by a much more experienced cast especially up front which means that ND should be more of a force on offense. The defense has just 5 starters back but after allowing 27.6 ppg (their worst total of the decade) they look to be stronger on that side of the ball as well. The key to their season will be the first 4 games as the schedule gets much lighter in the 2H of the season in which they will be favored in 6 of the last 7 games. Each of the first 4 opponents are among the top 25 teams in the country. Yes, ND will return to a winning season and a bowl game this year and if they come out of September with 2 or 3 wins, they should be playing on Jan 1 with Irish eyes smiling again.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DL | Greg Pauly 6-6 275 PS#4 |
| LB | Mike Goolsby 6-4 225 PS#4 |
| QB | Carlyle Holiday 6-2 190 PS#8 |
| WR | Lorenzo Crawford 5-11 175 PS#8 |
| RB | Vontez Duff 6-1 175 PS#12 |
| WR | Ronnie Rodamer 6-4 185 PS#11 |
| QB | Matt LoVecchio 6-3 200 PS#13 |
| LB | Derek Curry 6-4 225 PS#25 |
| QB | Jared Clark 6-4 220 PS#23 |
| WR | Jerome Collins 6-4 200 PS#28 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Arnaz Battle Jr.** 6-1 218 *PS#6QB in 98. 4 gms as true, 134 yds pass (40%), 0-2 ratio, 62 rush. 7 gms in 99, 84 yds (47%), 0-1 ratio, 136 rush.*

**RB TONY FISHER JR.** 6-2 225 *PS#17. 12 sts in 99, #1 w/783 yds (5.0). Julius Jones (5-10 201 So) was PS#12, 375 yds (5.0). Terrance Howard PS#11.*

**FB Tom Lopienski So.** 6-1 259 *PS#9, 76 yds (3.0). 3 sts as rFr. Mike McNair (6-0 240 So). PS#8, 11 gms in 98, inj in 99. Jason Murray (6-1 259 Jr) PS#24.*

**WR Javin Hunter Jr.** 6-0 186 *PS#3. 8 gms as true. 1st in 99, 13 rec (17.2). Jay Johnson (5-11 191 Sr) PS#22, 13 rec, 3 yrs. Jamaar Taylor PS#36.*

**WR JOEY GETHERALL SR.** 5-7 175 *PS#52 in 97, 2 sts in 97, 12 rec (10.5). 1 st, 13 rec (15.2). 5 sts in 99, 35 rec (12.5). David Givens (6-3 217 Jr) PS#8, 13 rec.*

**TE JABARI HOLLOWAY SR.** 6-3 260 *PS#12, 6 sts in 97, 8 rec (18.0). 11 sts in 98, 17 rec (16.1). 12 sts ly (15.8). Dan O'Leary (6-3 260) PS#2, 8 sts, 23 rec, 3 yrs.*

**C Jeff Faine rFr.** 6-3 292 *PS#6DL. 2nd string as true but 0 min & RS. Sean Mahan (6-3 288 So) PS#21, 1 st as rFr, 67:32 minutes, lettered.*

**RG MIKE GANDY SR.** 6-4 315 *PS#10TE, L/3 sts in 98, 136 min. 12 sts ly, 340 min. Rob Mowl (6-4 300 Jr) PS#21, 1 st, 26 min 2Y. Sean Milligan (6-4 295 rFr) PS#9.*

**LG JIM JONES SR.** 6-2 310 *PS#43DL. 6 min as 2nd str in 98. 10 sts ly, 267 min. Ryan Scarola (6-5 301 So) PS#9. 62 min ly. Ryan Gillis (6-3 292 rFr) PS#11.*

**RT JOHN TEASDALE JR.** 6-5 305 *PS#12TE. 10 min in 98. 10 sts til inj ly, 239 min. Kurt Vollers (6-7 310 Jr) PS#8. 3 sts 121 min. Neil Ambron (6-7 295 rFr) PS#28.*

**LT JORDAN BLACK SO.** 6-6 310 *PS#19 in 98. 9 sts as rFr. 232 min. Casey Robin (6-7 305 Jr) PS#103OL. 5 min ly. Brennan Curtin (6-8 310) PS#37.*

**K David Miller So.** 5-11 191 *PS#9 in 98. 2 of 5 FG's, long of 37 in 99. Nick Setta (5-11 175 rFr) was PS#1, 90% of KO's into EZ in HS, 59 yd FG.*

**DE Darrell Campbell rFr.** 6-4 275 *PS#22. Davie says "unlimited potential" Jim Molinaro (6-6 240 rFr) PS#20. John Owens (6-3 255 Jr) PS#4 TE in 98.*

**NG Lance Legree Sr.** 6-1 285 *PS#38. 4 sts in 97, 16 tkls, 3 tfl. 9 sts in 98, 36 tkls, 2 tfl. L/4 sts ly, 20 tkls, 2 tfl. Andy Wisne (6-3 272 Jr) PS#93. 12 tkls, 2 sks ly.*

**DT ANTHONY WEAVER JR.** 6-3 276 *PS#15. 11 sts as true, 31 tkls, 8 tfl, 9 sts ly, 24 tkls, 2 tfl. Cedric Hilliard (6-2 295 rFr) PS#10. Greg Pauly (6-6 275 Fr) is PS#4.*

**DE GRANT IRONS SR.** 6-5 275 *PS#5LB. 3 sts in 97, 45 tkls. 5 sts in 98, 31 tkls, 3 tfl. 10 sts ly, 34 tkls, 4 sks. Ryan Roberts (6-2 251 So) PS#28LB. 6 tkls, 1 sk.*

**OLB Rocky Bolman Jr.** 6-4 240 *PS#26, 7 tkls as true. 4 sts ly, 39 tkls, 4 tfl. Justin Thomas (6-1 245) PS#46, 2 tkls as true. Mike Goolsby (6-4 225 Fr) is PS#4.*

**ILB ANTHONY DENMAN SR.** 6-2 235 *PS#59, 2 sts in 98, 30 tkls, 3 sks. 12 sts ly, 89 tkls, 10 tfl. Carlos Pierre-Antoine (6-3 242) PS#4, 19 tkls ly. Derek Curry PS#25.*

**ILB Tyreo Harrison Jr.** 6-2 242 *PS#104, 9 tkls, 1 sk as true. 1 st ly, 34 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Pat Ryan (6-3 235 rFr) PS#61. Jason Sapp (6-3 230 Fr) is PS#57.*

**CB CLIFFORD JEFFERSON JR.** 5-9 180 *PS#5, 2 gms as true. 12 sts ly, 77 tkls, 2 tfl, 8 pbu (#1). Jason Beckstrom (5-10 190 So) PS#45, 9 tkls, 1 pbu as true.*

**CB Brock Williams Sr.** 5-10 190 *PS#54. 3 tkls as true, 8 sts in 98, 45 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Albert Poree (5-10 191 rFr) PS#57. Preston Jackson (5-10 172 Fr) PS#69.*

**SS Ron Israel Jr.** 6-0 208 *PS#85, 7 tkls as rFr, 2 sts in 99, 9 tkls, 2 pbu. Donald Dykes (5-11 195 So) PS#41, 13 tkls as rFr. Glenn Earl (6-2 205 rFr) PS#60.*

**FS Tony Driver Sr.** 6-2 215 *PS#3RB, 134 yds in 97, 7 sts at SS, 61 tkls, 2 int in 98. 187 yds at RB ly. Gerome Sapp (6-0 212 So) PS#1 ly, 13 tkls as true.*

**P JOEY HILDBOLD SO.** 5-10 190 *PS#15K in 99. 39.7 avg in HS. 54 punts here in 99, 39.0 avg. Nick Setta was PS#1 & had 47.8 avg as HS senior.*

# NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

South Bend, Indiana
Weather (219) 232-1121

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score ND | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | DNP this year but the dog is 9-1-1 & 6-0 ATS in the Michigan series. Fighting Irish are 2-7 ATS in road finales NOT at USC. Notre Dame is 4-12 ATS L/10 years if they lost to team SU the previous season. The home team is 9-5 ATS in the Michigan State series |
| Sep. 2 | Texas A&M | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ND is 3-1 ATS in L/4 home openers but 6-6-1 L/13. Golden Domers are 5-12-1 ATS a home chalk under Davie. |
| Sep. 9 | Nebraska | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might apply here: Irish are 7-2 ATS as a home dog since 1985. ND is 6-1 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. |
| Sep. 16 | Purdue | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fighting Irish are 4-13 ATS L/17 as a favorite vs the Big 10. ND is just 1-6 ATS the L/7 series meetings. |
| Sep. 23 | at Michigan St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MSU has beaten ND 3 yrs in a row, the longest win streak in the series S/68. Fighting Irish are 2-7 ATS L/9 on the road vs the Big 10. |
| Sep. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: Coming into 2000 ND was 7-16 ATS L/23 Sept games. |
| Oct. 7 | Stanford | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Golden Domers are 11-5 ATS L/16 vs Pac 10 teams. The visitor is 5-3 ATS L/7 but 1-3 ATS L/4 meetings. |
| Oct. 14 | † Navy (Orlando, FL) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Navy has not been beaten ND S/63, the longest current series streak. Fighting Irish are 5-1 ATS their last 6 neutral site games. |
| Oct. 21 | at W Virginia | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ND is 5-9-1 ATS the L/3Y in the final 5 games of the season. Fighting Irish are 6-14 ATS L/20 games on artificial turf. |
| Oct. 28 | Air Force | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Notre Dame was 4-13 ATS in the 90's vs Service Academies. Irish are 2-12 ATS prior to a bye since 1991. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | Boston College | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fighting Irish are 8-5 ATS L/13 but 0-4 L/4 after a bye week. Notre Dame is 1-8-1 ATS the last 10 home finales. |
| Nov. 18 | at Rutgers | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Last meeting vs Knights was a 62-0 win in Lou Holtz's home finale. Golden Domers are 2-4 ATS L/6, 0-4 L/4, vs the Big East. |
| Nov. 25 | at USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Fighting Irish are 9-3-1 SU, 9-4 ATS L/14 when visiting Pac 10 sites. ND is 7-3-1 ATS when closing the season at USC. |
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## STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,012)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 10-1 | 6-4-1 | 9-2 | 8-3 | 7-5 | 9-2 | 5-7 | 54-24-1 |
| ATS | 7-4 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 4-8 | 5-5-1 | 4-8 | 35-43-1 |
| Home Fav | 3-2 | 1-5 | 2-3 | 4-1 | 1-5 | 2-2-1 | 2-5 | 15-23-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 3-1 |
| Away Fav | 2-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 8-15 |
| Away Dog | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 8-4 |
| Favorite | 5-4 | 2-7 | 4-5 | 5-4 | 2-8 | 3-4-1 | 2-6 | 23-38-1 |
| Dog | 2-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 11-5 |
| Grass | 7-3 | 4-5 | 4-5 | 5-4 | 3-7 | 5-3-1 | 4-7 | 32-34-1 |
| Artificial | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 3-9 |
| vs INDEP | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 3-4 |
| vs Non-INDEP | 7-3 | 4-6 | 5-4 | 5-5 | 3-8 | 4-5-1 | 4-8 | 32-39-1 |
| Off SU Win | 7-3 | 3-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 1-5 | 4-4-1 | 2-3 | 25-26-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-0 | 0-4 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 0-1 | 1-5 | 7-13 |

## Coach: BOB DAVIE (Career 21-16)
### *Davie's records AT NOTRE DAME*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Notre Dame | | 5-12-1 | Home Favorite |
| 21-16 | Straight Up | 1-0 | Home Underdog |
| 13-21-1 | Vs The Spread | 2-6 | Away Favorite |
| 4-8 | Off A S/U Loss | 5-3 | Away Underdog |
| 2-0 | Vs INDEP | 11-21-1 | Vs Non-INDEP |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | Cotton | -8 | Texas A&M | 24-21 | L |
| 94 | Fiesta | +7 | Colorado | 24-41 | L |
| 95 | Orange | +10' | Florida St | 26-31 | W |
| 97 | Independence | +6' | LSU | 9-27 | L |
| 98 | Gator | +2' | Georgia Tech | 28-35 | L |

# NOTRE DAME (5-7)

CONFERENCE: **INDEPENDENT**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7**
**DEFENSE: 4**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 44 (24,19,1)**
**Lost: 26 (10,15,1)**

## NOTRE DAME'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4* | 29.0 | 20 | 182 | 4.2 | 238 | 57.8 | 14.5 | -4 | 1999 | 6 | 27.6 | 21 | 142 | 4.0 | 242 | 58.0 | 13.9 |
| 7 | 27.3 | 20 | 212 | 4.6 | 168 | 52.9 | 13.9 | +7 | 1998 | 7 | 20.7 | 21 | 146 | 3.6 | 208 | 59.0 | 17.2 |
| 7* | 21.7 | 20 | 171 | 4.1 | 180 | 59.4 | 16.2 | +4 | 1997 | 6 | 20.4 | 20 | 191 | 4.5 | 171 | 56.9 | 17.8 |
| 7* | 35.4 | 23 | 270 | 5.2 | 194 | 58.0 | 12.5 | -3 | 1996 | 7 | 16.5 | 16 | 119 | 3.1 | 150 | 44.9 | 16.4 |
| 9* | 32.7 | 22 | 236 | 4.7 | 185 | 57.7 | 12.9 | +10 | 1995 | 5 | 20.6 | 20 | 191 | 4.5 | 181 | 55.1 | 18.1 |
| 5 | 28.5 | 20 | 210 | 4.5 | 176 | 52.7 | 13.6 | 0 | 1994 | 3 | 23.3 | 20 | 149 | 3.7 | 196 | 56.7 | 14.8 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | OFF Rush-YDS | OFF AVG | OFF CO-ATT | OFF YDS | OFF SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | DEF Rush-YDS | DEF AVG | DEF CO-ATT | DEF YDS | DEF SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas | 22 | 51-363 | 7.1 | 9-20 | 89 | 2 | 14 | 30-122 | 4.1 | 17-33 | 149 | 2 | 0 |
| at Michigan | 20 | 38-96 | 2.5 | 18-29 | 302 | 4 | 21 | 37-124 | 3.4 | 20-32 | 237 | 2 | -3 |
| at Purdue | 20 | 42-128 | 3.0 | 22-34 | 267 | 2 | 19 | 27-114 | 4.2 | 24-40 | 317 | 0 | 0 |
| Michigan St | 14 | 36-108 | 3.0 | 15-27 | 245 | 1 | 20 | 39-142 | 3.6 | 22-37 | 291 | 2 | -3 |
| Oklahoma | 26 | 56-284 | 5.1 | 16-23 | 282 | 3 | 14 | 14-69 | 4.9 | 22-40 | 168 | 1 | +1 |
| Arizona St | 18 | 47-227 | 4.8 | 10-17 | 223 | 2 | 24 | 40-164 | 4.1 | 24-39 | 263 | 1 | +6 |
| USC | 23 | 45-119 | 2.6 | 19-30 | 257 | 5 | 23 | 32-113 | 3.5 | 23-41 | 298 | 1 | 0 |
| Navy | 25 | 53-324 | 6.1 | 15-33 | 200 | 3 | 21 | 49-231 | 4.7 | 7-17 | 86 | 1 | 0 |
| at Tennessee | 17 | 43-121 | 2.8 | 15-24 | 170 | 4 | 23 | 41-217 | 5.3 | 18-32 | 196 | 1 | -2 |
| at Pittsburgh | 18 | 32-72 | 2.3 | 23-39 | 338 | 3 | 21 | 42-158 | 3.8 | 10-27 | 231 | 3 | 0 |
| Boston College | 20 | 32-95 | 3.0 | 19-34 | 283 | 3 | 23 | 44-165 | 3.8 | 21-31 | 277 | 3 | -2 |
| at Stanford | 22 | 46-241 | 5.2 | 11-22 | 202 | 1 | 27 | 33-87 | 2.6 | 28-38 | 385 | 1 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 245 | 521-2178 | 4.2 | 192-332 | 2858 | 33 | 250 | 428-1706 | 4.0 | 236-407 | 2898 | 18 | -4 |
| AVERAGES | 20.4 | 43-182 | 4.2 | 16-28 | 238 | 2.8 | 20.8 | 36-142 | 4.0 | 20-34 | 242 | 1.5 | -0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Northwestern | -28 | 15-17 | L |
| at Purdue | -8' | 35-28 | L |
| Vanderbilt | -18 | 41-0 | W |
| Texas | -7' | 55-27 | W |
| at Ohio St | +7 | 26-45 | L |
| at Washington | -4 | 29-21 | W |
| † Army | -23 | 28-27 | L |
| USC | +4 | 38-10 | W |
| Boston College | -19 | 20-10 | L |
| Navy | -27' | 35-17 | L |
| at Air Force | -7 | 44-14 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Vanderbilt | -22 | 14-7 | L |
| Purdue | -21 | 35-0 | W |
| at Texas | -3' | 27-24 | L |
| Ohio St | +3 | 16-29 | L |
| Washington | -10' | 54-20 | W |
| Air Force | -21 | 17-20 | L |
| † Navy | -16 | 54-27 | W |
| at Boston College | -24 | 48-21 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -37 | 60-6 | W |
| Rutgers | -41 | 62-0 | W |
| at USC | -13 | 20-27 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Georgia Tech | -20' | 17-13 | L |
| at Purdue | -19' | 17-28 | L |
| Michigan St | -2' | 7-23 | L |
| at Michigan | +14 | 14-21 | W |
| at Stanford | -1 | 15-33 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | -10' | 45-21 | W |
| USC | -6 | 17-20 | L |
| Boston College | -15 | 52-20 | W |
| Navy | -17 | 21-17 | L |
| at LSU | +11 | 24-6 | W |
| W Virginia | -10 | 21-14 | L |
| at Hawaii | -28 | 23-22 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Michigan | +5 | 36-20 | W |
| at Michigan St | -7 | 23-45 | L |
| Purdue | -7 | 31-30 | L |
| Stanford | -17 | 35-17 | W |
| at Arizona St | +3' | 28-9 | W |
| Army | -25 | 20-17 | L |
| Baylor | -14' | 27-3 | W |
| at Boston College | -11 | 31-26 | L |
| at Navy | -20' | 30-0 | W |
| LSU | -3 | 39-36 | T |
| at USC | +8' | 0-10 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas | -17 | 48-13 | W |
| at Michigan | +7' | 22-26 | W |
| at Purdue | +4 | 23-28 | L |
| Michigan St | -6' | 13-23 | L |
| Oklahoma | -6 | 34-30 | L |
| Arizona St | -12' | 48-17 | W |
| USC | -8 | 25-24 | L |
| Navy | -27 | 28-24 | L |
| at Tennessee | +9' | 14-38 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | -9 | 27-37 | L |
| Boston College | -8' | 29-31 | L |
| at Stanford | +5' | 37-40 | W |

# OHIO ST BUCKEYES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year throughout the spring and summer Steve Bellisari and Austin Moherman (PS#37) waged a battle for the starting QB job. Moherman, more of a pocket passer, started the first two games. He threw for 435 yards (48%) with a 2-5 ratio. Coach Cooper, who loves QB's that can run the option, then went with the more athletic Steve Bellisari (PS#11). Bellisari threw for 1,616 yards (45%) with a 12-9 ratio while rushing for 604 yards. Bellisari's 45% completion rate was the worst by an OSU starter since Corneilus Green hit 42% in 1973 (on only 46 passes). A major reason for this ineffectiveness was due to the significant number of deep passes that were called on offense. Bellisari played SS as a true frosh and is not afraid of contact. Many of the mistakes he made last year were the type associated with a 1st year starting QB and he could really blossom in his junior season. Moherman felt he wasn't given a fair chance and decided to transfer. The backup QB's will likely be Craig Krenzel (6-4 215 rFr, PS#23) and Scott McMullen (6-4 195 rFr, PS#42). Cooper also signed Rick McFadden (6-7 205) who is PS#46. This year's group has far more experience than it did coming into last season and I look for vast improvement.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Buckeyes returned both starters to this unit. This year both starters depart. Gone are Michael Wiley (11 sts, 952 yds, 5.2 ypc, #5DC of DAL) and FB Matt Keller (191 total yds, 6 sts). Keller missed a significant portion of last year due to injury and Jamar Martin outrushed him with 100 yards (5.3). Cooper likes to have a power and a speed back and has that combination again. Jonathan Wells (PS#21) is a powerful runner that missed a good portion of 99 due to injury but has 489 yards in 2 years averaging over 5 ypc. Derek Combs (6-2 197 Sr) was PS#11 and saw some time at flanker last year. He is the team's fastest back. Jerry Westbrooks (6-2 225 Sr) was PS#39 and has 73 yards in 2 years. Andre Griffin (5-9 180 Jr) is Archie's son and got in 3 games in 99. Naturally Cooper signed some more VHT's this year (see Top Newcomers) and all 3 could play immediately. Last year the ypg rushing went from 200 to 167 and the ypc from 4.7 down to 4.2 and I think this year's RB crew could improve upon those numbers.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Buckeyes had to replace all three starters from this unit and this year lose just 1 starter in TE Steve Wisniewski (6 rec, 11 sts) and his backup Kevin Houser (6 rec, 5 sts, #7DC of NO). OSU has possibly the best WR combo in the country returning in Reggie Germany and Ken-Yon Rambo, nicknamed Slick & Quick. Cooper also signed 3 of the top 70 WR's out of HS this year. TE Darnell Sanders (6-6 265 So) logged playing time as a rFr and should mature in his sophomore season. This group is talented with 5 of the top 6 being VHT's. This is a gifted group and much more experienced than last year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Buckeyes have not remotely dominated on the ground recently like they did during the Woody Hayes days. New Offensive Coordinator Chuck Stobart brings in George Belu who did a fine job the last couple of years as the OL coach at Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons didn't have much success running the ball previously but became a solid ground attack under Belu's tutelage in 99. This season OSU must replace RG Ben Gilbert (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM Big 10), C Kurt Murphy (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and backup C Drew Elford (3 letters), but LaCharles Bentley was voted OSU lineman of the year despite starting only the last 6 games. All 5 of the projected first stringers below have starting experience including Tam Hopkins who was impressive in his start vs Michigan. Adrien Clarke (PS#15) is a powerful backup who could steal a starter's spot. Cooper also managed to add 3 VHT's this year. After the way this group underperformed last year, I look for it to be solidly improved in 2000. They looked great in the spring and opened up holes for 9.3 ypc rushing in the spring game.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Since their Sugar Bowl loss to Florida St 3 years ago, John Cooper has gone to rotating his D-line more. Last year 9 of 10 lettermen returned but the defense went from allowing 2.2 ypc rushing to 3.7. OSU's defense shockingly allowed over double the amount of ypg rushing. This year almost everyone returns again. The main loss is DE James Cotton (7 sts, 5 sks, 6 tfl, HM Big 10, #7DC of CHI). This is a very experienced group and there are 5 VHT's that I list in the 2 deep below. Not listed are DE David Thompson (6-5 280 So, PS#68), DT Paris Long (6-6 320 Jr, PS#35) and 2 more VHT true frosh this year (see Top Newcomers). After last year's step back, I look for this to be a solidly improved line and for the Bucks to be much tougher against the run.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Bucks had to replace 2 starters including their starting MLB Andy Katzenmoyer plus his backup MLB Chris Kirk who was ruled ineligible prior to the season. This year the only loss is OLB Na'il Diggs (#4DC of GB) who surprisingly left early for the NFL after recording 94 tackles and 15 tfl's and earning 2nd team Big 10 honors. Cooper has done a tremendous job recruiting in this area. I list a 3 deep below and not only are 7 of the top 10 VHT's but Cooper has 7 LB's who ranked among the top 25 coming out of high school. He also adds another JUCO transfer this year. This should be one of the Big 10's top LB corps.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - 1999 was not a good year for the OSU secondary. Their previous lowest ranking in my pass efficiency defense ratings was 13th over the previous 5 years and they were a perennial top 10 finisher. Last year they lost a couple of NFL draftees and plummeted to #65 while allowing 59.7% with a 14-12 ratio. This year they once again must replace 2 NFL caliber starters in CB Ahmed Plummer (12 sts, OSU MVP, #1 DC of SF) and FS Gary Berry (10 sts, HM Big 10, 86 tkls, #4DC of GB) as well as backup SS Percy King (2 sts, 35 tkl). Michael Doss lived up to his VHT status and ended up starting the last 2 games as a true frosh. Both Doss and CB Nate Clements should both contend for 1st team Big 10 honors this year. Cooper plugs in a couple of VHT's as backup CB's and also moves returning starting SS Donnie Nickey to FS this year. After last year's disastrous finish in the rankings, you can look for OSU to climb back to its normal spot near the top.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Buckeyes finished #1 in my special teams rankings in 95, #19 in 96 and in 1998 were #11. Not much went right for the Buckeyes last year and they plummeted to #73, their lowest finish since I began my rankings 6 years ago. All of the top players from last year's unit return. K Dan Stultz was wildly erratic his first 2 years but hit 12 of 16 in 99 including a long of 47. He was also the team's main P. BJ Sander (6-3 212 rFr) was PS#3K and took a medical redshirt last year. He will contend for the P job. Josh Huston (6-2 190) is PS#10K out of HS this year and will contend for both jobs. OSU has lots of speed in the return game and has a shot at climbing all the way back up into the top 20 this season.

DL Ryan Pickett is shown here fencing in an opposing ball carrier.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Michael Wiley | 183 | 999 | 47 | 952 | 10 | 5.2 |
| **Steve Bellisari** | 116 | 604 | 272 | 332 | 2 | 2.9 |
| **Jonathan Wells** | 51 | 310 | 18 | 292 | 3 | 5.7 |
| **Derek Combs** | 43 | 197 | 24 | 173 | 3 | 4.0 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Steve Bellisari** | 224 | 101 | 45.1 | 1616 | 12 | 9 |
| Austin Moherman | 75 | 36 | 48.0 | 435 | 2 | 5 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Reggie Germany** | 43 | 656 | 15.3 | 1 | 42 |
| **Ken-Yon Rambo** | 41 | 833 | 20.3 | 6 | 68 |
| Michael Wiley | 14 | 153 | 10.9 | 1 | 27 |
| Matt Keller | 8 | 130 | 16.3 | 1 | 38 |
| **Vanness Provitt** | 7 | 122 | 17.4 | 1 | 41 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dan Stultz** | 61 | 2353 | 38.6 | - | - | 0 | 14 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dan Stultz** | 3-3 | 4-6 | 5-7 | 0-0 | 12-16 | 47 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Na'il Diggs | 94 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| **Nate Clements** | 90 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| Gary Berry | 86 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| **Jason Ott** | 79 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| **Donnie Nickey** | 73 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| James Cotton | 56 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| **Mike Collins** | 56 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Ahmed Plummer | 55 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 |
| **Ryan Pickett** | 48 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| **Michael Doss** | 43 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| **Courtland Bullard** | 40 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Joe Cooper** | 36 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Percy King | 35 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nate Clements** | 18 | 175 | 9.7 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ken-Yon Rambo** | 31 | 653 | 21.1 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**† MIAMI, FL -5' 12-23 LOSS** Kickoff Classic. UM got a 44 yd TD on their 2nd play. OSU got a 70 yd run by Wiley to set up a 23 yd FG & then added a 7 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, 9-7. Each team missed a FG. UM got a 59 yd drive for a TD, 15-9 & then a short pass that saw WR Moss zigzag thru the OSU defense for a 68 yd TD late in the 1H, 23-9. OSU settled for a 24 yd 3Q FG & UM missed a 27 yd'r but OSU did not threaten again.

**UCLA -11 42-20 WIN** UCLA was without 9 starters due to susp and was held under 24 pts for the 1st time in 27 gms. UCLA scored when FB Stanley went 67 yds for a TD on a tipped pass & they added a FG, 10-0. Moherman led OSU on an 81 yd TD drive. Bellisari led OSU on 60 & 56 yd TD drives, 21-10 at half. UCLA got a 73 yd 3Q TD drive. Both teams tossed int's. OSU missed a 43 yd FG. After an exchange of fmbl's OSU added a TD, 28-17. OSU got a 50 yd TD drive, 35-17. UCLA added a FG & OSU scored a 4Q TD.

**OHIO U -43 40-16 LOSS** The 1H was a stunner. OU led 10-3 late 2Q. OSU got a 15 yd TD pass to tie. The 2H was all OSU. They scored 3 TD's in 4 off plays to take a 31-10 lead. QB Jackson was inj'd for OU & backup Jordan hit just 1 pass.

**CINCINNATI -33 34-20 LOSS** After an exchange of FG's UC WR Vann hauled in a 75 yd TD pass when the DB went for the int. UC added a 68 yd TD drive & stunningly led 17-3. UC missed a 32 yd FG & OSU got a 59 yd TD pass & a 69 yd TD drive, 17-17 at half. OSU drove 46 yds after an int for a TD in the 3Q & added a 66 yd TD drive, 31-17. OSU got a 41 yd FG foll an int. UC drove 74 yds but settled for a FG & drove 68 yds but was SOD at the OSU 5. UC finished with a 525-496 yd edge.

**WISCONSIN -7 17-42 LOSS** OSU appeared on its way to a rout with 72, 48 & 73 yd drives resulting in 2 TD's & a FG. It was 17-0 with 10:23 left in the 1H & OSU had a 218-55 yd edge. The rest of the game was all UW. They got a 42 yd FG & then drove 77 yds & got a FG on the half's final play, 17-6. OSU fmbl'd the opening 3Q KO & UW got a 2 play TD drive (2 ptng), 17-12. Dayne's 11 yd TD run (2ptng) made it 18-17. OSU drove but ended up punting out of FG formation & UW went on a long FG drive, 21-17. UW drove for 2 TD's, the second set up by an OSU int. Dayne's 2 yd TD run closed the scoring. OSU suffered their worst home loss since 1967.

**PURDUE -2' 25-22 WIN** Rainy, sloppy field. Pur fmbl'd the opening KO & OSU got a TD. Pur drove 27 yds for a TD foll an int. Pur added 2 FG's, 13-7 & had a 189-104 yd edge at half. OSU got a 51 yd TD drive & a 45 yd FG, 17-13. Pur settled for a 22 yd FG & got an int ret to the 5 setting up a TD, 22-17 (2 ptng). OSU drove 76 yds for a TD, 25-22 w/5:13 left. Pur had a 29 yd FG blk'd & Bellisari's 68 yd run helped run out the clock.

**AT PENN ST +11 10-23 LOSS** PSU had 1H scoring drives of 70, 59 and 40 yds & led 13-0 but had a 39 yd FG blk'd. OSU got a 47 yd FG & then with 2:50 left rec'd a fmbl for a TD, 13-10. PSU had a 238-71 yd edge in the 1H. PSU had a 61 yd TD drive, another FG blk'd, a 28 yd FG, 23-10 early 4Q. OSU was SOD at the PSU 30 & SOD at their own 30 w/ 1:43 left.

**AT MINNESOTA +3' 20-17 WIN** UM came in a fav vs OSU for the 1st time ever. I used OSU as a 4★ Late Phone Play. UM had a 187-46 1H yd edge. OSU got a 6 yd TD drive after an int. OSU drove 76 yds behind Moherman for a 3Q TD but on the next poss he fmbl'd & UM drove for a TD, 17-14. UM did not get a FD in the 4Q & OSU had a 13-3 2H FD edge. OSU drove for a 43 yd FG w/ 5:00 left & added a 40 yd FG w/ 1:10 left. UM fmbl'd the KO & OSU held on.

**IOWA -22' 41-11 WIN** UI took its opening drive 57 yds for a TD. OSU scored on 71, 78 & 75 yd TD drives on its 1st 3 poss. Late 1H UI was SOD at the OSU 30. OSU drove 80 yds for a TD to open the 3Q. UI got a 38 yd FG. UI was int'd at the OSU 38 & 3 plays later OSU had a 40 yd TD pass, 35-11. UI was SOD at their own 41 & after driving to the OSU 4 were int'd in the EZ. OSU drove 80 yds for a TD to put it away.

**AT MICHIGAN ST +5' 7-23 LOSS** OSU wanted revenge but were simply throttled as MSU had 17-4 FD & 301-79 yd edges. OSU managed 0 yds rushing, their lowest since 1965. MSU got a 35 yd FG & then short TD drives foll punts of 45 & 37 yds, 17-0. Rambo dropped a wide open pass at the 15 just before the half. OSU added a 37 yd int ret to set up a 4 yd TD drive, 17-7 but MSU got a 33 yd FG & foll an int added a FG.

**ILLINOIS -10' 20-46 LOSS** IL jumped out to a 19-7 lead & got a 50 yd FG with just :31 left in the 1H. OSU fmbl'd the KO at the 1 & the Illini added a TD, 29-7 at half. Each team got a long TD drive in the 3Q & IL drove 28 yds foll an OSU int for a TD. OSU was SOD at the Illini 10 & but would 67 yds for a TD with 11:17 left.

**AT MICHIGAN +11 17-24 WIN** OSU had a 368-252 yd edge. OSU scored on 2 long TD drives while UM notched a TD on a long drive of their own, 14-7 at half. UM got a 42 yd FG on a -3 yd drive foll an int. OSU settled for a 27 yd FG. OSU RB Wells appeared headed to the EZ but was tkl'd at the UM 6. OSU was stopped on a botched FG attempt. UM got an 8 yd TD drive foll an int & then drove 77 yds after an OSU fmbl. OSU's final poss was SOD. UM had taken advantage of all 3 OSU TO's.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St has finished #2 in the country two out of the previous three years but last year stunningly fell to 6-6 and missed a bowl berth for the 1st time since Cooper's first season in 1988. All 6 losses did come vs teams that went on to win bowl games. The offense averaged just 24 ppg while the O-line surrendered 40 sacks and Steve Bellisari had the school's worst passing percentage for a starting QB (45.1%) in 26 years. Cooper fired his offensive coordinator and switched defensive coordinators in the offseason. Ohio St's defense gave up 287 points, almost twice as many as the previous year when they won the Sugar Bowl. It's hard to believe but the Buckeyes were outfirstdowned, had the ball for almost 6:00 less per game than their opponents and trailed in all 12 football games. Much like Florida St, OSU's 2nd & 3rd teams are among the best in the country thanks to top notch recruiting classes year in and year out. This team should rebound in a hurry. It is rare for a powerhouse like Ohio St to make my list of most improved teams but they do just that. The offense now has an experienced QB in Bellisari and OSU will call the option more this year to exploit his athleticism. He is surrounded by NFL talent at all positions on offense. The defense has 7 starters back and will prove that last year was an aberration and not a trend. The Bucks must face the 4th toughest schedule in the country. In the Big 10, there are 7 Top 25 caliber teams including OSU and they are the only team that must face each of the other 6. Their 3 non-conf opponents are not at the same level but all should contend for their respective conference titles. If this team had the swagger of the '95-'98 versions which lost a total of 5 games, I would give them national title hopes as they host both Michigan and Penn St. They ARE Big 10 contenders but it will be tough for any team to get through the Big 10 unscathed.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| LB | Marco Cooper 6-2 235 PS#3 |
| RB | Sam Maldonado 6-2 215 PS#3 |
| OL | Shane Olivea 6-5 315 PS#16 |
| DL | Will Smith 6-3 230 PS#18 |
| RB | Terry Pogue 6-2 220 PS#16 |
| LB | Darrion Scott 6-3 244 PS#14 |
| OL | Alex Stepanovich 6-5 270 PS#18 |
| DL | Alphonso Townsend 6-6 280 PS#24 |
| RB | Brandon Joe 6-2 230 PS#19 |
| LB | Robert Reynolds 6-4 223 PS#23 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB STEVE BELLISARI JR.** 6-3 220 *PS#11 in 98. 22 tkls at DB as true. 10 sts in 99, 1616 yds (45%), 12-9 ratio, 604 rush. Craig Krenzel (6-4 215 rFr) PS#23.*

**RB Derek Combs Sr.** 6-2 197 *PS#11, 343 yds (3.4) in 3 yrs, speed. Jonathan Wells (6-1 230 Jr) PS#21 in 98, 197 yds (4.8). 292 yds (5.7) in an inj plagued 99.*

**FB JAMAR MARTIN JR.** 6-1 245 *PS#39 in 98. 34 yds as true. 6 sts in 99, 100 yds (5.3). Jesse Kline (6-1 216 rFr) was PS#42. Nate Stead (5-10 255 So).*

**WR REGGIE GERMANY SR.** 6-2 195 *PS#6. 15 rec (16.6) in 97 & 98. 12 sts in 99, 43 rec (15.3). Vanness Provitt (6-3 200 Sr) was PS#14, 13 rec in 3 inj plagued yrs.*

**WR KEN-YON RAMBO** 6-1 190 *PS#1 in 97. 12 rec (17.5) in 97 & 98. 12 sts in 99, 41 rec, super 20.3 ypc, 31 KR (21.1). Ricky Bryant (5-10 165 rFr) was PS#19.*

**TE Darnell Sanders So.** 6-6 265 *PS#16 in 98. Big. 11 gms in 99 as rFr, 1 rec, 1 TD. Ben Hartsock (6-3 250 rFr) was PS#46 & broken ankle in 99.*

**C LECHARLES BENTLEY JR.** 6-3 290 *PS#42, 10 gms as true in 98. Started L/6 in 99 at LG, OSU lineman of yr. Moves to C. Mike Jacobs (6-1 285 Jr).*

**RG Tam Hopkins Sr.** 6-5 305 *PS#6OL. 2nd string in 97 & 98, 9 gms, 2 letters. 1 st in 99 (vs Mich). Scott Kuhnhein (6-6 285 So) PS#20.*

**LG Mike Gurr Sr.** 6-7 290 *PS#7TE, lettered in both 97 & 98. 5 sts in 99 at RG then backup. Shane Olivea is PS#16, Alex Stepanovich is PS#18.*

**RT HENRY FLEMING SR.** 6-7 305 *PS#121. 2nd string in both 97 & 98, 16 gms. 11 sts in 99. Adrien Clarke (6-4 342 rFr) PS#15. big & powerful.*

**LT TYSON WALTER SR.** 6-5 295 *PS#35. 13 sts in 97. 13 sts in 98, HM Big 10. 12 sts in 99. Jim Massey (6-5 290 Jr) PS#63. Ben Puller (6-6 270 Jr) PS#43DL.*

**K DAN STULTZ SR.** 6-0 205 *PS#4. 15 of 25 in 97, long of 55. 13 of 25 in 98, long of 46. 12 of 16 in 99, long 47. Josh Huston 9 of 15 in HS. All misses 47+.*

**DE Rodney Bailey Sr.** 6-4 270 *PS#16. 4 sts, 19 tkls, 3 sks as ture. 13 sts, in 98, 6 sks, 5 tfl. 6 sts in 99, 23 tkls, 5 tfl. Kenny Peterson (6-4 265 So) PS#7, 2 tkls ly.*

**DT RYAN PICKETT JR.** 6-3 290 *PS#4. 22 career sts, 69 tkls, 14 tfl. Clinton Wayne (6-3 275 Sr), 7 sts, 37 tkls, 3 yrs. Tim Anderson (6-3 289 rFr) PS#15.*

**DT MIKE COLLINS JR.** 6-3 290 *PS#74. 23 tkls, 6 tfl as true. 11 sts in 99, 56 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl, HM Big 10. Joe Brown (6-6 285 Sr) 13 sts in 98, 21 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl.*

**DE BRENT JOHNSON SR.** 6-4 265 *13 sts in 98, 40 tkls, 7 sks. 11 sts in 99, 34 tkls, 6 tfl. Julius Yeast (6-5 255 So) PS#37. Fred Sturrup (6-3 291 rFr) PS#35.*

**WLB Matt Wilhelm So.** 6-4 240 *PS#33. 16 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Pat O'Neill (6-3 215 rFr) PS#23. Jack Tucker (6-1 235 Jr) PS#46JC. Robert Reynolds is PS#23.*

**MLB JASON OTT JR.** 6-4 240 *PS#10. 6 tkls, as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 79 tkls, 11 tfl. Fred Pagac (6-1 218 So) PS#14, 11 tkls in 99 (inj). Marco Cooper is PS#3!*

**BLB COURTLAND BULLARD JR.** 6-3 220 *PS#6. 11 tkls as true. RS 98. 10 sts, 40 tkls, 3 sks in 99. Joe Cooper (6-2 225 Sr) PS#78, 60 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 yrs. Darrion Scott is PS #14.*

**CB NATE CLEMENTS JR.** 6-0 190 *PS#17. 19 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu as true. 12 sts ly, 90 tkls, 8 tfl, 9 pbu, HM Big 10. Richard McNutt (5-10 160 rFr) was PS#10DB.*

**CB David Mitchell Sr.** 6-1 195 *PS#54. 16 tkls in 97. 12 tkls, 1 int in 98. 1 st in 99, 35 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Kelton Lindsay (5-11 185 So) PS#10RB, 9 gms as true.*

**SS Michael Doss So.** 5-11 197 *PS#12. 2 sts, 12 gms as true, 43 tkls, 2 pbu, 5 tfl. Derek Ross (6-1 197 So) PS#56DB, 13 tkls, 1 pbu as true, RS in 99.*

**FS DONNIE NICKEY SO.** 6-3 203 *PS#148. 10 sts as rFr at SS, 73 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu, 1 int. Cle Grant (6-2 195 So) 6 tkls, 11 gms as rFr. Hard hitter.*

**P B.J. Sander rFr.** 6-3 212 *PS#3K in 99. 2 punts as true, med reds. Dan Stultz had 61 punts in 99, 38.6 avg. Josh Huston is PS#10.*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score OSU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | Fresno St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | at Arizona | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | Miami (Oh) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | Penn St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | at Wisconsin | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | Minnesota (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | at Iowa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | at Purdue | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | Michigan St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | at Illinois | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 18 | Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

The last time OSU did not make a bowl was in '88. They started the next season just 2-5 ATS.
Buckeyes are 6-11 ATS in conference road openers.
The visitor in the Indiana series is 7-2-1 ATS.
Ohio St is 8-1 ATS L/9 vs the Big East.
OSU is 1-5-2 ATS at home before travelling to Michigan.

Buckeyes are 17-8 ATS the last 7 years in August & September.
OSU is 10-3 ATS their last 13 openers at the Horseshoe.

Scarlet & Gray are 8-2 ATS in their first road game.
Buckeyes are 9-2 ATS away since 1990 vs non-conference foes.

OSU is 17-8 ATS vs non-conf teams since 1993.
Ohio St has played just 5 Ohio schools since 1976: 5-0 SU, 1-4 ATS.

Buckeyes are 5-2 vs PSU since the Lions joined the Big 10.
OSU is 21-13 ATS vs bowl teams from the previous year.

Buckeyes are 21-7 ATS on artificial turf since 1990.
OSU is 5-2 ATS L/7 after a bye.

Bucks are 20-5 ATS L/25 as a favorite of 15 or less.
OSU is 31-18 ATS in conference play the last 6 years.

Buckeyes are 17-4 ATS vs the Hawkeyes since 1976.
Ohio St is 8-2 ATS in the 90's in the first of B2B away games.

Scarlet & Gray entered 2000 at 14-7 ATS L/21 Big 10 away contests.
Buckeyes were 17-9 ATS their last 26 October games coming into 2000.

Visiting team is 7-2 ATS the last 9 in this series.
OSU is 10-3 ATS L/13 as a single digit fav, but were 1-2 LY.

Buckeyes are 26-10-1 as away chalk under Cooper.
OSU is 4-11 ATS their last 15 vs the Illini.

Buckeyes are 4-5-2 ATS the last 11 home finales, but 1-3 ATS L4Y.
Ohio St is 5-2-1 ATS L/8 at home vs That Team Up North.

## STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (90,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-1-1 | 9-3 | 11-1 | 10-1 | 10-2 | 10-1 | 6-6 | 65-15-1 |
| ATS | 5-5-1 | 8-4 | 11-1 | 7-4 | 6-6 | 7-4 | 5-7 | 49-31-1 |
| Home Fav | 3-2 | 4-1 | 6-0 | 4-2 | 2-5 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 25-17 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Away Fav | 1-2-1 | 2-1 | 5-1 | 3-2 | 3-0 | 4-1 | 0-1 | 18-8-1 |
| Away Dog | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 4-6 |
| Favorite | 4-4-1 | 6-2 | 11-1 | 7-4 | 5-5 | 7-4 | 3-5 | 43-25-1 |
| Dog | 1-1 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 6-6 |
| Grass | 4-3-1 | 6-2 | 7-1 | 6-3 | 4-6 | 5-4 | 4-6 | 36-25-1 |
| Artificial | 1-2 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 13-6 |
| vs BIG 10 | 2-5-1 | 5-3 | 7-1 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 32-23-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-0 | 3-1 | 4-0 | 3-0 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 17-8 |
| Off SU Win | 4-4-1 | 4-4 | 10-1 | 6-4 | 6-3 | 5-4 | 1-5 | 36-25-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-0 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 4-1 | 8-2 |

## Coach: JOHN COOPER (Career 185-79-6)
### *Cooper's records AT OHIO STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13th Year at Ohio State | | 35-32-3 | Home Favorite |
| 103-39-4 | Straight Up | 4-2 | Home Underdog |
| 76-56-4 | Vs The Spread | 27-10-1 | Away Favorite |
| 16-7-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 10-12 | Away Underdog |
| 54-39-4 | Vs BIG 10 | 23-17 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | Citrus | +3' | Alabama | 17-24 | L |
| 95 | Citrus | -5 | Tennessee | 14-20 | L |
| 96 | Rose | -2 | Arizona St | 20-17 | W |
| 97 | Sugar | +6' | Florida St | 14-31 | L |
| 98 | Sugar | -12' | Texas A&M | 24-14 | L |

# OHIO ST (6-6)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 10**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 6***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 40 (22,17,1)**
**Lost: 17 (8,8,1)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 23.8 | 18 | 167 | 4.2 | 181 | 46.7 | 14.6 | -8 | 1999 | 7 | 23.9 | 19 | 160 | 3.7 | 203 | 59.7 | 15.1 |
| 8 | 35.8 | 24 | 200 | 4.7 | 298 | 58.9 | 13.9 | +5 | 1998 | 9 | 12.0 | 14 | 70 | 2.2 | 190 | 48.3 | 21.7 |
| 5* | 30.3 | 21 | 164 | 3.8 | 242 | 59.7 | 13.4 | 0 | 1997 | 3 | 13.1 | 15 | 119 | 3.2 | 158 | 46.3 | 21.2 |
| 6 | 37.9 | 22 | 228 | 4.8 | 212 | 53.8 | 11.6 | +15 | 1996 | 10 | 10.9 | 14 | 96 | 2.6 | 150 | 46.2 | 22.5 |
| 7* | 37.6 | 23 | 210 | 4.8 | 269 | 61.9 | 13.1 | +8 | 1995 | 6 | 16.9 | 17 | 145 | 3.8 | 184 | 51.7 | 19.4 |
| 4* | 25.8 | 20 | 185 | 4.2 | 190 | 54.3 | 14.5 | +3 | 1994 | 5 | 16.2 | 18 | 131 | 3.3 | 187 | 55.8 | 19.6 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Miami (Fla) | 12 | 33-116 | 3.5 | 11-23 | 104 | 3 | 14 | 43-153 | 3.6 | 17-25 | 245 | 3 | 0 |
| UCLA | 27 | 53-241 | 4.5 | 21-35 | 266 | 1 | 18 | 36-112 | 3.1 | 18-37 | 253 | 3 | +1 |
| Ohio Univ | 24 | 39-180 | 4.6 | 14-26 | 269 | 1 | 13 | 51-151 | 3.0 | 6-10 | 78 | 1 | -2 |
| Cincinnati | 19 | 38-233 | 6.1 | 10-25 | 263 | 1 | 26 | 37-182 | 4.9 | 29-52 | 343 | 0 | -1 |
| Wisconsin | 15 | 33-124 | 3.8 | 11-25 | 227 | 4 | 26 | 60-296 | 4.9 | 15-27 | 167 | 4 | -2 |
| Purdue | 19 | 38-188 | 4.9 | 11-27 | 181 | 1 | 21 | 30-163 | 5.4 | 25-40 | 217 | 5 | -2 |
| at Penn St | 11 | 34-65 | 1.9 | 7-22 | 78 | 8 | 21 | 50-246 | 4.9 | 17-25 | 176 | 6 | 0 |
| at Minnesota | 15 | 45-155 | 3.4 | 12-23 | 117 | 3 | 13 | 45-181 | 4.0 | 6-11 | 100 | 3 | +1 |
| Iowa | 25 | 51-217 | 4.3 | 16-25 | 317 | 2 | 21 | 26-53 | 2.0 | 29-45 | 283 | 1 | +2 |
| at Michigan St | 4 | 22-0 | 0.0 | 8-23 | 79 | 4 | 17 | 50-120 | 2.4 | 16-25 | 181 | 6 | 0 |
| Illinois | 23 | 42-216 | 5.1 | 12-29 | 168 | 3 | 23 | 47-157 | 3.3 | 18-33 | 239 | 0 | -3 |
| at Michigan | 16 | 48-263 | 5.5 | 9-21 | 105 | 4 | 19 | 39-102 | 2.6 | 17-27 | 150 | 4 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 210 | 476-1998 | 4.2 | 142-304 | 2174 | 40 | 232 | 514-1916 | 3.7 | 213-357 | 2432 | 29 | -8 |
| AVERAGES | 17.5 | 40-167 | 4.2 | 12-25 | 181 | 2.8 | 19.3 | 43-160 | 3.7 | 18-30 | 203 | 2.4 | -0.7 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Boston College | -4 | 38-6 | W |
| Washington | -8 | 30-20 | W |
| at Pittsburgh | -10' | 54-14 | W |
| Notre Dame | -7 | 45-26 | W |
| at Penn St | -2' | 28-25 | W |
| at Wisconsin | -5 | 27-16 | W |
| Purdue | -20 | 28-0 | W |
| Iowa | -17 | 56-35 | W |
| at Minnesota | -22 | 49-21 | W |
| Illinois | -18 | 41-3 | W |
| Indiana | -33 | 42-3 | W |
| at Michigan | -9 | 23-31 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rice | -28 | 70-7 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -36' | 72-0 | W |
| at Notre Dame | -3 | 29-16 | W |
| Penn St | -9' | 38-7 | W |
| Wisconsin | -26' | 17-14 | L |
| at Purdue | -26 | 42-14 | W |
| at Iowa | -14' | 38-26 | L |
| Minnesota | -35' | 45-0 | W |
| at Illinois | -29 | 48-0 | W |
| at Indiana | -35 | 27-17 | L |
| Michigan | -17 | 9-13 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wyoming | -30 | 24-10 | L |
| Bowling Green | -39 | 44-13 | L |
| Arizona | -17 | 28-20 | L |
| at Missouri | -15 | 31-10 | W |
| Iowa | -3' | 23-7 | W |
| at Penn St | +6' | 27-31 | W |
| Indiana | -34 | 31-0 | L |
| Northwestern | -21' | 49-6 | W |
| at Michigan St | -6 | 37-13 | W |
| at Minnesota | -23 | 31-3 | W |
| Illinois | -39' | 41-6 | L |
| at Michigan | +3' | 14-20 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at W Virginia | -10 | 34-17 | W |
| Toledo | -37 | 49-0 | W |
| Missouri | -25 | 35-14 | L |
| Penn St | -15 | 28-9 | W |
| at Illinois | -36' | 41-0 | W |
| Minnesota | -38 | 45-15 | L |
| at Northwestern | -29 | 36-10 | L |
| at Indiana | -24 | 38-7 | W |
| Michigan St | -27 | 24-28 | L |
| at Iowa | -25 | 45-14 | W |
| Michigan | -11 | 31-16 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Miami (Fla) | -5' | 12-23 | L |
| UCLA | -11 | 42-20 | W |
| Ohio Univ | -43 | 40-16 | L |
| Cincinnati | -33 | 34-20 | L |
| Wisconsin | -7 | 17-42 | L |
| Purdue | -2' | 25-22 | W |
| at Penn St | +11 | 10-23 | L |
| at Minnesota | +3' | 20-17 | W |
| Iowa | -22' | 41-11 | W |
| at Michigan St | +5' | 7-23 | L |
| Illinois | -10' | 20-46 | L |
| at Michigan | +11 | 17-24 | W |

# OKLAHOMA SOONERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - This is a program that is known for its wishbone offense with QB's that are more known for their legs than their arms like Jack Mildren. In 98 five different QB's played for the Sooners with 4 different starters. Last year I called for JC transfer Josh Heupel to win the starting job and he flourished in the new Kentucky style pass attack. He set a Big 12 record for most TD passes in a season while nearly throwing for 4,000 yards (3,850), completing 63.1% with a super 33-16 ratio. The depth is outstanding behind him. Jason White (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#40 and got in 2 passes in the first 2 games but still managed to redshirt due to a back injury and Patrick Fletcher (5-10 169 Sr) took the snaps as the #2QB. Fletcher had 10 passes for 70 yards after throwing for 294 yards in 98. Nate Hybl (6-3 217 So) was PS#27 and redshirted at Georgia in 98. He transferred to Oklahoma last year and was the scout team offensive POY. I expect him to battle White for the backup role and one of those two will be the Sooners' QB of the future. Stoops has also signed 2 more HT QB's this year. This is a deeper, more experienced group and should top even last year's solid numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Sooners had to replace two starters who were NFL draft picks including 1,000 yard rusher DeMond Parker. They use a FB and HB here with the FB more of a runner and the HB more of a receiver. It is not a typical H-back offense where the H-back is mainly a receiver/TE. Seth Littrel and Josh Norman were in the HB slot last year and the two combined for 44 rushes and 256 yards out of that position. The Sooners lost their leading rusher, Michael Thornton, at midseason last year after 383 yards (4.9). Quentin Griffin took off his redshirt for the final 5 games of the season and started the last 4. He has a nice combination of strength (465 squat) and speed (4.36) and had 371 yards with a super 6.6 ypc. I expect VHT Jamar Mozee (PS#19) to fight for the starting spot as well as this year's true frosh Renaldo Works. Mozee did tear his ACL in bowl practices and missed spring so his health is uncertain. Besides Thornton they also lose FB Reggie Skinner (283 yds) but this group has much more experience and talent. It is the second year of the system and they will be solidly improved.

**RECEIVERS** - One opposing defensive coordinator pointed out last year that the OU receivers were very athletic and a good portion of them were not recruited as receivers due to the change in the Sooner offense. Overall last year 11 first year players combined for 138 receptions and 14 TD's. In 5 different games last year at least 13 different players caught at least one pass. They are extremely deep at TE with the return of Matt Anderson who started the first 2 games prior to injury. They lose their top 2 WR's Brandon Daniels (11 sts, 56 rec, 2nd tm Big 12) and Jarrail Jackson (12 sts, 54 rec. I list the young, talented three deep below and Stoops also adds FOUR HT true frosh. While this is a unit loaded in underclassmen, that was the case last year as well. Even with the losses, I like the talent available and in the second year of the new offense this group looks equally potent.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Even with the brand new offense and the fact that Oklahoma threw 566 times during the season, they still finished first in the Big 12 for the least amount of sacks allowed. Mark Mangino, the offensive line coach, inherited a veteran group with 4 of the 5 starters having 5 or more starts under their belt but they did have to learn some drastically different blocking schemes. He molded them into a fine group and Stoops was so impressed he made him the new offensive coordinator. This year they must replace C Matt O'Neal (12 sts, 3rd tm Big 12, 2 yr st'r), RT Stockar McDougle (12 sts, 3rd tm AA, #1 DC of DET) and LG Jay Smith (12 sts, 2 yr st'r). Three players return with starting experience and if Scott Kempenich can stay healthy he figures to be an outstanding OL as he was Honorable Mention Big 12 in 97 but has struggled with injuries the last 2 years. Also add in super JUCO transfer Howard Duncan, perhaps the best OL out of the JC's, who was in for the spring and already nailed down a starter's job. Mangino had just 8 scholarship OL's to work with in the spring so depth could be a problem should injuries crop up. Last year's unit had some great stats which will be tough to match but this should be a top notch O-line once again.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Sooners allowed just 3.1 ypc rushing in 98 and last year returned 3 starters but had to replace a NFL draft pick in DT Kelly Gregg. Gregg had led the team in tackles, sacks and tfl and was a 3rd team All American. Also starting DE Rocky Bright was bothered by a back injury last season and had just 8 tackles for the year. All things considered, the defense didn't fare too poorly, allowing 3.4 ypc. This year the only loss is DE Cornelius Burton (6 sts, 13 tkl, 3 tfl) who was injured at midseason so basically 4 starters return to the front plus Bright looked healthy in the spring. Stoops also brings in 2 HT JUCO's and I list a talented 3 deep below. This should be one of the Big 12's better defensive fronts this season.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Sooners had 6 of the top 8 back last year including 2 starters and got a super JUCO transfer in Torrence Marshall who stepped into a starter's job. Marshall enrolled in the fall and it took him time to learn the schemes and now, with experience in the system, huge things are expected of him in his senior season. Basically everyone returns from last year with only 2 backups who combined for 14 tackles departing. Stoops also brings in a VHT LB this year who I project in the 2 deep below as well as 4 other HT true frosh. Rocky Calmus was 1st team Big 12 last year as well. This group looks even stronger for 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - When the Sooners played the "46" defense, they were traditionally poor versus the pass but did rise up to #51 in my pass defense rankings in 98. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but did move in a starting LB to the SS slot. Unfortunately Ontei Jones was injured in the 2nd game and lost for the season so basically no starters returned. This year once again 4 starters depart. Gone are SS Rodney Rideau (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 4 ints, 8 pbu, 3rd tm Big 12), CB Mike Woods (12 sts, 3 int, 16 pbu, 4.35 speed), CB Pee Wee Woods (7 sts, 2 int, 7 pbu) and William Bartee (11 sts, 2 int, 12 pbu, #2 DC of KC). SS Roy Williams who started the last 5 games as a rFr also returns, as does Jones. Despite the massive losses, this group looks to be in solid shape and is loaded with VHT's. The SS slot is solid with Williams and Jones and at FS I really like the potential of Vernon Maxwell who has played minor league baseball the last 4 years after being a VHT in 96 and originally signing at Tennessee. Stoops went out and signed 2 more VHT true frosh as well as a top notch JUCO. Last year the Sooners finished #51, allowing just 50.8% with 19 TD's and 18 int's. This unit is less experienced than the 99 version but I like the athletic talent available and it is still an above average group.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - If not for extremely poor special teams play, former coach John Blake may have had a winning record here. They finished #110 and #101 in 96 & 97 but climbed to 62nd overall in the rankings in 98 thanks to super P Jeff Ferguson. If you watched OU's special teams play back in 97 when it actually cost them a couple of wins, you would find it hard to believe that the Sooners actually finished last season #2 overall in my rankings. Last year their net punting was among the best in the country (39.9) and they also had one of the NCAA's top KR games led by Brandon Daniels' super 31.8 average. They were also +3 in the TD/blk category, a stark contrast to the Blake era. Both their P and K are back and Ferguson has been one of the best P's in the Big 12. This unit should still be solid but it will be tough to replicate the return numbers of last year and I look for the Sooners to drop out of the top 10 in the special teams rankings this season.

QB Josh Heupel had an outstanding 33-16 ratio in 1999.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Michael Thornton | 78 | 406 | 23 | 383 | 1 | 4.9 |
| **Quentin Griffin** | **56** | **380** | **9** | **371** | **3** | **6.6** |
| Reggie Skinner | 51 | 295 | 12 | 283 | 1 | 5.5 |
| **Seth Littrell** | **37** | **238** | **7** | **231** | **7** | **6.2** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Josh Heupel** | **553** | **349** | **63.1** | **3850** | **33** | **16** |
| **Patrick Fletcher** | **10** | **8** | **80.0** | **70** | **1** | **0** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Brandon Daniels | | 56 | 681 | 12.1 | 4 | 31 |
| Jarrail Jackson | | 54 | 659 | 12.2 | 7 | 52 |
| **Antwone Savage** | | **37** | **502** | **13.6** | **1** | **51** |
| **Curtis Fagan** | | **32** | **392** | **12.3** | **2** | **73** |
| **Damian Mackey** | | **30** | **333** | **11.1** | **4** | **44** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Jeff Ferguson** | **55** | **2302** | **41.9** | **-** | **39.9** | **1** | **19** |
| KICKING | 0-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Tim Duncan** | **8-9** | **2-5** | **1-2** | **0-0** | **11-16** | **43** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rodney Rideau | 120 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| **Rocky Calmus** | **119** | **4** | **14** | **7** | **1** |
| **Torrence Marshall** | **98** | **9** | **17** | **8** | **0** |
| **Roy Williams** | **81** | **1** | **7** | **12** | **2** |
| William Bartee | 58 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 2 |
| Mike Woods | 53 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 3 |
| **Corey Callens** | **51** | **3** | **9** | **0** | **0** |
| **Ryan Fisher** | **36** | **3** | **1** | **0** | **0** |
| Pee Wee Woods | 30 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| **Cory Heinecke** | **30** | **1** | **6** | **0** | **2** |
| **Bary Holleyman** | **29** | **4** | **5** | **4** | **0** |
| **Ramon Richardson** | **29** | **4** | **3** | **4** | **0** |
| **Michael Thompson** | **26** | **0** | **2** | **2** | **0** |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Jarrail Jackson | 33 | 323 | 9.7 | 1 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Brandon Daniels | 16 | 508 | 31.8 | 1 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**INDIANA ST NL 49-0** - Heupel set school records with five TD's & 31 completions. OU led 28-0 at half & extended it to 42-0 after 3Q's. ISU's option gained 41 yards on its first poss but overall OU had a 507-195 yardage edge.

**BAYLOR -12' 41-10 WIN** Heupel set OU single game records for completions, attempts, passing yards & total offense, hitting 37 of 54 for 420 yds. OU's defense, which had played only vanilla packages vs Indy St, held BU to just 208 yds. OU had a 557-208 yd edge. OU got 57, 80 & 94 yd TD drives to lead 21-0 & coasted from there.

**AT LOUISVILLE E 42-21 WIN** I used a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on OU. UL missed a 39 yd FG but after a 36 yd int. ret got a 27 yd FG, 3-0. After an exchange of TD's, UL rec'd a fmbl at the OU 19 & got a 35 yd FG, 13-7. UL was int'd in the EZ to thwart another threat but did have a 249-198 yd edge at half. OU got a 52 yd TD pass on the 1st poss of the 3Q. UL drove 78 yds for a TD. UL was int'd in the EZ & OU then got 80, 67, 30 & 53 yd consecutive TD drives, 42-21 with 6:55 left. UL did not get another FD.

**AT NOTRE DAME +6 30-34 WIN** ND had 566-237 yd, 26-14 FD & 40:41-19:19 TOP edges in the game but trailed 30-14 early 3Q. ND drove 76 yds for a TD but OU ret'd a KO 89 yds for a TD. OU got a safety on a bad snap on a punt & drove 37 yds for a TD foll a 43 yd KR. ND had a drive kept alive by a running into the P & got a 58 yd TD pass. OU ret'd the KO 66 yds & got a 26 yd TD pass, 23-14 at half. OU got a 45 yd TD drive & then ND drove 81, 56 & 98 yds for TD's, 34-30. ND missed a 21 yd FG but OU's final 4 passes fell inc.

**TEXAS +5 28-38 LOSS** UT recorded its largest come from behind win since 1965. UT allowed 178 yds in the 1Q but just 157 the rest of the game. OU got a 44 yd TD pass, 43 yd FG & 30 yd TD pass & led 17-0 while UT missed a 46 yd FG. UT rallied with 46, 41 and 37 yd FG's. UT got a 2 play, 61 yd TD drive (+2 pt) to tie at 17 with :49 left in half. UT got an 85 yd TD drive to open the 3Q while OU settled for a 28 yd FG. UT drove 80 yds for a TD. OU faked a 21 yd FG for a 4 yd TD pass (+2 pt), 31-28. UT drove 99 yds for the spread covering TD, 38-28. OU's final poss got to the UT 19 but was Heupel was intercepted & UT hung on for the win.

**TEXAS A&M +3' 51-6 WIN** OU simply dominated this with 552-230 yd & 30-15 FD edges. On their 1st poss they faked a FG for a FD & got a TD a few plays later. The Sooners rolled to a 34-6 halftime lead & also had a 38:29-21:31 time of poss edge.

**AT COLORADO -4' 24-38 LOSS** CU had a 537-317 overall yd edge. OU got a 54 yd PR to set up a FG but despite 2 missed scoring chances CU led 14-10 at half w/a 278-113 yd edge. On the 2nd play of the 3Q CU got an int ret to the 1 to set up a TD & then added a FG. OU drove for a TD early 4Q, 24-17, but CU drove for a TD. OU got a 49 yd TD pass on 4th & 9 w/ 8:37 left but 2 plays later CU got an 88 yd TD pass. CU missed a 47 yd FG att foll an int & OU was SOD at their own 30 to end the final threat. The loss marked the 1st time in their history that OU had gone winless in 9 straight games vs an opponent.

**MISSOURI -11 37-0 WIN** I used a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on OU & they led 10-0 after 1Q. MO missed a 42 yd FG. OU had a FG blk'd & missed a FG. Despite a 242-135 yd halftime edge, it remained 10-0. OU got a 24 yd TD drive foll a 40 yd PR & then an 11 yd TD drive foll an int. MO was SOD at the OU 31 but OU missed a 39 yd FG. OU got a 70 yd PR for a TD but would miss their 4th FG. OU drove 65 yds for a TD w/ backup QB Fletcher at the helm. MO's final drive ended at the OU 15.

**AT IOWA ST -7 31-10 WIN** ISU, missing 2 starters on the OL, managed just 129 yds thru 3Q's w/ just 1 FD in their 1st 6 poss. ISU's def was geared to stop the pass but OU was able to run the ball w/ 301 yds on 39 carries (7.1 ypc). OU's offense did not get a FD until 4:09 was left in the 1Q. OU led 17-3 at half. OU got a 3Q TD & then ISU got a 40 yd TD pass in the 4Q. OU closed the scoring w/ a 26 yd TD pass & finished w/ a 481-244 yd edge.

**AT TEXAS TECH -13 28-38 LOSS** TT HC Dykes' retirement was widely speculated & the Raiders rallied around him. 20-30 mph winds. Tech had the wind to open. They partially blk'd a punt, setting up a 30 yd TD drive & added a 29 yd FG. OU drove 80 yds for a TD. Tech missed a 52 yd FG & OU drove 65 yds for a TD, 14-10. OU got a 77 yd TD drive. Tech got a 47 yd FG with :08 left, 1H 21-13. After a 33 yd 3Q PR, TT got a 36 yd FG. They ret'd a fmbl to the 1 setting up a TD, 24-21, and then added a 67 yd TD pass, 31-21. TT was SOD at the 33 but OU was SOD 4 plays later. TT drove 40 yds for the clinching TD with 3:54 left. OU got a 64 yd garbage TD drive.

**OKLAHOMA ST -13' 44-7 WIN** I used a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on OU. OSU suspended 3 starting DB's prior to the game. OU drove 34 yds for a TD but OSU got a 23 yd int ret for a TD early 2Q, 7-7. OU drove 55 yds for a TD & led 14-7 at the half. OU got a 73 yd TD pass in the 3Q. They added a 31 yd FG early 4Q. OU drove 43 yds for a TD & ret'd an int 43 yds for a TD & in the final minute got an 81 yd PR for a TD.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

In last year's magazine I said that Oklahoma would be a surprise team in the Big 12 and they proved to be just that, going 7-4 and earning their first bowl bid since 1993. When you bring a pure pass offense to a school that established itself among the elite by running the wishbone, you are going to break some records and OU set 9 school records and 6 Big 12 passing marks. Most of the key players on that unit were in their first year with the Sooners including QB Josh Heupel and they should be even stronger with experience. They do lose their Offensive Coordinator, Mike Leach, as he moved on to the head job at Texas Tech, but they are sticking with his system. Head coach Bob Stoops was one of the best Defensive Coordinators in the country as an assistant at Florida and Kansas St and his D was solid last year. Teams ran 774 plays vs them and 351 (45.3%) resulted in zero or minus yardage. The defense has 7 starters back and while the secondary is young for the 2nd straight year, the stop unit should be stronger. The Sooners should have every home game a sellout this year as they have sold 60,000 season tickets. The Sooners were 5-0 at home, outscoring their opponents 222-23 last year. Unfortunately most of their home games this year would have been W's no matter where they were played with the exception of Nebraska. They face Texas, Kansas St and Texas A&M on the road so even though this team is stronger and more dangerous, it will be tough to top last year's 7 regular season wins but they should at least match that number.

## POWER SWEEP
## 4★ COLLEGE KEY SELECTIONS
## 11-2 85% in 1999

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4★ | HOUSTON | -2' | Rice | 28-3 | WIN |
| 4★ | NEBRASKA | -32 | California | 45-0 | WIN |
| 4★ | OKLAHOMA | -12' | Baylor | 41-10 | WIN |
| 4★ | Oklahoma | E | LOUISVILLE | 42-21 | WIN |
| 4★ | TEXAS | -6 | Kansas St | 17-35 | loss |
| 4★ | Washington | -2' | OREGON ST | 47-21 | WIN |
| 4★ | VIRG TECH | -12' | Syracuse | 62-0 | WIN |
| 4★ | E CAROLINA | -10' | Tulane | 52-7 | WIN |
| 4★ | Nebraska | -32 | KANSAS | 24-17 | loss |
| 4★ | OKLAHOMA | -11 | Missouri | 37-0 | WIN |
| 4★ | MINNESOTA | -14 | Indiana | 44-20 | WIN |
| 4★ | Tennessee | -12' | KENTUCKY | 56-21 | WIN |
| 4★ | OKLAHOMA | -13' | Oklahoma St | 44-7 | WIN |


**Don't Miss Any Winners in 2000!**
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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| OL | Wes Sims 6-5 310 PS#2 |
| LB | Ronbrose Jones 6-2 225 PS#10 |
| DB | Darren Stephens 6-3 185 PS#16 |
| DB | Brandon Shelby 5-10 185 PS#21 |
| RB | Renaldo Works 6-1 202 PS#38 |
| OL | Howard Duncan 6-4 300 PS#8JC |
| WR | Ataleo Ford 6-1 178 PS#41 |
| RB | Brian Odom 6-0 195 PS#46 |
| QB | Hunter Wall 6-4 220 PS#47 |
| WR | Antonio Perkins 6-0 178 PS#44 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JOSH HEUPEL SR.** 6-2 214 *PS#28JC. 12 sts here, set Big 12 TD pass record. 3850 yds (63%), 33-16 ratio, 111 rush. Nate Hybl (6-3 217 So) PS#27.*

**FB Quentin Griffin So.** 5-6 187 *4.36 speed. 4 sts in 99, 371 yds (6.6), 19 rec (9.1). **Jamar Mozee** (5-10 216 rFr) PS#19. Renaldo Works PS#38.*

**HB SETH LITTRELL SR.** 5-10 221 *PS#90. 2 sts, 201 yds in 97. 9 sts, 205 yds in 98. 12 sts ly, 231 rush (6.2), 13 rec. Josh Norman (6-2 231 Jr) PS#42, 17 rec (10.6) ly.*

**WR CURTIS FAGAN SO.** 6-0 174 *PS#39DB in 98, 5 sts in 99, 32 rec (12.3). Antwone Savage (6-0 190 So) 6 sts, 37 rec (13.8). Jarvis Smith (5-8 170 rFr) PS#75.*

**WR Damian Mackey So.** 5-11 185 *PS#108DB, 30 rec (11.1) as rFr. Julius McMillian (5-8 177 Jr) PS#3. 4 rec (10.3). Andre Woolfork (6-0 180 So), 11 rec (11.7).*

**TE MATT ANDERSON SR.** 6-2 252 *PS#9 in 96. 2 sts til inj ly. 8 rec. **Trent Smith** (6-5 227 So) PS#2, 7 sts, 21 rec. Chris Hammons (6-3 248 Sr) 3 sts, 16 rec (9.7).*

**C BUBBA BURCHAM SR.** 6-2 275 *2nd string in 97. 6 sts in 98 at G. 12 sts at RG ly, only 2 sks. Josh Smith (6-1 281 So) PS#206. Josh Tucker (6-3 234 rFr) PS#9TE.*

**RG AL BAYSINGER SR.** 6-4 315 *PS#66OL in 96. 10 gms, 2nd string in 98, lettered. 610 squat. 8 sts at LT in 99. Trimmed 30 lbs. Brad Davis (6-0 302 So).*

**LG Scott Kempenich Sr.** 6-5 302 *PS#38 in 96. 11 sts as rFr, HM Big 12. 1 st in 98. 9 gms in 99, inj plagued L/2Y. Mike Skinner (6-4 309 So) PS#128.*

**RT Howard Duncan Jr.** 6-3 299 *PS#8JC, in for spg & listed 1st string. Will Mathis (6-5 310 Jr), 2nd string in 99 but limited PT & 0 letters.*

**LT Frank Romero Jr.** 6-7 274 *PS#16DL in 98. 19 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 pbu as true at DT. L/4 sts in 99 at OT after move. Wes Sims (6-5 310) is PS#2!*

**K TIM DUNCAN JR.** 6-2 198 *Walk-on. Hit 11 of 16 FG's ly, long of 43. Also caught 1 TD pass. Only 3-7 from 30+. Jeff Ferguson PS#11K.*

**DE Rocky Bright Sr.** 6-4 277 *PS#12, 5 sts as true, 7 tfl. 1 st, 11 tfl in 98. 2 tfl ly (inj). Cory Heinecke (6-1 242) 5 sts, 7 tfl ly. Eric Thunander (6-1 243) PS#98LB.*

**DT BARY HOLLEYMAN JR.** 6-4 284 *PS#171. 10 sts in 99, 29 tkls, 4 sks, 4 pbu, 5 tfl. Ramon Richardson (6-1 286 Sr) PS#56JC, 3 sts ly, 4 sks, 3 tfl. Juan Prishker is PS#72JC.*

**DT RYAN FISHER SR.** 6-1 291 *PS#109, 10 sts, 32 tkls, 3 sks in 98. 12 sts, 36 tkls, 3 sks, 3rd tm B12 ly. Jeremy Wilson-Guest (6-1 300) PS#61. 48 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl, 2 yrs.*

**DE COREY CALLENS SR.** 6-2 258 *PS#23. 11 sts, 31 tkls, 3 sks as true. 5 sts in 98, 14 tkls, 3 tfl. 11 sts ly, 51 tkls, 12 tfl. 3rd tm B12. Marcus Chretien (6-4 241) PS#147JC.*

**WLB ROCKY CALMUS JR.** 6-2 234 *PS#21. Started L/7 as true, 55 tkls, 11 tfl. 11 sts in 99. **1st tm B12**, 119 tkls, 4 sks, 14 tfl, 7 pbu. Ronbrose Jones is PS#10.*

**MLB TORRENCE MARSHALL SR.** 6-2 247 *PS#62JC. Strong & 4.5 spd. NFL prospect. 11 sts here ly, 98 tkls, 9 sks, 17 tfl, 8 pbu. Brandon Pryor (5-11 241 So) PS#69, 1 tkl ly.*

**SLB ROGER STEFFEN SR.** 6-1 223 *PS#90TE. 7 sts ly, 26 tkls, 4 tfl. **Brandon Moore** (6-1 232 Sr) PS#35 in 97. 5 sts in 98, 67 tkls, 3 tfl. 5 sts in 99, 20 tkls, 3 tfl.*

**CB Terrance Simms Jr.** 6-1 185 *PS#67JC, 2 int, 12 pbu at JC ly. Derrick Strait (5-11 194 rFr) PS#99DB. Matt McCoy (5-10 195 rFr) was PS#79WR in 99.*

**CB Michael Thompson So.** 6-1 196 *PS#58DB in 99. 26 tkls as true, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. 21.3 in 200M. **Brandon Shelby** is PS#21, Brian Odom is PS#46DB.*

**SS ROY WILLIAMS SO.** 6-0 221 *PS#19. Started L/6 ly, 81 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu, 8 tfl. Ontei Jones (5-9 188 Sr) 7 sts at LB in 98, 117 tkls, 16 tfl. 2 sts til inj ly.*

**FS Vernon Maxwell Fr.** 6-3 215 *PS#7RB in 96! Baseball for 4 yrs. JT Thatcher (5-11 217 Sr) PS#24WR, 99 yds as RB in 97, 7 tkls ly. **Darren Stephens** is PS#16.*

**P JEFF FERGUSON JR.** 5-10 190 *PS#11K in 97. 61 punts in 98, solid 41.5 avg. 55 punts in 99, 41.9 avg & #8 in NCAA with super net of 39.9. **HM Big 12.***

# OKLAHOMA SOONERS

Norman, Oklahoma
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score OK | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | UTEP | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | Arkansas St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | Rice | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | Kansas (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | † Texas (Dallas) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | at Kansas St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | Nebraska | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | at Baylor | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | at Texas A&M | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 18 | Texas Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 25 | at Oklahoma St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

Sooners are just 2-8 ATS L/10 versus Colorado.
LY was Oklahoma's first winning ATS season since 1987.
OU has won the L/3 meetings vs N Texas by a combined score of 128-21.
Sooners are 13-1 SU L/14 & 14-7-1 ATS L/22 vs Missouri.
OU owns a 63-5-2 SU mark vs Iowa St, including 7 in a row.

Despite a 2-0 mark LY, OU has only covered 8 of their L/20 non-conf games.
OU is 4-2 SU but 1-5 ATS L/6 vs current WAC schools.

The ASU Indians are in the Big West & were 4-7 SU, 7-3 ATS LY.
Only series meeting was a 61-0 Sooner win in 1992.

Sooners are 1-6 ATS S/89 in their 3rd straight home game.
Oklahoma is 14-23-1 (but 3-0 LY) the L/10 years as a home fav.

OU is 2-4 SU, 1-5 ATS L/6 meetings vs KU.
1995 was the last time OU had a 4th straight HG: they lost 17-38 to Colo.

Oklahoma is 13-8-1 ATS in their first away game since 1977.
OU is 11-25 ATS in October since 1992.

Oklahoma is 6-11 ATS prior to a bye week.
Sooners are 4-11-1 ATS the week after playing Texas.

OU is 4-7 ATS the week after a bye since 1992.
This used to be the Big 8's biggest gm but OU has lost L/3 by a combined 28-179.

Sooners have covered only three times their L/12 tries as an AF.
OU is 9-0 SU vs the Bears, 6-0 at home, 3-0 in Waco.

Coming into 2000 OU was 1-5 ATS L/6 games played in Texas.
The home team has covered 5 of the L/6 in this series.

Including a bowl game, Sooners are 5-2 SU & ATS vs Tech.
The Sooner Schooner has ridden to a 16-8 ATS mark in home finales.

OU lead the all time series 74-13-7 SU.
The road team has covered 4 of the last 6 meetings.

## STADIUM: OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (72,762)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 6-5 | 5-5-1 | 3-8 | 4-8 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 38-39-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 3-7-1 | 2-9 | 5-6 | 5-7 | 5-6 | 7-3 | 32-44-1 |
| Home Fav | 1-3 | 0-2-1 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 8-13-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 7-7 |
| Away Fav | 3-2 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 6-11 |
| Away Dog | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 10-12 |
| Favorite | 4-5 | 1-4-1 | 2-6 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 4-2 | 14-24-1 |
| Dog | 1-1 | 2-3 | 0-3 | 4-4 | 4-5 | 4-3 | 3-1 | 18-20 |
| Grass | 1-0 | 1-4-1 | 2-5 | 2-6 | 4-5 | 5-5 | 7-2 | 22-27-1 |
| Artificial | 4-6 | 2-3 | 0-4 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 10-17 |
| vs Conf | 2-5 | 3-3-1 | 0-7 | 5-3 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 21-31-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-1 | 0-4 | 2-2 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 11-13 |
| Off SU Win | 3-5 | 2-4 | 1-4 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 4-2 | 14-21 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-4 | 3-4 | 4-4 | 3-3 | 3-1 | 15-19 |

## Coach: BOB STOOPS (Career 7-5)
### *Stoops' record AT OKLAHOMA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Oklahoma | | 3-0 | Home Favorite |
| 7-5 | Straight Up | 1-0 | Home Underdog |
| 7-3 | Vs The Spread | 1-2 | Away Favorite |
| 3-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-1 | Away Underdog |
| 5-3 | Vs BIG 12 | 2-0 | Vs Non-BIG 12 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 88 | Citrus | +1 | Clemson | 6-13 | L |
| 91 | Gator | +2 | Virginia | 48-14 | W |
| 93 | John Hancock | -6' | Texas Tech | 41-10 | W |
| 94 | Copper | +1 | BYU | 6-31 | L |
| 99 | Independence | -4 | Mississippi | 25-27 | L |

# OKLAHOMA (7-5)

CONFERENCE: BIG 12 SOUTH

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:
OFFENSE: 6* Returning: 45 (21,21,3)
DEFENSE: 7 Lost: 11 (6,5,0)

## OKLAHOMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 35.8 | 24 | 104 | 3.9 | 327 | 63.7 | 12.0 | -6 | 1999 | 7 | 19.1 | 18 | 128 | 3.4 | 218 | 50.8 | 18.6 |
| 6* | 16.7 | 14 | 184 | 3.8 | 110 | 43.2 | 17.6 | -6 | 1998 | 7 | 20.8 | 15 | 121 | 3.1 | 158 | 47.2 | 13.4 |
| 6* | 19.3 | 17 | 208 | 4.2 | 128 | 49.3 | 17.3 | -22 | 1997 | 6 | 31.6 | 19 | 186 | 4.3 | 177 | 55.0 | 11.5 |
| 3* | 23.2 | 19 | 199 | 4.7 | 183 | 44.3 | 16.5 | -8 | 1996 | 6 | 35.6 | 19 | 143 | 3.2 | 212 | 58.8 | 9.9 |
| 8* | 21.2 | 18 | 198 | 4.5 | 174 | 46.4 | 17.6 | -9 | 1995 | 10 | 25.0 | 16 | 109 | 2.8 | 192 | 58.2 | 12.0 |
| 8 | 18.7 | 19 | 173 | 3.8 | 173 | 51.3 | 18.5 | -2 | 1994 | 8 | 22.4 | 18 | 142 | 3.5 | 175 | 54.4 | 14.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | OFFENSE Rush-YDS | OFFENSE AVG | OFFENSE CO-ATT | OFFENSE YDS | OFFENSE SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | DEFENSE Rush-YDS | DEFENSE AVG | DEFENSE CO-ATT | DEFENSE YDS | DEFENSE SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana St | 30 | 30-166 | 5.5 | 33-44 | 353 | 0 | 10 | 54-159 | 2.9 | 2-9 | 36 | 3 | +1 |
| Baylor | 30 | 24-128 | 5.3 | 38-56 | 429 | 2 | 12 | 32-51 | 1.6 | 19-29 | 157 | 5 | 0 |
| at Louisville | 23 | 31-115 | 3.7 | 29-42 | 429 | 3 | 17 | 26-94 | 3.6 | 24-49 | 292 | 3 | 0 |
| at Notre Dame | 14 | 14-69 | 4.9 | 22-40 | 168 | 2 | 26 | 56-284 | 5.1 | 16-23 | 282 | 4 | -1 |
| † Texas | 20 | 18-15 | 0.8 | 32-49 | 315 | 2 | 26 | 36-225 | 6.3 | 22-47 | 328 | 0 | -3 |
| Texas A&M | 30 | 39-165 | 4.2 | 34-53 | 387 | 0 | 15 | 23-64 | 2.8 | 13-37 | 166 | 1 | +1 |
| at Colorado | 17 | 17-(-11) | -0.6 | 26-58 | 328 | 0 | 24 | 43-155 | 3.6 | 22-31 | 382 | 0 | -3 |
| Missouri | 22 | 29-125 | 4.3 | 27-46 | 311 | 2 | 13 | 33-105 | 3.2 | 18-41 | 169 | 1 | +1 |
| at Iowa St | 40 | 39-301 | 7.7 | 24-42 | 180 | 0 | 22 | 30-57 | 1.9 | 15-36 | 187 | 3 | +1 |
| at Texas Tech | 21 | 27-49 | 1.8 | 32-50 | 352 | 1 | 14 | 49-100 | 2.0 | 9-17 | 259 | 6 | -3 |
| Oklahoma St | 16 | 28-38 | 1.4 | 22-32 | 287 | 2 | 15 | 43-83 | 1.9 | 14-30 | 153 | 5 | +2 |
| Mississippi (Bowl) | 27 | 23-91 | 4.0 | 39-54 | 390 | 3 | 19 | 33-159 | 4.8 | 18-29 | 202 | 3 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 290 | 319-1251 | 3.9 | 358-566 | 3929 | 17 | 213 | 458-1536 | 3.4 | 192-378 | 2613 | 34 | -6 |
| AVERAGES | 24.2 | 27-104 | 3.9 | 30-47 | 327 | 1.4 | 17.8 | 38-128 | 3.4 | 16-32 | 218 | 2.8 | 0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego St | -15 | 38-22 | W |
| SMU | -30' | 24-10 | L |
| N Texas | -34 | 51-10 | W |
| Colorado | +4 | 17-38 | L |
| at Iowa St | -19 | 39-26 | L |
| † Texas | -2 | 24-24 | L |
| Kansas | -6' | 17-38 | L |
| at Missouri | -17 | 13-9 | L |
| at Kansas St | +6 | 10-49 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -15 | 0-12 | L |
| at Nebraska | +34 | 0-37 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| TCU | -9' | 7-20 | L |
| at San Diego St | +6 | 31-51 | L |
| Tulsa | -9' | 24-31 | L |
| Kansas | +11 | 24-52 | L |
| † Texas | +21 | 30-27 | W |
| at Baylor | +6' | 28-24 | W |
| at Kansas St | +19' | 35-42 | W |
| Nebraska | +35' | 21-73 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | -2 | 27-17 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +15' | 16-33 | L |
| Texas Tech | +10' | 12-22 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Northwestern | +4' | 0-24 | L |
| Syracuse | +11 | 36-34 | W |
| at California | +4' | 36-40 | W |
| Louisville | -7' | 35-14 | W |
| at Kansas | -3' | 17-20 | L |
| † Texas | +4' | 24-27 | W |
| Baylor | -15' | 24-23 | L |
| Kansas St | +9' | 7-26 | L |
| at Nebraska | +37 | 7-69 | L |
| Oklahoma St | +6 | 7-30 | L |
| Texas A&M | +15 | 7-51 | L |
| at Texas Tech | +24 | 32-21 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Texas | -18 | 37-9 | W |
| at TCU | -5' | 10-9 | L |
| California | -3 | 12-13 | L |
| Colorado | +4 | 25-27 | W |
| † Texas | +8 | 3-34 | L |
| at Missouri | +16' | 6-20 | W |
| at Oklahoma St | +8' | 26-41 | L |
| Iowa St | -7 | 17-14 | L |
| at Texas A&M | +19 | 0-29 | L |
| at Baylor | +4 | 28-16 | W |
| Texas Tech | +7' | 20-17 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana St | NL | 49-0 | – |
| Baylor | -12' | 41-10 | W |
| at Louisville | E | 42-21 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +6 | 30-34 | W |
| † Texas | +5 | 28-38 | L |
| Texas A&M | +3' | 51-6 | W |
| at Colorado | -4' | 24-38 | L |
| Missouri | -11 | 37-0 | W |
| at Iowa St | -7 | 31-10 | W |
| at Texas Tech | -13 | 28-38 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -13' | 44-7 | W |

# OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Tony Lindsay had 10 starts as a rFr in 1997 and threw for 1,283 yds (60.3%) with a 10-7 ratio and also rushed for 811 yds to earn Big 12 Frosh of the Year honors. He started all 11 games in 98 but did not match those numbers, throwing for 1,442 yds while completing 49.5% with a 7-6 ratio and 757 yds rushing. Last year Lindsay got injured in the opener and would start just 6 games in an injury plagued season. He threw for 767 yds (52.6%) and had his first negative ratio at 5-10 with only 220 yds rushing. Lindsay returns for his senior season. B.J. Tiger (6-3 195 Jr) was PS#27 in 97. He missed most of his rFr year due to suspension. He started 5 games in Lindsay's absence and threw for 785 yds (55%) with a 6-4 ratio and rushed for 400 yds. He was suspended from the team in January for an off-field incident and his return is in question. Ben Bowling (6-3 205 So) was PS#66. He is a student of the game and in limited action threw for 152 yds (48.8%) while rushing for 103 yards as a rare true frosh seeing action for OSU. Aso Pogi (6-4 205 rFr) was PS#137. This unit should be healthier and I look for improved numbers in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - A lot was expected out of the Cowboys' RB's last year but due partially to a rebuilt offensive line, they did not have a 100 yard rusher in a game the entire season. Nathan Simmons got most of the starts but rushed for just 285 yds and a poor 2.5 ypc after having over 1,700 yds his first 3 years. He departs as does FB Jeremy Halferty (3 sts, 52 yds) and FB Kevin Brown (3 sts, 138 yds). Jamaal Fobbs is back and if he grabs the featured back role, he has a shot at recapturing the magic he had as a rFr when he rushed for 966 yds (5.4). He did, however, miss the spring with injury. Reggie White (6-2 195 Jr) has a nice combination of size & speed and was PS#56. He was the star last spring but only rushed for 176 yds (4.6) during the season. He was the star again in this year's spring game with 160 yards and 3 TD's. Richard Schwartz (6-0 185 rFr) was PS#104. Coach Simmons signed 3 HT's (see Top Newcomers). Even though they lose half of last year's underachieving corps, I would expect better results this year.

**RECEIVERS** - The OSU receiving corps has not been the same since super TE Alonzo Mayes went down to injury in the 97 season. Last year they had their top 3 receivers returning but this year two of the top 3 depart. Gone are WR Ethan Howell (9 sts, 32 rec's, 15.5, #7 DC of WASH) and WR Terrance Richardson (10 sts, 21 rec, 11.0). Richardson was 3rd team Big 12 as a return specialist and was a deep threat. The top 2 TE's are back and they were both among the team's top 5 receivers. The 3rd string TE is Khary Jackson (6-4 250 Sr) who was PS #115 JUCO and had 2 starts here in 99. There is some talent at the WR slot in the 2 deep I list below. I expect Lawson Giddings to step right into a starter's spot as he is a VHT (PS #9 out of high school) with excellent size and speed. New OC Del Miller is also committing more to the pass. This group is less experienced than last year but should have stronger numbers in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Cowboys bring in a new O-line coach in Mike Jacobs who has been the offensive coordinator at Ohio St the last 4 years. He takes over a unit that did not have a banner season in 99. They did not have a single 100 yard rusher in a game and the QB's were sacked 44 times in just 273 pass attempts. That unit had just 2 starters returning and this year 4 players who started 3 or more games last year are back including 3 starters. Last year the two projected starters at OT coming out of the spring were JUCO transfers but one never enrolled and the other never became a factor. This year they must replace LG Adam Davis (10 sts, 4 yr st'r), LG Blaine Cook (7 gms, 5 sts), C Reynell Lavigne (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Andrew Golembiewski (2 sts). There is a good amount of HT's in the group below and Simmons adds a top notch JC transfer in PS#190JUCO Jed Newkirk who was in for the spring. It is a possibility that true frosh Clint Gillispie who was their #2 recruit this season will contend for playing time. I look for more of an impact by JUCO Lawrence Chamberlain in his 2nd year here. This group is a little more experienced than the 99 version and I like the talent available. The Cowboys should have a much stronger performance up front in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Cowboys had just 1 returning starter to the defensive front last year but got a VHT JUCO transfer in Juqua Thomas. Thomas did not take over a starter's job until the second part of the season but was very productive and earned HM Big 12 honors. He led the JUCO's in 98 in sacks and recorded 6 sacks and 7 tfl here in 99. The only losses from the front wall this year are DT Cortney Mallory (10 sts, 17 tkls, 3 tfl) and DT Eric Stevenson (1 st, 8 tkl). Four players who had 5 or more starts last year return and this is a much more experienced unit. There are plenty of HT's in the Projected Starting Lineup and I look for Thomas to become one of the Big 12's top DL's this year.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Cowboys had a senior laden LB corps last year with a good portion of it graduating this season. Gone are MLB Kenyatta Wright (7 sts, 3rd tm B12), SLB Tarrell Knauls (11 sts, 47 tkl, 7 tfl, HM B12), WLB Jack Golden (10 sts, 57 tkls, 11 tfl, HM B12), WLB Raymond Cato (4 sts, 36 tkls, 4 tfl) and a pair of backup LB's that combined for 16 tackles and 1 tfl. This group is a lot less experienced this year but outgoing defensive coordinator Ryan was high on the talent as is new DC Mike Cassity. I list the 2 deep below and while this unit definitely has some potential, it is clearly weaker than last year's outstanding group.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Rob Ryan's 46 defense is traditionally tough against the rush but susceptible to the pass. Surprisingly in 96 and 97 they actually ranked in the top 40 of my pass efficiency defense rankings but that was mostly due to super CB RW McQuarters. With the loss of their top 2 CB's in 98 they dropped to #89. Last year they had to replace 2 starting safeties but moved all the way up to #30, allowing just 47.2% with a 14-13 ratio. This year they lose FS Adam Edwards (11 sts, 57 tkls, 2 pbu, HM B12), SS JB Flowers (6 sts, 3 int, 4 pbu), CB Evan Howell (8 sts, 28 tkls, 6 pbu), CB Jacoby Shepherd (3 sts, 2 int, 6 pbu, left early for NFL draft, #2 DC of STL) and 2 backup DB's who combined for 8 tackles. They have a couple of VHT safeties who do not have significant playing experience but could be stars by year's end. The top CB, Alvin Porter, is back and two players with starting experience contend for the open slot. While the losses are a little heavier than last season, this unit could be just as good but I'll look for them to drop a little from last year's lofty finish in the pass defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This area has always been a strength for Coach Simmons as they have ranked 13th, 23rd, 22nd, 39th and 21st in my special teams rankings over the last five years. P Scott Elder saw his avg drop last year from 41.9 to 39.3. There will be pressure on him to hold on to his job but I look for a return to 98's solid form and rate him one of the better P's in the Big 12. They do have to replace K Tim Sydnes who hit 10 of 17 FG's last year and had a storied career at OSU with a long of 55 and a 68% career average on FG's. I list 2 players that will contend for his spot. Schwettmann has handled the KO's the last 2 years so the KR defense should remain solid. They must replace super PR Terrance Richardson who avg'd 14.8 on 40 returns last season. TD Bryant, who returned a punt 70 yards for a TD in the spring game, may be the man or Gabe Lindsay who had a pair of PR TD's in the spring game could be. Jamaal Fobbs also may see less time at KR if he becomes the feature back. I expect better punting but weaker kicking and return units and this unit will have to struggle to stay in the top 40 where they have annually resided.

This Cowboy named Dwayne Levels opposing runners.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jamaal Fobbs** | 110 | 584 | 40 | 544 | 2 | 4.9 |
| Nathan Simmons | 114 | 328 | 43 | 285 | 4 | 2.5 |
| **BJ Tiger** | 73 | 400 | 141 | 259 | 2 | 3.5 |
| **Tony Lindsay** | 69 | 220 | 162 | 58 | 3 | 0.8 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tony Lindsay** | 116 | 61 | 52.6 | 767 | 5 | 10 |
| **BJ Tiger** | 111 | 61 | 55.0 | 785 | 6 | 4 |
| **Ben Bowling** | 43 | 21 | 48.8 | 152 | 1 | 3 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ethan Howell | 32 | 496 | 15.5 | 3 | 68 |
| **Marcellus Rivers** | 27 | 336 | 12.4 | 4 | 42 |
| Terance Richardson | 21 | 232 | 11.0 | 1 | 50 |
| **Jamaal Fobbs** | 19 | 172 | 9.1 | 1 | 51 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Scott Elder** | 67 | 2636 | 39.3 | - | 35.0 | 1 | 12 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tim Sydnes | 4-4 | 4-7 | 2-4 | 0-2 | 10-17 | 48 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jack Golden | 57 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Adam Edwards | 57 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Kenyatta Wright | 52 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Tarrell Knauls | 47 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| **Alvin Porter** | 45 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 3 |
| **Dwayne Levels** | 44 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| JB Flowers | 36 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Raymond Cato | 36 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| **Juqua Thomas** | 36 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| **Chris Massey** | 29 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| **Kevin Williams** | 28 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Evan Howell | 28 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| **Zac Akin** | 25 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Terance Richardson | 40 | 591 | 14.8 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jamaal Fobbs** | 25 | 533 | 21.3 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**LOUISIANA-LFT -34 24-7 LOSS** OSU's def limited LL to 61 total yds, the 2nd best defensive effort ever by OSU. Lindsay struggled (2 of 8) before being inj'd in the 2Q. OSU missed two 1H FG's and led just 7-0 at the half. Tiger connected on a 63 yd TD pass in the 3Q. With 10:25 left Fobbs ripped off a 68 yd TD run & they added a 29 yd FG. LL's only score came on a 7 yd int ret off 3rd string QB Bowling on his 1st pass.

**TULSA -9' 46-9 WIN** Tiger started at QB. OSU led 20-6 at half with 204-28 yd & 11-2 FD edges. OSU had 23 4Q pts & finished with a 400-123 yd edge.

**AT MISSISSIPPI ST +1 11-29 LOSS** OSU had a pair of young QB's going against MSU's blitzing schemes. The Cowboys managed just 12 FD's, 76 yds along with 6 TO's. MSU scored on their first 3 poss & led 12-0 after 1Q. After another fmbl MSU had a 54 yd TD run. OSU got a FG, 19-3. At the half MSU had a 205-101 yd edge. OSU missed a 39 yd FG & MSU nailed a 48 yd FG early 4Q. OSU got back into it with a 48 yd int ret for a TD, 22-11 & got an int on the next play but missed a 34 yd FG. MSU drove 80 yds for the clinching TD.

**AT NEBRASKA +27 14-38 WIN** OSU's defense was ranked 3rd in the NCAA (1 spot higher than NU) & the Huskers wanted to prove those rankings wrong. NU dominated the 1H with a 256-45 yd edge & led 31-0 . They drove 80 yds for a TD to extend the lead. OSU got 2 late TD drives w/ the backdoor cover coming on a 4th & 2 TD.

**TEXAS TECH -3' 41-21 WIN** OSU's offense avg'd just 224 ypg the previous 2 gms but had 292 yds & 31 pts in the 1H. OSU passed 18 times & ran reverses & flea flickers. OSU got an 82 yd TD drive. Richardson ret'd a punt 30 yds setting up an OSU TD. A 40 yd PR by Richardson set up a 20 yd TD drive. TT got a 29 yd TD pass, 21-7 but Tiger had a 51 yd TD pass on a fake reverse. OSU added a 37 yd FG & led 31-7 at half. TT fmbl'd at the OSU 1. OSU opened the 3Q w/ a 33 yd FG & foll a 32 yd int ret to the 3, added another TD, 41-7. TT got the majority of their yds & pts late on TD's w/ 4:26 & 1:06 left.

**KANSAS ST +6' 21-44 LOSS** OSU dominated early, getting 3 TD drives to open & they had a 200-38 yd edge 2:00 into the 2Q. They totaled just 78 yds the rest of the game. After a KSU TD, OSU fmbl'd on its own 17 to set up a TD. KSU tied it at the half, driving 65 yds in :20. KSU led just 24-21 with 4:55 left in the 3Q but got 3 TD drives, the 3rd following an int to blow it open 44-21 with 9:02 left. OSU's final 2 drives ended in int's ruining Tony Lindsay's return to the lineup.

**AT TEXAS A&M +11 3-21 LOSS** Intermittent rain. OSU missed a 50 yd FG then faked a 44 yd FG & were stopped. They were int'd in A&M terr. A&M kept a long TD drive alive by continuously converting on 3rd down, 7-0. A&M kept another long 3Q TD drive alive with multiple 3rd down conversions. OSU made one but missed another 3Q FG early. A&M added a long TD drive, 21-3. The Aggies finished with a 394-260 yd edge.

**TEXAS +8 21-34 LOSS** On the 1st play UT RB Mitchell ripped off an 80 TD yd run but UT gained just 59 yds on its next 6 poss. OSU fmbl'd at the UT 24 in the 1Q & then got a 76 yd TD drive helped by 3 pass interference pen's. Lindsay's 8 yd run tied it. UT scored 21 pts in an 8:00 span at the end of the 2Q & into the 3Q. A fmbl set them up for a 44 yd TD drive just before half. Early in the 3Q G Brown ret'd an int 31 yds for a TD & then UT drove 65 yds for the clinching TD, 28-7. OSU got a 50 yd TD pass but UT got 22 & 36 yd FG's in the 4Q. OSU closed the scoring w/ a late 24 yd garbage TD pass. UT had 7 sk's. Both Lindsay & Tiger played for OSU.

**KANSAS -7 45-13 WIN** OSU had its most lopsided Big 12 victory ever but it was much closer than the final score indicates. KU actually had 307-273 yd and 16-15 FD edges. Special teams & TO's were the difference. OSU blk'd a punt for a TD, 10-0 after 1Q. KU got quick 80 & 70 yd drives, 13-10 at the half. OSU scored 21 pts in 2:39. A 44 yd PR set up a quick TD. A 60 yd PR set up an 8 yd TD drive & a bad KU snap out of the shotgun was rec'd in the EZ for a TD, 31-13. OSU struck again in the 4Q with 14 pts in 1:10. A 36 yd pass from WR White went for a TD & then after KU fmbl'd deep in its own terr, OSU added a TD to account for the final.

**AT BAYLOR -20 34-14 TIE** OSU dominated far more than the final indicates. OSU finished with 25-4 FD & 442-86 yd edges. They led just 3-0 after 1Q but 27-0 at the half including a 52 yd PR for a TD. In the first 28:00 OSU had a 211-(-15) yd edge. BU got a 41 yd drive foll a 55 yd KR & then in the 4Q, a 52 yd int ret for a TD for the pointspread push.

**AT OKLAHOMA +13' 7-44 LOSS** I used a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on OU. OSU suspended 3 starting DB's prior to the game. OU drove 34 yds for a TD but OSU added a 23 yd int ret for a TD early 2Q, 7-7. The rest was all OU. OU drove 55 yds for a TD & led 14-7 at the half. OU scored on a 73 yd pass, a 31 yd FG, a 57 yd TD drive, a 43 yard int ret & an 81 yd PR in the final minute for the final.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

The Cowboys have had just one winning season since 1989, which came in 1997. A lot was expected of the Cowboys last year as they had 28 seniors. An interesting note is that not a single OSU game was decided by less than 13 points last year. The offense struggled as the O-line had trouble establishing the run and protecting the QB's. Starting QB Tony Lindsay missed 6 games with a knee injury in 1999 and never was really 100%. The defense only gave up 298 ypg but surprisingly 24.9 ppg. They not only must replace their Defensive Coordinator Rob Ryan (left for NE Patriots) but also their top 4 tacklers. New Offensive Coordinator Del Miller was the author of KSU's spread offense that helped turn the program around. You can expect OSU to make a greater commitment to the passing game. Lindsay appeared to have a good grasp of it in the spring and with a much more stable O-line the offense should easily top 1999's 311 ypg. The defense looks stout up front and in the secondary but needs some young LB's to step up and produce. Unlike last year, they avoid both Nebraska and Kan St from the North which is a positive. Simmons brought in a lot of quality assistant coaches but talentwise they appear a few steps behind Texas, Texas A&M and rival Oklahoma in the South. The record will resemble the '99 total which means they have a shot at a winning year but will need a few breaks to do so.


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|---|---|
| RB | Tatum Bell 5-11 190 PS#37 |
| OL | Clint Gillispie 6-4 320 PS#57 |
| DL | Clay Coe 6-3 260 PS#62 |
| RB | D.D. Cox 6-1 200 PS#73 |
| TE | Derrius Whitehead 6-3 235 PS#25 |
| RB | Johnny Bizzell 6-2 222 PS#91 |
| DL | Ben Buie 6-2 280 PS#84 |
| QB | Andre McGill 6-1 180 PS#64 |
| LB | Ron Able 6-2 237 PS#78JC |
| TE | Mark Milosevich 6-5 240 PS#45 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB TONY LINDSAY SR.** 6-2 190 *PS#44. 10 sts in 97, 1283 yds (60%), 811 rush. 11 sts in 98, 1442 yds (50%), 757 rush. 6 sts ly tfl inj, 767 pass (53%), 5-10 ratio.*

**RB Jamaal Fobbs Sr.** 5-10 180 *1 st in 97, #1 w/966 yds (5.4), 14 rec (11.3). 409 yds in 98 (4.6), 22 KR (24.0). 3 sts in 99, 544 yds (4.9), 19 rec, 25 KR (21.3).*

**FB Tim Burrough So.** 6-0 225 *PS#189. 2 gms as true. HS wrestling champ. Johnny Bizzell is PS#91. Richard Schwarz (6-0 185 rFr) was PS#104.*

**WR Willie Young So.** 6-3 200 *PS#51WR in 98. 9 gms as rFr, 1 rec, 8 yds. Paul Jones (6-3 195 Jr) was PS#148JC. 4.5 speed. 48 rec (15.3) at JC in 98.*

**WR Lawson Giddings Jr.** 6-3 205 *PS#9WR in 98. Rashaun Woods (6-2 195 rFr) PS#69. Gabriel Lindsay (5-9 170 So) PS#115RB. 8 rec (10.8) as rFr.*

**TE MARCELLUS RIVERS SR.** 6-4 225 *PS#46. 6 sts as rFr, 22 rec (15.2). 3 sts in 99, 2nd tm B12. 27 rec (12.4). Bryan Blackwood (6-2 250 Sr) was PS#5JC, 7 sts ly.*

**C Jon Vandrell Jr.** 6-2 280 *JC transfer in 99 and redshirted. DJ Grissom (6-4 325 Jr) PS#208OL, 2nd string L/2Y, 3 gms in 98, 6 in 99.*

**RG Bryan Phillips Jr.** 6-5 285 *2nd string in 98, lettered. 5 gms in 99 with 3 starts. Jed Newkirk (6-4 290 Jr) PS#190JUCO, in for spring.*

**LG JEFF MACHADO JR.** 6-3 275 *PS#369. 2nd string in 98. 8 sts in 99 (miss 2 inj). 5.0 in 40 for NFL scouts. Jason Rannebarger (6-6 315 Jr) PS#198.*

**RT JOSHUA LIND SR.** 6-6 280 *2 sts as rFr. 10 sts in 98. 11 sts in 99, 2nd tm B12. Lawrence Chamberlain (6-4 340 Sr) PS#178JC, 3 gms. Clint Gillispie is PS#57.*

**LT KYLE EATON SO.** 6-7 280 *8 gms in 99, 5 sts (inj'd 2). John Hayhurst (6-4 270 rFr) PS#232OL. Doug Koenig (6-4 275 rFr) was PS#224.*

**K Russell Schwettmann Sr.** 6-3 220 *Has handled KO's L/3Y here. Att'd 55 yd FG in 98. Seth Condley (5-10 185 Sr) hit 1 of 2 with long of 37 in 99.*

**DE JUQUA THOMAS SR.** 6-4 235 *PS#4JC, 5 sts here, HM B12, 6 sks, 7 tfl. Charlie Atteberry (6-5 245 rFr) PS#58. Tanner Bruce (6-4 235 Jr) PS#77TE, 3 tfl in 98.*

**DT Zac Warner Sr.** 6-4 270 *PS#37LB. 3 tfl in 97 & 98. 6 sts at DE in 99, 19 tkls, 6 sks. Chris Tyler (6-2 275 Jr) 17 tkls, 2 tfl in 99. LaWylon Brown (6-5 250) PS#219.*

**DT ZACHARY AKIN SR.** 6-1 280 *PS#299OL. 18 tkls in 97. 4 sts in 98, 21 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts ly, 25 tkls, 2 tfl. Jason Russell (6-6 260 So) PS#143, 4 tkls, 1 sk ly.*

**DE KEVIN WILLIAMS SO.** 6-5 235 *PS#78. 11 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, HM Big 12. Andre Buller (6-3 230 Jr) PS#137. Thomas Glapion (6-5 215 So) PS#62TE.*

**SLB Terrence Robinson So.** 6-1 220 *PS#145LB in 98. 7 tkls, 1 tfl in 9 gms in 99. Ron Able (6-2 235 Jr) is PS#78JUCO, 4.6 speed, in for spring.*

**WLB Dwayne Levels Jr.** 6-3 220 *2 sts as rFr, 37 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int. 3 sts in 99. #6 tkl'r w/44, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Jake Riffe (6-2 225 Jr) 6 tkls, 8 gms in 99.*

**WLB Greg Richmond rFr.** 6-3 225 *PS#145LB in 99. 4.5 speed. Chris Carter (6-3 215 Sr) PS#216DB. 5 tkls in 96 & 97. 1 st, 15 tkls in 98. RS in 99.*

**CB Marcus Jones Jr.** 5-9 175 *PS#73 in 97. 1 st in 98, 20 tkls, 2 pbu, 1 int. 1 st ly, 18 tkls, 3 sks, 2 pbu. Ricklan Holmes (6-1 190 So) PS#192, 6 tkls ly.*

**CB ALVIN PORTER SR.** 6-0 190 *PS#74, 4 sts, 37 tkls here in 96. JC 97-98. 10 sts here ly, 45 tkls, 3 int, 12 pbu. Michael Cooper (5-10 180 Jr) PS#34BJC in for spg.*

**SS Elbert Craig So.** 6-2 195 *PS#32 lyl Robbie Gilliam (6-1 200 Jr) 7 tkls in 98. 12 tkls in 99, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. Tarrance Davis (5-11 180 rFr) PS#130WR.*

**FS Chris Massey So.** 6-0 185 *PS#4QB in 99. 2 sts at FS as true, 29 tkls, 1 sk, 1 int, 4 pbu. Roger Bombach (6-0 195 Jr) 4 tkls in 98, 3 tkls in 99.*

**P SCOTT ELDER JR.** 6-3 195 *PS#17K in 98. #30 in NCAA as true with 41.9 avg on 63 punts. 67 punts in 99, 2636 yds, 39.3 avg, 35.0 net.*

# OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score OSU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Oklahoma St is 35-28-5 SU vs Tulsa.<br>Cowboys are 4-7 ATS L/11 but 2-0 L/2 vs Nebraska.<br>OSU is 2-8 SU, 2-7-1 ATS vs Kansas St.<br>Okie St is 11-3-1 ATS L/15 vs Kansas. |
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | at Tulsa | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulsa is 5-1 SU at home the last 6 when hosting OSU.<br>Home team is 11-2 ATS in this rivalry, dog is 5-2 ATS L/7. |
| Sep. 16 | SW Texas St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SWT plays in the Southland Football League.<br>Bobcats are 7-15 SU the L2Y but ranked 7th in the 1AA total def in 99. |
| Sep. 23 | S Mississippi | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending their opener, OSU is 7-4 ATS since '96 in non-conf games.<br>OSU last met a CUSA team in '87. This is the 1st series meeting for these 2 teams. |
| Sep. 30 | at Texas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cowboys are 12-6-1 ATS on grass since 93 but were 0-3-1 LY.<br>OSU is 14-9-2 (61%) in the first of B2B road games. |
| Oct. 7 | at Missouri | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team and the dog are 7-3 ATS in this series.<br>Should apply here: OSU is 18-8 ATS under Simmons off a SU loss. |
| Oct. 14 | Iowa St (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending LW's result Cowboys are 12-17 ATS since '93 in Oct.<br>Okie St is 9-2 ATS L/11 prior to a bye week. |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | at Colorado | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Okie St is 4-2 ATS their last six after a bye.<br>OSU is 8-3 ATS L/11 vs Colorado. |
| Nov. 4 | Texas A&M | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cowboys are 4-2 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1992.<br>Home team has covered just once in the last 4 series meetings. |
| Nov. 11 | at Texas Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cowpokes are 2-5-1 ATS L/8 years in road finales.<br>The home team is 3-1 SU & ATS the last 4 series meetings. |
| Nov. 18 | Baylor | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Oklahoma St is 5-12 ATS in the first of B2B home games.<br>OSU is 3-8-1 ATS L/12 as a conference home fav but was 2-0 LY. |
| Nov. 25 | Oklahoma | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cowboys are 1-14-1 SU vs OU at Lewis Field.<br>Oklahoma St is 12-6 ATS in this "Bedlam Battle." |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: OSU is 6-14-3 ATS in season finales. |

## STADIUM: LEWIS FIELD (50,614)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 3-8 | 3-7-1 | 4-8 | 5-6 | 8-3 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 33-44-1 |
| ATS | 4-6 | 4-5-1 | 6-5 | 5-5 | 9-2 | 5-5-1 | 4-6-1 | 37-34-3 |
| Home Fav | 0-1 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 2-1-1 | 3-1 | 9-8-1 |
| Home Dog | 2-2 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 8-9 |
| Away Fav | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 0-0-1 | 5-5-1 |
| Away Dog | 2-1 | 3-1-1 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 14-12-1 |
| Favorite | 0-3 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 5-2 | 3-2-1 | 3-1-1 | 14-13-2 |
| Dog | 4-3 | 3-2-1 | 6-3 | 2-5 | 4-0 | 2-3 | 1-5 | 22-21-1 |
| Grass | 1-0 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 5-0 | 2-0 | 0-3-1 | 12-6-1 |
| Artificial | 3-6 | 4-5-1 | 3-4 | 4-3 | 4-2 | 3-5-1 | 4-3 | 25-28-2 |
| vs Conf | 2-5 | 2-4-1 | 5-2 | 3-5 | 6-2 | 4-3-1 | 3-4-1 | 25-25-3 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 12-9 |
| Off SU Win | 3-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 5-2 | 1-3-1 | 1-3-1 | 14-13-2 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-6 | 1-4 | 5-2 | 4-2 | 3-0 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 20-18 |

## Coach: BOB SIMMONS (Career 27-30)
### *Simmons' record AT OKLAHOMA STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at Oklahoma St | | 9-4-1 | Home Favorite |
| 27-30 | Straight Up | 6-6 | Home Underdog |
| 29-23-2 | Vs The Spread | 4-3-1 | Away Favorite |
| 18-8 | Off A S/U Loss | 9-10 | Away Underdog |
| 21-16-2 | Vs Conf | 8-7 | Vs Non-Conf |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 84 | Gator | -1 | S Carolina | 21-14 | W |
| 85 | Gator | +7 | Florida St | 23-34 | L |
| 87 | Sun | E | W Virginia | 35-33 | W |
| 88 | Holiday | -2' | Wyoming | 62-14 | W |
| 97 | Alamo | +4' | Purdue | 20-33 | L |

# OKLAHOMA ST (5-6)

*CONFERENCE:* BIG 12 SOUTH

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 5*** **Returning: 30 (14,14,2)**
**DEFENSE: 4** **Lost: 20 (10,8,2)**

## OKLAHOMA STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 24.3 | 17 | 153 | 3.4 | 158 | 52.7 | 12.8 | -5 | 1999 | 6 | 24.9 | 16 | 113 | 3.3 | 185 | 47.2 | 11.9 |
| 8* | 27.5 | 18 | 204 | 4.1 | 162 | 50.4 | 13.3 | +4 | 1998 | 7 | 26.9 | 17 | 120 | 3.2 | 211 | 51.6 | 12.3 |
| 7 | 29.3 | 20 | 221 | 4.2 | 154 | 55.5 | 12.8 | +12 | 1997 | 5 | 19.4 | 16 | 115 | 3.5 | 201 | 48.4 | 16.2 |
| 8* | 22.1 | 22 | 223 | 4.6 | 167 | 52.3 | 17.7 | -3 | 1996 | 6 | 29.7 | 20 | 225 | 5.3 | 182 | 50.6 | 13.7 |
| 6* | 20.7 | 16 | 199 | 4.6 | 111 | 47.5 | 14.9 | -9 | 1995 | 8 | 28.8 | 22 | 203 | 4.7 | 208 | 54.4 | 14.3 |
| 8* | 16.4 | 19 | 205 | 4.5 | 133 | 44.0 | 20.7 | -5 | 1994 | 6 | 23.3 | 21 | 193 | 4.2 | 193 | 54.8 | 16.6 |

**1999 STATS BY GAME**

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | OFF Rush-YDS | OFF AVG | OFF CO-ATT | OFF YDS | OFF SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | DEF Rush-YDS | DEF AVG | DEF CO-ATT | DEF YDS | DEF SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Louisiana-Lft | 17 | 49-204 | 4.2 | 10-24 | 154 | 4 | 7 | 32-14 | 0.4 | 4-19 | 47 | 6 | -1 |
| Tulsa | 20 | 51-212 | 4.2 | 14-24 | 188 | 2 | 9 | 19-(-20) | -1.1 | 16-39 | 143 | 5 | +1 |
| at Mississippi St | 12 | 42-81 | 1.9 | 15-27 | 95 | 8 | 21 | 37-182 | 4.9 | 10-28 | 181 | 3 | 0 |
| at Nebraska | 14 | 48-188 | 3.9 | 7-21 | 85 | 2 | 20 | 49-240 | 4.9 | 7-14 | 145 | 0 | -1 |
| Texas Tech | 23 | 45-238 | 5.3 | 16-29 | 214 | 1 | 15 | 33-50 | 1.5 | 14-30 | 240 | 4 | +1 |
| Kansas St | 16 | 42-147 | 3.5 | 9-22 | 130 | 3 | 20 | 45-209 | 4.6 | 13-25 | 311 | 0 | -3 |
| at Texas A&M | 14 | 35-106 | 3.0 | 15-22 | 154 | 6 | 23 | 44-152 | 3.5 | 20-29 | 242 | 1 | -1 |
| Texas | 21 | 41-84 | 2.0 | 15-29 | 215 | 7 | 20 | 29-177 | 6.1 | 23-44 | 242 | 2 | -2 |
| Kansas | 15 | 42-138 | 3.3 | 13-19 | 135 | 5 | 16 | 42-151 | 3.6 | 10-25 | 156 | 5 | +2 |
| at Baylor | 22 | 64-200 | 3.1 | 16-26 | 217 | 2 | 4 | 18-49 | 2.7 | 6-22 | 37 | 4 | +1 |
| at Oklahoma | 15 | 43-83 | 1.9 | 14-30 | 153 | 4 | 16 | 28-38 | 1.4 | 22-32 | 287 | 2 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 189 | 502-1681 | 3.3 | 144-273 | 1740 | 44 | 171 | 376-1242 | 3.3 | 145-307 | 2031 | 32 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 17.2 | 46-153 | 3.3 | 13-25 | 158 | 4.0 | 15.6 | 34-113 | 3.3 | 13-28 | 185 | 2.9 | -0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nebraska | +29 | 21-64 | L |
| at Tulsa | -1' | 23-24 | L |
| SW Missouri St | NL | 35-7 | – |
| at Wyoming | +10 | 25-45 | L |
| at Tennessee | +35' | 0-31 | W |
| Kansas St | +18 | 17-23 | W |
| at Missouri | +1 | 30-26 | W |
| at Iowa St | +1 | 14-38 | L |
| Colorado | +23 | 32-45 | W |
| at Oklahoma | +15 | 12-0 | W |
| Kansas | +9' | 17-22 | W |
| at Hawaii | -5 | 24-20 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| SW Missouri St | NL | 23-20 | – |
| at Texas Tech | +14 | 3-31 | L |
| Tulsa | -3 | 30-9 | W |
| Utah St | -6' | 31-17 | W |
| at Texas | +17 | 14-71 | L |
| at Colorado | +32' | 13-35 | W |
| Iowa St | E | 28-27 | W |
| at Missouri | +4 | 28-35 | L |
| Texas A&M | +13 | 19-38 | L |
| Oklahoma | +2 | 17-27 | L |
| Baylor | +2' | 37-17 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Iowa St | +6 | 21-14 | W |
| at SW Louisiana | -5' | 31-7 | W |
| Fresno St | -8' | 35-0 | W |
| NE Louisiana | -20 | 38-7 | W |
| Texas | +6 | 42-16 | W |
| Colorado | +3 | 33-29 | W |
| Missouri | -10 | 50-51 | L |
| at Texas A&M | +9' | 25-28 | W |
| at Oklahoma | -6 | 30-7 | W |
| Texas Tech | -5 | 3-27 | L |
| at Baylor | -9' | 24-14 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kansas | -8' | 38-28 | W |
| at Tulsa | -8' | 20-35 | L |
| Mississippi St | -1 | 42-23 | W |
| † Nebraska | +26 | 17-24 | W |
| at Texas Tech | +3' | 17-24 | L |
| at Kansas St | +21 | 20-52 | L |
| Oklahoma | -8' | 41-26 | W |
| Texas A&M | +5' | 6-17 | L |
| at Texas | +11' | 34-37 | W |
| SW Louisiana | -36 | 44-20 | L |
| Baylor | -14 | 24-10 | T |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Louisiana-Lft | -34 | 24-7 | L |
| Tulsa | -9' | 46-9 | W |
| at Mississippi St | +3 | 11-29 | L |
| at Nebraska | +27 | 14-38 | W |
| Texas Tech | -3' | 41-21 | W |
| Kansas St | +6' | 21-44 | L |
| at Texas A&M | +11 | 3-21 | L |
| Texas | +8 | 21-34 | L |
| Kansas | -7 | 45-13 | W |
| at Baylor | -20 | 34-14 | T |
| at Oklahoma | +13' | 7-44 | L |

# OREGON DUCKS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - This was a very young group last year as they had to replace first round DC Akili Smith and had 2 HT QB's with good size competing for the job. AJ Feeley (PS#65) won the starter's spot and was #21 in the NCAA in pass efficiency at one point. He finished the year with 1,951 yards (52.5%) and a solid 14-6 ratio. When Feeley battled some midseason injuries, Joe Harrington (PS#38) led the team to a pair of comeback wins. Starting the final 4 games, he threw for 1,180 yards (53%) with a 10-3 ratio. If he had enough completions to qualify, he would have finished second in the PAC 10 in pass efficiency. Both are back to duel for the starting job again and both have added experience. Jason Fife (6-4 210 rFr) was PS#162 and Orlando Evans (6-0 188 rFr) was PS#107. Fife has a powerful arm while Evans is the most mobile of the QB candidates. This is a fairly talented group with good size and is much more experienced than they were at this time last year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Coach Bellotti has had a lot of success with JUCO RB's. Saladin McCullough became the first UO RB to lead the PAC 10 in rushing (1997) since 1971. Reuben Droughns (#3DC of DET) was PS#5 JC & was the difference maker. Last year Droughns rushed for 1,234 yards (4.5). Bellotti went the JUCO route again this year bringing in PS#3 JC Maurice Morris. Bellotti said that Morris has McCullough's speed and Droughns' ability to break tackles! Herman Ho-Ching is a VHT RB who has gone through two injury plagued seasons with 501 yards rushing. He was not on the roster in the spring, but if he is able to return for the fall he has a shot at the feature back role. At times last year the Ducks were down to their fifth string RB due to injuries. Allan Amundson (5-9 180 So) was PS#157 and had 48 yards rushing in four games. I list the top 2 FB's below and also in the mix is ex-QB Adam Kennybrew (6-0 225 So, PS#47). Bellotti also signed 4 HT true frosh this year, but some may see action in the secondary. Even though Morris is as highly thought of as Droughns was coming out of junior college, it will be tough to match his productivity & I'll call this unit down a notch, but not as much as you would expect.

**RECEIVERS** - The Ducks always seem to find quality WR's. The last two years they have had to replace two of three starters and three of their top 4 WR's but this year suffer only one loss in #1 WR Tony Hartley (56 rec, 15.7). Keenan Howry (PS#46) was being called a young Hartley last year and was the team's #3 receiver as a true frosh. He should be the feature WR this year. I list a 3 deep of WR's below. Not even listed on the 3 deep are TE George Wrighster (6-4 235 rFr, PS#24TE) and WR Cy Aleman (6-3 199 So, PS#91) who has size and speed. There's plenty of talent available and Bellotti also signed a VHT TE and an HT WR (see Top Newcomers). This should be one of the PAC 10's better receiving corps.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Ducks had to replace 3 OL starters and a pair of backups last year and most of the season had only between 6 and 8 healthy OL's available. The lineup shuffled often during the year but somehow the team allowed just 16 sacks over the entire season, leading the PAC 10 in that category. Basically 3 starters depart and 3 return due to last year's injuries. Gone are C/G Deke Moen (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), LT Scott Fergus (9 sts) and RT Josh Beckett (9 sts, 2nd tm PAC 10). Returnees include C Ryan Schmid, who probably would have started all 12 games if not for injuries, Jim Adams (8 sts at LT & LG) and RG Lee Gundy (11 sts). Overall 5 players return with starting experience. There is a possibility that some of this year's top notch frosh OL's could work their way into the 2 deep. While it will be tough to match last year's production, this group should be more cohesive and looks solid.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Ducks had to replace one starter and 2 part-time starters from the front wall last year but with a reduced veteran front the ypc rushing allowed went from 4.2 to 3.5. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are DE Terry Miller (12 sts, HM PAC 10, 5.5 sks), DT Faiva Talaeai (11 sts, 9 tfl) and DT Caleb Smith (8 sts, 3 tfl). Three players return with starting experience including their star DE Saul Patu who had 7.5 sacks and 8 tfl and was named 1st team PAC 10 despite missing 2 games with a knee injury. I list the 2 deep below and it would be helpful if NT Zach Freiter (PS#111) finally remains healthy or if James Rose, a VHT JUCO last year, makes more of an impact. True frosh may fill in some spots on the 2 deep. This group does have potential. In 98 this was a small group but has gotten much larger the last 2 years with the projected starters now averaging 288 lbs.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Ducks' LB corps was very experienced last year with 2 returning starters plus a 97 starter who missed most of 98 with injury returned. Bellotti did a great job recruiting in this area last season and has 2 impact rFr in Kevin Mitchell (PS#25) and Josh Rogers (PS#52) who I list in the 2 deep below. They must replace OLB Dietrich Moore (12 sts, 2nd tm PAC 10, 65 tkls, 10.5 tfl), ILB Peter Sirmon (12 sts, 1st tm PAC 10, 109 tkls, 11.5 tfl, #4DC of TEN) and OLB Nathan Naggi (17 tkls, 2 tfl). Matt Smith, who was originally PS#35 and signed with Stanford back in 94 before going on to baseball, should continue to improve as last year he landed 2nd team PAC 10 honors in his first year as a starter. This group has solid talent but is less experienced than last year and should be down a few notches with a pair of all conference performers graduating.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Ducks finished #47 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 97 and had 7 of their top 8 DB's returning in 98 and rose up to #28. Last year they returned 7 of their top 8 but lost starting CB Rashad Bauman prior to the season so they actually only had 2 starters returning. The group still finished a lofty #17 allowing 53.2% with an 18-21 ratio versus an extremely tough slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace CB Tamoni Joiner (5 sts, 1 int, 6 pbu), ROV Michael Fletcher (12 sts, 1st tm PAC 10, 4 int, 8 pbu), FS Brandon McLemore (12 sts, 83 tkls, 2 int, HM PAC 10) and CB Justin Wilcox (11 sts, 1 int, 11 pbu). One starter returns and they also get Bauman back. Newcomers include a VHT JUCO in Gary McGraw who led the JUCO's with 12 int's last season. The Ducks signed an excellent crop of true frosh DB's with Keith Lewis and Eddie Smith (RB's in high school) both projected as DB's here along with Marley Tucker (see Top Newcomers). Not listed in the Top Newcomers are Steve Clayton (5-11 175, PS#96) and Sam Cunningham (6-0 175, PS#125). I like the talent and experience of this group and they should continue to finish near the top in the pass efficiency defense rankings this season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Mike Bellotti has done an outstanding job in this area as the Ducks have finished #30, #22, #4, #15 and #13 in my special teams rankings over the last 5 years. Bellotti plays a lot of front line regulars in this unit. Last year he brought in JC Kurtis Doerr at P and he was 2nd team PAC 10 and he returns. This year he brings in Eastern Mich transfer K David Rosenburg. Dan Katz is back and he has handled KO's the last 2 years as is K Josh Frankel who was HM PAC 10. They lose their top PR but their top KR returns. With the wealth of talent at WR and DB that the Ducks possess, they should be able to find some more quality returnmen. UO, as usual, had a positive number in the TD/blk category last year. This group should contend for top 10 honors once again.

DE Saul Patu sees right through offensive schemes with 39 career tfl's.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reuben Droughns | 277 | 1307 | 73 | 1234 | 9 | 4.5 |
| **Herman Ho-Ching** | 54 | 206 | 6 | 198 | 2 | 3.7 |
| Derien Latimer | 38 | 184 | 7 | 177 | 2 | 4.7 |
| **Joe Harrington** | 24 | 74 | 44 | 30 | 4 | 1.3 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **A.J. Feeley** | 259 | 136 | 52.5 | 1951 | 14 | 6 |
| **Joe Harrington** | 158 | 84 | 53.2 | 1180 | 10 | 3 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tony Hartley | 56 | 881 | 15.7 | 3 | 43 |
| **Marshaun Tucker** | 32 | 481 | 15.0 | 3 | 51 |
| **Keenan Howry** | 29 | 452 | 15.6 | 5 | 59 |
| Reuben Droughns | 17 | 163 | 9.6 | 1 | 52 |
| **LaCorey Collins** | 16 | 294 | 18.4 | 5 | 35 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kurtis Doerr** | 59 | 2460 | 41.7 | - | 37.5 | 0 | 19 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nathan Villegas | 8-8 | 2-3 | 3-6 | 0-1 | 13-18 | 49 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Peter Sirmon | 109 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 |
| Brandon McLemore | 83 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| **Matt Smith** | 82 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| Michael Fletcher | 66 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| Dietrich Moore | 65 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| **Saul Patu** | 46 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Justin Wilcox | 44 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 |
| **Jason Nikolao** | 40 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Terry Miller | 34 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Faiva Talaeai | 34 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| **Garrett Sabol** | 31 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| **Brian Johnson** | 31 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| **Gary Barker** | 22 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Michael Fletcher | 40 | 390 | 9.8 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sonny Cook** | 18 | 482 | 26.8 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT MICHIGAN ST +10 20-27 WIN** Feeley made his 1st start & hit 27 of 49 for 343 yds but Droughns was held to 59 yds. UO got a 15 yd TD pass foll a fmbl. After an MSU 78 yd TD drive, UO missed a 41 yd FG, was SOD at the MSU 3 but got a 23 yd FG w/ :21 left foll an MSU fmbl. UO drove 76 yds for a TD in the 3Q, 17-7. MSU settled for a 22 yd FG & foll a 49 yd PR drove 29 yds for the lying TD. Early 4Q MSU ret'd a fmbl 85 yds for a TD on the game's key play (14 pt swing). UO got a 42 yd FG after an int & MSU got a 30 yd FG w/ 5:11 left. UO was int'd late.

**UTEP -22 47-28 LOSS** Windy. Feeley hit just 2 of 10 in the 1Q. UTEP drove for a 49 yd FG but UO got a 22 yd TD pass in the 2Q. UTEP took a screen 90 yds for a TD. UO settled for a 25 yd FG. Feeley had a pair of 35 yd TD passes, the latter w/ 1:08 left 1H, 24-10. UTEP got a TD early 4Q but fmbl'd at its own 26 to set up a TD & Fletcher ret'd a punt 57 yds for a TD. UO blk'd a punt for a safety & then drove for a TD, 47-16. UTEP got a pair of Smith TD's including a 71 yd run w/ just 2:32 left to get in the backdoor.

**NEVADA -14 72-10 WIN** UO led just 14-10. QB Neill was inj'd which spelled doom for Nev. UO got a 59 yd drive for a TD & then took advantage of int's to set up TD's on drives of 14, 46, 9 and 35 yds, 49-10 at half & 63-10 after 3Q's. UO ran the ball most of the 4Q but got a FG & drove 35 yds for a TD late to account for the final.

**USC (OT) -1' 33-30 WIN** USC had 21 pen. USC drove 24 yds for a TD foll an early fmbl. UO got a 46 yd FG & a 38 yd TD drive foll an int. USC settled for a 29 yd FG, 10-10 at half. UO faked a punt & nailed a 19 yd FG & added a 69 yd TD drive. USC lost their starting QB Palmer due to inj but Van Raaphorst hit 20 of 36. Droughns was inj'd in the 1Q. USC drove 80 & 74 yds for TD's, 23-20. UO fmbl'd the KO but USC missed a 30 yd FG. UO got a 26 yd FG w/ :26 left. In OT USC missed a 51 yd FG & UO backup K Katz missed a 33 yd FG after Villegas was inj'd. Each team got a TD in the 2 OT. In the 3rd OT USC missed a 37 yd FG & another UO K, Frankel, nailed a 27 yd FG.

**AT WASHINGTON +2' 20-34 LOSS** UW CB Vontoure was susp & Feeley hit 24 of 32 for 371 yds. UO was w/o their top 2 RB's. UW had TD drives of 74, 80, 78, 71 & 71 yds & had a 38:26 TOP edge. UW led 13-10 at half. UW went on a 3Q 78 yd TD drive that was kept alive when UO roughed the P. UO got a 60 yd drive for a 25 yd FG & UW went 71 yds for a TD. UW missed a 50 yd FG. UO drove 67 yds for a TD, 27-20 w/ 7:22 left. UW got a TD w/ 2:15 left.

**AT UCLA +3' 29-34 LOSS** UO went 88 yds in 3 plays for a TD. UCLA got a 47 yd FG & UO rec'd a fmbl on the 22 but after a 1st & goal at the 1 settled for a FG. UCLA got a 48 yd FG & UO led 10-6. UCLA drove 18 yds for a TD foll a fmbl & got an 11 yd TD pass after an int w/ :38 left 1H to lead 20-10. UCLA got a 3Q 80 yd TD drive & a 65 yd TD pass, 34-10. UO missed a 41 yd FG. UO got an early 4Q 81 yd int TD ret (2ptng). The Ducks added a 44 yd TD pass & foll a fmbl on the KO, a 21 yd TD drive, 34-29 w/ 11:13 left. UCLA had a FG blk'd w/ 5:02 left but UO's final 3 poss ended on an int, SOD at their own 39 & w/ :04 left a WR was tkl'd at the 1. UCLA escaped in a turnover plagued affair.

**AT ARIZONA +3 44-41 WIN** UO had time consuming drives & UA big 1 play scores. UO led 5-0 but UA got its 1st FD on a 65 yd TD run w/ 6:03 left 1Q. UO got 68 & 32 yd TD drives. UA got a TD & an 80 yd TD run w/ 1:16 left. UO got a 43 yd FG & had a 13-7 FD edge at half. UO got a 31 yd FG in the 3Q but UA got a 60 yd TD run, 27-27. UO was int'd at the UA 1. Each team got a TD & UA was SOD at the UO 27. UO fmbl'd & UA got a 33 yd TD pass on 3rd & 13. UO drove 55 yds for a TD & got a 32 yd FG with 1:04 left. UA missed a 45 yd FG on the final play.

**ARIZONA ST +7' 20-17 LOSS** ASU was w/o several starters due to inj or susp. UO drove inside the ASU 40 six times but only managed a 24 yd FG. It was 3-3 at half. UO got a 34 yd FG in the 3Q and ASU answered with a Flowers 20 yd TD run. Harrington led UO to a TD in the 3Q. ASU got a Green 1 yd TD run with 1:04 left for the lead but UO drove 80 yds & with :09 left got a 29 yd TD pass. OU had a 502-365 yd edge.

**WASHINGTON ST -15' 52-10 WIN** WSU blk'd a punt but settled for a 25 yd FG & it was all UO. They had 65, 81, 9 (after an int) and 64 yd drives for TD's, 28-3 at half. It was 45-3 when WSU drove 72 yds for a TD. UO ret'd a late fmbl 47 yds for a TD.

**AT CALIFORNIA -7 24-19 LOSS** UO got an int, ran a fake punt for a FD & on 4th & 1 got a 19 yd TD pass, 7-0. UO got an int to set up a 30 yd FG. An int set up a 20 yd TD pass. UO rec an onside but fmbl'd at the Cal 7. A 37 yd PR to the Cal 28 set up a TD w/ 2:42 left. A Cal last second Hail Mary bounced off a UO DB and into Davenport's hands for a 48 yd TD, 24-6. Boller was inj'd 3Q & walk-on Dalton hit 5 of 13 & the 2 combined for 5 int's. Cal CB O'Neal ret'd an int 100 yds for a TD. Dalton hit a 58 yd TD pass mid 4Q, 24-19. Cal got an int at the 41 but punted. They got another int at the 35 (3:43) & got to the 5 w/ 1:00 left. Dalton's wobbly pass into the EZ was int'd & Cal had a 313-261 yd edge.

**OREGON ST -6 25-14 WIN** OSU had 15 pens including 7 pers fouls. Droughns rushed for 197 yds. UO dominated the 1H but missed a 32 yd FG & settled for 33, 22 and 23 yd FG's & only led 16-0 w/ OSU having just 82 1H yds. UO got an 80 yd 3Q TD drive, 22-0. OSU got 2 long TD drives, 22-14 & UO settled for a 20 yd FG & OSU's final drive was SOD.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

The Ducks were the best team in the PAC 10 last year as we pointed out in our Bowl Edition of Power Sweep and they were the only PAC 10 team to win a bowl game defeating a team from the mighty Big 10. Since 1995, Oregon has the most total wins of any PAC 10 team and they've been to 6 bowls in the past 11 years. The Ducks are very tough in Autzen Stadium with 14 consecutive wins. Last year they brought back Nick Aliotti as their defensive coordinator. Aliotti, UCLA's much maligned defensive coordinator in 1998, was the architect of the Gang Green defense that took them to the Rose Bowl in 1994. It took a little while for the Ducks to catch on to Aliotti's schemes, as after the first 7 games, the defense allowed 29.1 ppg and 424 ypg. However, in the final 5 games the Ducks' D allowed just 16 ppg and 322 ypg including giving up just 50 ypg rushing in the final 4 games (1.7). The 38 sacks recorded last year were the most for their defense since the Rose Bowl year. In the last 2 years the Ducks were far more effective when RB Reuben Droughns was healthy. They were 13-3 in games when he played and just 4-4 without him. Oregon is 20-7 in games decided by 7 or less in Bellotti's tenure. The offense will be among the PAC 10's best if RB Morris is everything I expect. The defense must replace 8 starters and while weaker than last year could be better than expected. They have big PAC 10 games with UCLA, Washington and Arizona in Autzen where they are tough to beat. Last year I said they could sweep their November slate and they did just that and could accomplish that feat again. I will call for another winning season and they are a contender in the much improved PAC 10.


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| RB | Mario McDowell 6-0 205 PS#53 | |
| OL | Robin Knebel 6-5 290 PS#64 | |
| RB | Eddie Smith 5-10 180 PS#100 | |
| RB | Keith Lewis 6-1 180 PS#101 | |
| RB | Josh Herrera 5-11 175 PS#102 | |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JOE HARRINGTON JR.** 6-4 210 *PS#38. L/4 sts in 99, 1180 yds (53%), 10-3 ratio.* ***AJ Feeley*** *(6-4 220 Sr) PS#65, 8 sts in 99, 1951 yds (53%) 14-6 ratio.*
**RB Maurice Morris Jr.** 6-0 205 *PS#3JC! 3708 yds, 45 TD's at JUCO L/2Y. Herman Ho-Ching (5-11 200 Jr) PS#24RB, 501 yds (3.5), 4 sts in 2 yrs.*
**FB Chad Chance Sr.** 6-2 230 *PS#202JC. 2 sts in 98, 45 yds, 5 rec. 91 yds rec in 99. Matt Floberg (6-2 240 rFr) PS#184 in 99, 777 yds rush as Sr in HS.*
**WR KEENAN HOWRY SO.** 5-10 165 *PS#46, 9 sts, 29 rec (15.6) as true. Jason Jenkins (5-11 196 So) PS#34. Ric Cottengim (6-2 170 rFr) PS#77.*
**WR Marshaun Tucker Sr.** 5-10 186 *PS#46JC, 32 rec (15.0) here in 99. Ray Brust (6-3 220 Sr) PS#72, 5 sts, 3 yrs. Samie Parker (5-10 167 rFr) PS#94.*
**TE LaCOREY COLLINS SR.** 6-4 235 *PS#5 LB. 22 rec 96-98. 16 rec (18.4) in 99. Enyi Nwamuo (6-4 248 Sr) PS#53JC, 8 sts here in 99, 15 rec. Justin Peelle (6-5 245 Jr).*
**C RYAN SCHMID JR.** 6-4 270 *PS#127 in 97, 8 gms as rFr. 7 sts in 99 at C (missed 5 w/inj), 375 lb bench. Jeff Austin (6-1 265 Sr) +10 lbs.*
**RG Corey Chambers So.** 6-4 310 *PS#156. Started 1st 2 at RG in 99 (miss 6 inj). Joey Forster (6-4 280 rFr) #1 RG in spg. Adam Snyder (6-5 265) is PS#154.*
**LG JIM ADAMS JR.** 6-4 285 *PS#73 in 97, 6 gms as rFr. 8 starts between LT & LG in 99, +15 lbs. Josh Jones (6-2 286 So) PS#106 in 98, 6 gms in 99.*
**RT LEE GUNDY SR.** 6-6 325 *4 sts as true at RG, 7 sts in 98 (1 at LT, 6 at RG). 11 sts in 99 (10 at RG). +15 lbs. Philip Finzer (6-5 305 So) was PS#200.*
**LT Mike Belisle So.** 6-5 315 *PS#17 in 98. Inj'd in both of his 2 years here.* ***Al Cotton*** *(6-3 300 Jr) 8 gms in 98. 2 sts at LT in 99 (miss 4 inj) 2 letters.*
**K JOSH FRANKEL SR.** 5-8 175 *11 of 14 FG's in 99. HM PAC 10. Dan Katz (6-1 170 Sr) PS#62 did KO's ly. David Rosenberg (5-11 187 Jr) is E Mich trans.*

**DE Jason Nikolao Sr.** 6-2 300 *8 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 18 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 6 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl. Quinn Dorsey (6-4 240 So) PS#242LB. Ed Wanglar (6-4 245 So) PS#124.*
**DT Jed Boice Sr.** 6-4 295 *PS#156, 15 gms, 3 tkls, 2 tfl in 97 & 98. 1 st, 1 tkl in 99. Zach Freiter (6-3 275 Jr) PS#111, 19 tkls, 2.5 sks, 4 tfl, 2 yrs.*
**DT James Rose Sr.** 6-4 290 *PS#28JC in 99. 4 gms here, 2 tkls, 1 sk. Shed 10 lbs, in better shape. Walker Templeton (6-4 260 Sr), 3 tkls, 2 tfl in 3 yrs.*
**DE SAUL PATU SR.** 6-3 265 *10 sts, 20 tkls, 7 tfl as rFr. 12 sts, 35 tkls, 5 sks, 11 tfl in 98. 10 sts in 99, 46 tkls, 7.5 sks, 8 tfl.* ***1st tm PAC 10.*** *Kevin Mack (6-2 245 Fr) is PS#102.*
**OLB Garrett Sabol Sr.** 6-0 211 *PS#138DB, 23 tkls, 1 tfl at SS as true. 21 tkls in 98. 31 tkls, 6 tfl at LB in 99.* ***Kevin Mitchell*** *(5-10 210 rFr) PS#25. Wesly Mallard 22 tkls in 98.*
**MLB MATT SMITH SR.** 6-4 247 *PS#35 in 94 & orig at Stanford. Baseball. 18 tkls here in 98. 10 sts in 99, 82 tkls, 7.5 tfl.* ***2nd tm PAC 10.*** *Mike Callier (6-0 220 Jr) 2 sts, 19 tkls in 99.*
**ILB Garret Graham So.** 6-4 230 *PS#103LB in 98, 2 gms, 2 tkls as rFr (miss 6 inj). Josh Rogers (6-3 255 rFr) PS#52LB. Billy Prince (6-1 218 Sr) 5 tkls ly.*
**CB BRIAN JOHNSON SR.** 5-9 171 *PS#52JC. 7 sts in 99, 31 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu, 2 tfl. Jermaine Hanspard (5-11 190 Sr), 10.87 in 100M. A.K. Keyes (5-9 165 rFr) PS#116.*
**CB Gary McGraw Jr.** 5-9 180 *PS#19JC. Led JC's w/12 int's in 99.* ***Rashad Bauman*** *(5-8 185 Sr) 11 sts as true, 12 sts in 98, 44 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 int, 11 pbu.*
**SS Steve Smith Jr.** 6-1 193 *8 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu as true. 1 st, 9 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu in 99. Resuli Webster (6-0 200 So) PS#173DB in 98, 1 tkl, 1 int as rFr.*
**FS Gary Barker Sr.** 6-0 205 *PS#142, 12 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr. 36 tkls in 98. 22 tkls, 4 tfl in 99. Ryan Mitchell (6-0 180 Sr) PS#154JC in 99, 9 tkls, 2 pbu.*
**P KURTIS DOERR SR.** 6-2 215 *PS#42JUCO, 42.1 avg at JC in 98. 50 punts here in 99, 41.7 avg, 2nd tm PAC 10. Also 45 yds rushing.*

# OREGON DUCKS

Eugene, Oregon
Weather (541) 484-1200

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score OU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Past 6 meetings with Stanford have avg'd 74.3 ppg & 951 ypg. Ducks are 13-8 ATS L/21 on grass, but 1-2 LY. Oregon is 12-6 ATS in November since 1994. Despite a 1-3 mark LY, Ducks are 15-10 ATS L/25 October games. |
| Sep. 2 | Nevada | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | OU has covered 10 of 12 lined openers. Gang Green is 7-0 SU but just 2-3 ATS in home openers since 1993. |
| Sep. 9 | at Wisconsin | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | OU is 10-3 ATS their last 13 road openers. Including bowls, the Ducks are 7-2 ATS their L/9 vs the Big 10. |
| Sep. 16 | Idaho | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might apply here: Oregon is 6-2 ATS L/8 as DD favorites. Oregon is 6-0 SU, 4-1 ATS vs Big West schools since 1990. |
| Sep. 23 | UCLA | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Ducks are an amazing 12-1 ATS in their first Pac 10 game. Visiting team is 7-2 ATS the L/9 in this series. |
| Sep. 30 | Washington | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ducks are 10-1 ATS in the finale of a 2(+) homestand since 1994. Oregon is just 3-6 ATS prior to a bye week. |
| Oct. 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | at USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Oregon is 9-1 ATS the week after a bye. The visitor is 5-2 ATS the L/7 in this series. |
| Oct. 21 | Arizona (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ducks have quacked their way to a 7-2 ATS mark vs Arizona. Oregon is 4-13 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1984. |
| Oct. 28 | at Arizona St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite LY's "paltry" 37, the avg ppg the L/8 series games is 62.4 ppg. OU is 9-2 in the first of B2B away games since 1991. |
| Nov. 4 | at Washington St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Under Bellotti, OU is 10-5 ATS in the final 3 games of the season. The favorite has won 7 in a row ATS in this series. |
| Nov. 11 | California | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | OU has won 9 straight November home games SU. Bellotti has an amazing 14-2 SU mark in November!!! |
| Nov. 18 | at Oregon St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The avg total pts in this series was 18.6 from '90-'95 but is 66 ppg L/4Y. Ducks are 3-7 ATS L/10 years in their final road game. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: AUTZEN STADIUM (41,698)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 9-3 | 9-2 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 8-3 | 8-3 | 51-27 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 5-5 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 43-33 |
| Home Fav | 1-3 | 3-1 | 2-4 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 4-2 | 17-13 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 5-4 |
| Away Fav | 2-0 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 9-6 |
| Away Dog | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 11-10 |
| Favorite | 3-3 | 4-3 | 5-4 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 4-4 | 4-3 | 26-19 |
| Dog | 2-3 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 2-4 | 4-3 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 16-14 |
| Grass | 2-1 | 2-0 | 4-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 13-8 |
| Artificial | 3-5 | 5-4 | 3-4 | 4-3 | 5-2 | 5-4 | 5-3 | 30-25 |
| vs PAC 10 | 3-5 | 6-2 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 31-25 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 12-8 |
| Off SU Win | 2-3 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 5-3 | 4-3 | 25-20 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-3 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 2-3 | 4-1 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 13-12 |

## Coach: MARK BELLOTTI (Career 62-45-2)
### *Bellotti's record AT OREGON*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at Oregon | | 13-9 | Home Favorite |
| 39-20 | Straight Up | 4-3 | Home Underdog |
| 31-23 | Vs The Spread | 7-4 | Away Favorite |
| 9-8 | Off A S/U Loss | 8-7 | Away Underdog |
| 22-18 | Vs PAC 10 | 9-5 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | Rose | +17 | Penn St | 20-38 | L |
| 95 | Cotton | +7 | Colorado | 6-38 | L |
| 97 | Las Vegas | -4 | Air Force | 41-13 | W |
| 98 | Aloha | -5' | Colorado | 43-51 | L |
| 99 | Sun | +3' | Minnesota | 24-20 | W |

# OREGON (9-3)

CONFERENCE: **PAC 10**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 6***
**DEFENSE: 3**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 41 (20,18,3)**
**Lost: 26 (12,12,2)**

## OREGON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 34.2 | 23 | 157 | 3.9 | 264 | 52.4 | 12.3 | +11 | 1999 | 6 | 23.7 | 20 | 123 | 3.5 | 258 | 53.2 | 16.1 |
| 6* | 42.8 | 23 | 162 | 4.1 | 321 | 56.9 | 11.3 | -10 | 1998 | 8 | 23.9 | 17 | 156 | 4.2 | 235 | 52.7 | 16.3 |
| 4 | 31.7 | 21 | 154 | 4.0 | 258 | 55.4 | 13.0 | -6 | 1997 | 5 | 29.2 | 21 | 186 | 4.8 | 236 | 55.8 | 14.4 |
| 8* | 34.4 | 24 | 147 | 4.0 | 302 | 52.3 | 13.1 | +2 | 1996 | 4 | 32.4 | 23 | 185 | 4.2 | 252 | 56.1 | 13.5 |
| 9 | 27.2 | 22 | 139 | 3.6 | 255 | 53.4 | 14.5 | -5 | 1995 | 7 | 21.6 | 15 | 115 | 3.0 | 184 | 48.3 | 13.8 |
| 3* | 26.8 | 19 | 132 | 3.3 | 213 | 53.5 | 12.8 | +8 | 1994 | 6 | 19.2 | 18 | 121 | 3.1 | 205 | 51.3 | 17.0 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Michigan St | 24 | 29-28 | 1.0 | 27-49 | 343 | 3 | | 20 | 35-159 | 4.5 | 18-31 | 205 | 1 | 0 |
| UTEP | 23 | 39-200 | 5.1 | 15-27 | 228 | 0 | | 17 | 34-158 | 4.6 | 20-34 | 271 | 3 | +2 |
| Nevada | 27 | 52-272 | 5.2 | 15-20 | 290 | 0 | | 19 | 30-57 | 1.9 | 18-48 | 249 | 5 | +4 |
| USC | 25 | 46-104 | 2.3 | 23-40 | 275 | 4 | | 19 | 31-31 | 1.0 | 29-49 | 362 | 4 | 0 |
| at Washington | 17 | 20-62 | 3.1 | 24-33 | 371 | 0 | | 30 | 57-256 | 4.5 | 17-21 | 211 | 3 | -1 |
| at UCLA | 19 | 25-99 | 4.0 | 21-48 | 344 | 2 | | 24 | 48-122 | 2.5 | 21-34 | 332 | 2 | +1 |
| at Arizona | 26 | 53-196 | 3.7 | 13-35 | 239 | 2 | | 19 | 34-282 | 8.3 | 17-35 | 270 | 4 | -1 |
| Arizona St | 29 | 45-220 | 4.9 | 21-47 | 282 | 1 | | 20 | 42-213 | 5.1 | 11-27 | 152 | 3 | -1 |
| Washington St | 24 | 44-228 | 5.2 | 17-26 | 259 | 1 | | 15 | 20-30 | 1.5 | 25-40 | 275 | 3 | +3 |
| at California | 15 | 42-108 | 2.6 | 12-30 | 153 | 1 | | 14 | 28-47 | 1.7 | 15-40 | 266 | 1 | +2 |
| Oregon St | 23 | 45-210 | 4.7 | 13-24 | 146 | 0 | | 21 | 34-27 | 0.8 | 21-38 | 248 | 6 | 0 |
| Minnesota (Bowl) | 22 | 39-156 | 4.0 | 20-43 | 232 | 2 | | 19 | 35-96 | 2.7 | 19-37 | 257 | 3 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 274 | 479-1883 | 3.9 | 221-422 | 3162 | 16 | | 237 | 428-1478 | 3.5 | 231-434 | 3098 | 38 | +11 |
| AVERAGES | 22.8 | 40-157 | 3.9 | 18-35 | 264 | 1.3 | | 19.8 | 36-123 | 3.5 | 19-36 | 258 | 3.2 | 0.9 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Utah | -6' | 27-20 | W |
| Illinois | -4' | 34-31 | L |
| at UCLA | +6 | 38-31 | W |
| Stanford | -9 | 21-28 | L |
| Pacific | -29 | 45-7 | W |
| at California | -5 | 52-30 | W |
| Washington St | -6' | 26-7 | W |
| Arizona St | -13 | 24-35 | L |
| at Washington | +3 | 24-22 | W |
| at Arizona | -2 | 17-13 | W |
| Oregon St | -16 | 12-10 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Fresno St | -6' | 30-27 | L |
| Nevada | NL | 44-30 | – |
| Colorado St | -4' | 35-28 | W |
| at Washington St | +2 | 44-55 | L |
| at Arizona St | +12' | 27-48 | L |
| UCLA | +4 | 22-41 | L |
| at Stanford | +4' | 24-27 | W |
| Washington | +6' | 14-33 | L |
| Arizona | +3 | 49-31 | W |
| California | -2' | 40-23 | W |
| at Oregon St | -8' | 49-13 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | +3' | 16-9 | W |
| at Nevada | -3' | 24-20 | W |
| Fresno St | -19 | 43-40 | L |
| at Stanford | +8' | 49-58 | L |
| Washington St | +7' | 13-24 | L |
| UCLA | +11' | 31-39 | W |
| Utah | -7 | 31-13 | W |
| at USC | +8 | 22-24 | W |
| at Washington | +21 | 31-28 | W |
| at Arizona St | +9' | 31-52 | L |
| Oregon St | -16 | 48-30 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Michigan St | E | 48-14 | W |
| at UTEP | -20' | 33-26 | L |
| San Jose St | -24 | 58-3 | W |
| Stanford | -17 | 63-28 | W |
| at Washington St | -13' | 51-29 | W |
| at UCLA | +10' | 38-41 | W |
| USC | -7 | 17-13 | L |
| at Arizona | +2' | 3-38 | L |
| Washington | -6' | 27-22 | L |
| Arizona St | -8' | 51-19 | W |
| at Oregon St | -9' | 41-44 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Michigan St | +10 | 20-27 | W |
| UTEP | -22 | 47-28 | L |
| Nevada | -14 | 72-10 | W |
| USC | -1' | 33-30 | W |
| at Washington | +2' | 20-34 | L |
| at UCLA | +3' | 29-34 | L |
| at Arizona | +3 | 44-41 | W |
| Arizona St | -7' | 20-17 | L |
| Washington St | -15' | 52-10 | W |
| at California | -7 | 24-19 | L |
| Oregon St | -6 | 25-14 | W |

# OREGON ST BEAVERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - You won't find the NFL scouts hanging around Corvallis to check out the Beavers' QB talent. Jonathan Smith is a small, slow walk-on QB but possesses good arm strength. He came off the bench and started the final 3 games in 98 and threw for 1,427 yards (45%) with a 6-5 ratio. Last year after taking over the starter's job, he set an OSU record with 3,053 yards passing but only completed 48.7% with a 15-7 ratio. His strength is reading opposing defenses. This year they will use more rollouts which should cut down on the knocked down passes at the line. Believe it or not he will need to show some improvement to hold on to his starter's job this year as completing below 50% of your passes in the spread offense is unacceptable. Tyler Thomas (6-3 184 So) was PS#100 and has 4.69 speed and had a 29-11 ratio as a high school senior completing 64.4% of his passes. He did not see action as a rFr. Shayne House (6-5 205 rFr) is another big QB with 4.6 speed. He had a sore shoulder last fall and redshirted and was #2 after spring and the prime contender for Smith's job. Nick Stremick (6-1 209 Jr) was PS#194 and was the #3 QB last year. Erickson signed 3 QB's this year, two of whom I list in the Top Newcomers below. Smith has an added year of experience and with solid athletic talent waiting in the wings, this position should be improved in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Ken Simonton became the 1st OSU RB in TWENTY EIGHT years to top 1,000 yards rushing 2 seasons ago in 98. He seemed to wear down that year averaging 57 ypg in games 7 through 10. Last year he broke OSU's single season rushing record which was held by Bill Enyart (1968) which also eclipses the PAC 10's single season mark for a sophomore (USC's Charlie White). He could improve again in his junior year and will have even more depth behind him. Patrick McCall (5-10 194 Jr) has 4.4 speed and is a VHT as he was PS#25 and originally signed at Michigan in 97. He rushed for 41 yards as a true frosh and then was moved to CB but quit the team midyear in 98. He benches 305 lbs and played on the scout team all last year. He will push Simonton for the starting job and gives them great depth. Antonio Battle (5-11 187 Sr) was PS#192 and originally signed at Florida St in 1996. He topped 1,000 yards in 8 games at JC in 98 and had 211 yards here (4.2) including a solid 105 versus UCLA last year. Eric Mobley (5-10 193 Jr) was PS#212WR and had 79 yards rushing in 99. This year's top recruit is also a RB. It's too bad the spread offense uses only one RB on the field at a time with the talent on hand. Look for Erickson to possibly work in some 2 back formations, and this group should be even more potent than last year.

**RECEIVERS** - Last season Erickson had to replace his top 3 WR's in terms of receptions as well as his starting TE. It was a rather inexperienced group and at one point midseason Erickson was extremely unhappy with the amount of dropped passes. Perhaps this was one of the reasons Smith completed under 50%. This year they lose 2 of their top 3 WR's but everyone else is back. Gone are WR's Imani Percoats (9 sts, 51 rec, 16.0) and Roddy Tompkins (11 sts, 28 rec, 20.7). They had the best ypc's of the top six receivers. I list the two deep below and I like the talent that is available, not only at WR but also at TE. Erickson recruited 3 top notch WR's this year (see Top Newcomers) as well as a good sized JUCO in Chad Johnson (6-3 198). Despite the losses, this group is more experienced than last year and should be more consistent.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In each of the previous two years OSU has had to replace 4 starters from this group but last year had the benefit of having 9 of the top 11 lettermen back. One projected starter, Jared Cornell, was injured early and did not see action until the last 5 games after ACL surgery. The unit was decent, paving the way for 3.9 ypc and allowing 39 sacks on 472 pass attempts. They lose a couple of good ones this year. Gone are LT Jason White (12 sts, HM PAC 10) and RG Aaron Koch (12 sts, 1st tm PAC 10). White's bulk at LT (6-5 325) will be missed as will Koch's superior inside game. Chris Gibson got in 2 starts at C and should take over that spot replacing Keith DiDomenico who moves to RG giving them a solid inside corner. Overall seven of the top 10 are back and I list the two deep below. Despite the losses, this group may be a little more stingy allowing sacks in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Beavers had to replace two DL's last season but Erickson brought in a pair of JUCO's who performed well. The line averaged just 248 lbs in 97 but has progressively gotten bigger and this year's projected starting four average 271 lbs. This year they must replace 3 starters from the front wall in DE Toalei Talataina (8 sts, 41 tkls), DT Aaron Wells (12 sts, 40 tkls, 6 tfl) and NG Shaun Ball (12 sts, 54 tkls, 6 tfl, HM PAC 10). DeLawrence Grant is the top returnee and has 4.8 speed with 6 sacks last year. They have one JUCO who redshirted in Brian Tulikihihifo and some solid rFr on the roster. This looks like a good group but without the infusion of a large number of JUCO transfers like last year, it clearly looks weaker.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Beavers had to replace two starters last year but did have six of eight lettermen returning. This season the group loses just one starter but 3 of the top 6 depart. Gone are MLB Jonathan Jackson (12 sts, 87 tkls, 6 tfl, HM PAC 10), WLB Isaac White (28 tkls) and MLB Brandon Boice (16 tkls, 2 tfl). I thought Jackson was the best LB of the trio and his 247 lbs in the middle will be missed. Projected starting MLB Moala was injured late in the spring and is questionable for the start of the season. Overall this group has a little added experience over last year and should be comparable to the 99 version, if not improved.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - This has been an area of strength for the Beavers over the last 4 years as in my pass efficiency defense rankings they have gone from #43 in 96 to 37th in 97 to 14th in 98 when they had 3 starters back. Last year they had 2 starters returning and then had a projected starter go down prior to the season (Ricky Walker). The group performed admirably and finished #3 in my pass defense rankings allowing just 49.9% completions with a 10-14 ratio. CB Dennis Weathersby is the top cover corner and has good size (6-1 205) and takes on the other team's top WR. Keith Heyward-Johnson performed well at CB and Ricky Walker returns after missing most of last year with injury. Shamon Jamerson makes it 4 solid CB's, a luxury in the high flying PAC 10. Terrence Carroll was 2nd on the team in tackles and once again they are solid at the safety position. Basically everyone is back from last year's outstanding secondary and that means another top 10 finish in my pass efficiency defense rankings is a possibility as long as the front four puts enough pressure on opposing QB's.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Beavers' best finish in my special teams rankings prior to 98 was lowly #86 in 97. In 98 they finished #16 with Jamil Braithwaite blocking 6 punts, K Jose Cortez nailing the majority of his KO's for TB's and super returnman Tim Alexander. Unfortunately, all 3 had to be replaced last season and I projected a fall back into the lower half of the rankings and that is precisely what happened as they finished #91. Mike Fessler is back for his fourth year as P and should improve upon the team's 32.5 net which was due to the worst punt coverage in the PAC 10. The return game was adequate but they were -3 in the TD/blk category. Basically everyone returns from last year's group and this time I do expect improvement, probably up to the middle of the pack in the rankings.

RB Ken Simonton is on track for his third 1,000 yard season.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ken Simonton** | 294 | 1539 | 53 | 1486 | 19 | 5.1 |
| **Antonio Battle** | 50 | 214 | 3 | 211 | 2 | 4.2 |
| **Eric Mobley** | 19 | 81 | 2 | 79 | 0 | 4.2 |
| Terrance Bryant | 15 | 66 | 20 | 46 | 0 | 3.1 |
| **Hashim Hall** | 7 | 28 | 0 | 28 | 1 | 4.0 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Jonathan Smith** | 425 | 207 | 48.7 | 3053 | 15 | 7 |
| Terrance Bryant | 47 | 23 | 48.9 | 376 | 3 | 2 |
| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG | |
| Imani Percoats | 51 | 816 | 16.0 | 4 | 59 | |
| **Robert Prescott** | 49 | 614 | 12.5 | 2 | 54 | |
| Roddy Tompkins | 28 | 580 | 20.7 | 5 | 69 | |
| **TJ Houshmandzadeh** | 24 | 378 | 15.8 | 2 | 46 | |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Mike Fessler** | 75 | 2976 | 39.7 | - | 32.5 | 0 | 23 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| **Ryan Cesca** | 3-5 | 3-5 | 1-5 | 0-0 | 7-15 | 43 | |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jonathan Jackson | 87 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| **Terrence Carroll** | 72 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| **Darnell Robinson** | 66 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| **James Allen** | 64 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Shawn Ball | 54 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| **Calvin Carlyle** | 53 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| **Tevita Moala** | 41 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Toalei Talataina | 41 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Aaron Wells | 40 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Dennis Weathersby** | 37 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 0 |
| **DeLawrence Grant** | 37 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| **LaDairis Jackson** | 34 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Heyward-Johnson** | 33 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **TJ Houshmandzadeh** | 21 | 181 | 8.6 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Robert Prescott** | 24 | 556 | 23.2 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT NEVADA +1 28-13 WIN** 7,000 Beaver fans were among the 29,167 on hand. OSU's blitzing def harassed Nev QB Neill but he completed 22 of 46 for 287 yds. Simonton had 199 yds on 35 carries. Nev got a TD midway thru the 2Q. After a roughing the P pen on 4th & 20 OSU got a TD. Nev settled for a 21 yd FG with :28 left. Nev got a 44 yd FG in the 3Q, 13-7. A short pass to OSU TE Maurer ended with a TD after he lumbered 74 yds. OSU added two 4Q TD's to account for the final margin.

**FRESNO ST -3' 46-23 WIN** OSU fmbl'd on the 1st play & FSU got a 25 yd TD pass. OSU settled for a 21 yd FG. OSU got a safety (bad snap on punt) & drove 62 yds for a TD. Another bad snap caused a safety but FSU got a 3 yd TD on a blk'd punt. At this point, FSU led 14-13 but had -2 yds offense. OSU got a 24 yd int ret for a TD & added a TD, 26-14 at half. FSU settled for a 22 yd FG in the 3Q but OSU blew it open with two 3Q TD's 39-17. Each team got a 4Q TD & OSU had a 509-241 yd edge.

**GA SOUTHERN NL 48-41 -** GS was the 1999 IAA champ. It was 7-7 in the 1Q. OSU got a 51 yd TD pass but GS ret'd the KO 89 yds for a TD. After a scoring flurry OSU led 31-21 but GS got a 57 yd FG as the time ran out. GS got a TD & the teams exchanged FG's, 34-34. OSU got a 61 yd KR to set up a TD. OSU rec'd a bad snap on a punt for a TD, 48-34. GS drove for a TD late & after an OSU punt, drove to the OSU 25 but was SOD.

**AT USC +13 29-37 WIN** USC got an 85 yd PR for a TD & had 74 & 84 yd scoring drives & ret'd a fmbl 17 yds for a TD, 23-7 at half. USC also got a 71 yd int ret for a TD & a 15 yd drive foll a fmbl & it was **37-7 after 3Q's**. USC brought in the backups & OSU cut the lead to 37-21. USC's starters came back in & they drove to the OSU 20. On 4th & 11 they eschewed the FG, keeping OSU within 2 scores. OSU got a 53 yd TD pass (backdoor cover) with 1:00 to go. USC fmbl'd but OSU was SOD at the USC 33.

**WASHINGTON +2' 21-47 LOSS** UW was my 4★ Top Weekly College Late Phone Play. UW got a TD and ret'd an int 44 yds for a TD, 14-0. It was 45-0 at half. UW had backup QB Pickett in for the entire 2H & he hit 0 of 4 with 1 int. The final 5 drives for OSU amounted to 241 of their 434 yds and they got 3 garbage 2H TD's.

**AT STANFORD +8 17-21 WIN** SU's 1st 2 drives got inside the 5 but ended in fmbl's so they wasted scoring chances. OSU got a 63 yd TD drive. OSU got an int at the SU 32 but fmbl'd at the 6 & OSU was SOD at the SU 1 on their opening 3Q drive. SU drove 94 yds but fmbl'd at the 3 (6 combined redzone trips = 7 pts). SU got a 1 play, 41 yd TD & OSU a 34 yd FG. SU got an 80 yd TD drive, 14-10 but OSU a 70 yd TD, 17-14. SU drove 75 yds for a TD & OSU's final drive ended on an int at the SU 25.

**UCLA +1 55-7 WIN** OSU dominated with a 559-210 yd edge & 28-14 FD edge despite Simonton having just 8 carries for 37 yds. OSU led 21-0 when UCLA drove 81 yds for a TD but OSU got 1 play TD drives of 50 & 47 yds. It was 42-7 at the half with OSU tacking on two 4Q TD's.

**AT WASH ST -4' 27-13 WIN** Very windy & both offenses struggled. WSU's defense was banged up missing numerous players. OSU had an 80 yd TD drive & after a WSU fmbl, added a 22 yd FG. Each team had a long drive for a FG. WSU got a 50 yd FG, 13-6 at half. Simonton (did not play 1H inj) was a key factor in 88 & 71 yd 3Q TD drives. OSU led 27-6. WSU got a 97 yd garbage drive for a TD in the final seconds.

**CALIFORNIA -9 17-7 WIN** Misleading final. Cal got an 83 yd TD pass. OSU got a safety (holding in the EZ), 7-2 at half. OSU's offense came in avg 488 ypg but were held to 280. Cal crossed midfield twice 3Q but punted. Early 4Q OSU got an int & a 41 yd TD pass & a 24 yd fmbl ret for a TD. With 5:13 left Cal missed a 40 yd FG. Cal was int'd at the OSU 20 with 3:37 left & OSU fans stormed the field.

**ARIZONA -3 28-20 WIN** UA had 4 TO's. UA had an 81 yd TD drive & OSU a 46 yd'r, 7-7. OSU had a 28 yd FG blk'd & UA got a 35 yd FG w/ 1:52 left. OSU faced a 3rd & 22 & got a 65 yd TD pass to Tompkins w/ 1:28 left 2Q!! UA got a 34 yd FG & trailed 14-13 at half despite a 321-224 yd edge. UA fmbl'd a punt at their own 5 to set up a TD & OSU missed a 37 yd FG. OSU drove 32 yds for a TD foll an int, 28-13. UA drove 75 yds for a TD w/ 4:36 left 3Q. UA was SOD at the OSU 40 & punted w/ 4:04 left as fog rolled in. OSU got 3 crucial FD's punting w/ :22 left. UA had a 500-319 yd edge.

**AT OREGON +6 14-25 LOSS** As usual, the Civil War was unfriendly & OSU was flagged 15 times for 146 yds in pens with 7 of them personal fouls. UO RB Droughns rushed for 197 yds. UO dominated the 1H but they missed a 32 yd FG & settled for 33, 22 and 23 yd FG's & only led 9-0. They added a 26 yd TD run by Droughns & led 16-0 at the half with OSU having just 82 yds. UO got an 80 yd TD drive & led 22-0. OSU put together a pair of long TD drives on its next 2 poss, 22-14. The Ducks settled for a 20 yd FG & OSU's final drive was SOD. UO finished with a 356-275 yd edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Before leaving for the San Diego Chargers, Mike Riley put the pieces in place as he got Oregon St on the verge of a winning season in 1998 finishing 5-6 with close last second losses to Cal and UCLA. That OSU team had 10 players from its 1998 roster that reported to NFL training camps and 2 others signed with CFL teams. The Beavers had the lowest amount of returning starters in the PAC 10 last year and Erickson went the JUCO route to fill in the depth. Erickson knocked down that door. Last season's 7-5 record for the Beavers stopped numerous streaks. It was their first winning season since 1970 ending a streak of TWENTY EIGHT consecutive losing seasons. They had 4 straight wins for the first time since 1969, were the first OSU team since 1968 to record 7 wins and set a single season home attendance record of 195,101. Erickson was rewarded with a 5 year contract extension. Part of the reason for OSU's success was the installation of a new artificial turf field and the injuries were lessened greatly on the nice, soft turf. The Beavers' offense set single season school records for points and yards. The offense welcomes back 8 starters including a super set of RB's and should be even more potent!! The defense has an outstanding secondary but the front 7 loses 4 starters. After allowing 32.2 ppg in their first 5 games they yielded just 16.6 ppg over the last 7 and will likely give up something in the 20's this year. The non conference slate should result in a slam dunk 3-0 start. I see this team at 5-3 after 8 games and although the final 3 are all tough, they have a solid shot at another winning year and bowl bid.


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| WR | Ron Monteilh 6-1 195 PS#65 |
| QB | Mitch Meeuwsen 6-3 190 PS#69 |
| TE | Pat Loney 6-6 235 PS#42 |
| WR | Deondre Alexander 5-11 170 PS#114 |
| LB | Jonathan Pollard 6-2 223 PS#151 |
| QB | Ryan Kanekeberg 6-4 200 PS#111 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JONATHAN SMITH JR.** 5-10 186 *3 sts as rFr, 1427 yds (45%), 6-5 ratio. 12 sts in 99, 3053 yds (49%), 15-7 ratio, 158 rush. Shayne House (6-5 205 rFr) PS#159.*
**RB KEN SIMONTON JR.** 5-7 175 *PS#107. 11 sts, 1028 yds (4.6) as rFr. 2nd team P10 in 99, 11 sts. 1486 yds (5.1), 21 rec.* ***Patrick McCall*** *PS#25, Mich trans.*
**WR ROBERT PRESCOTT SR.** 5-11 175 *PS#81DB in 96. 6 sts in 97, 24 rec (17.7). 11 sts in 99, #2 rec, 49 rec (12.5). James Newson (6-1 189 rFr) PS#96WR, inj'd ly.*
**WR Shawn Kintner So.** 6-3 198 *PS#67. 11 rec (12.3) ly. Monjero Jones (6-0 174 Sr) PS#133JC, 20 rec (13.8) in 99. Seth Trimmer (6-4 198 So) PS#102QB.*
**WR TJ Houshmandzadeth Sr.** 6-2 202 *4.3 spd. PS#167JC. 4 sts, 24 rec (15.8) here ly. 431 ret yds. Chad Johnson (6-3 198 Jr), Aaron Hill (6-1 183) PS#102.*
**TE MARTIN MAURER SR.** 6-4 238 *20 rec in 97 & 98. 10 sts in 99, 17 rec (20.1!). Bennie Johnson (6-1 244 Sr) 2 sts, 4 rec ly. Mark Walsh (6-2 246 Jr) PS#36.*
**C Chris Gibson Jr.** 6-3 266 *Wresling champ in HS. 2nd string in 98. 7 gms in 99, 2 sts, 375 bench. Dustin Janz (6-3 302) 3 gms in 99, 340 bench.*
**RG KEITH DIDOMENICO JR.** 6-5 307 *2 sts in 97 as true. +30 lbs, 11 sts in 98. 10 sts in 99 (missed 2 inj), HM PAC 10. Tyler McClaughry (6-3 280 Jr) 8 gms ly.*
**LG ROBERT SYKES SR.** 6-5 325 *8 gms as rFr, 1 st, 2nd string in 98. 12 sts in 99, 360 bench.* ***Jared Cornell*** *(6-2 335 Jr) PS#172DL, 3 sts in 98. Inj'd ly.*
**RT MITCH WHITE SR.** 6-5 291 *PS#141JC in 99. 12 sts here in 99, 300 bench. Paul Davidian (6-4 293 Sr) was PS#241JC ly, in for spring in 99.*
**LT Vincent Sandoval Jr.** 6-4 297 *PS#293. 6 gms in 99, 2nd string, 400 bench. Mike Kuykendall (6-6 334 So) was PS#97, 12 gms as rFr.*
**K RYAN CESCA SO.** 5-7 167 *PS#29K in 99. Hit 7 of 15 FG's, long of 43 as true. OSU record 35 of 35 on xp's. Mike White (6-2 180 rFr).*

**DE LaDairis Jackson Sr.** 6-2 239 *PS#56JC in 99, 4 sts here in 99, 34 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. Kyle Rosselle (6-4 249 Jr) PS#170DL in 97, 1 st in 99, 12 tkls, 2 tfl.*
**DT Charles O'Neal Sr.** 6-2 301 *PS#292DL in 96, JC transfer ly. 7 gms, 2 tkls, 365 bench. Brian Tulikihihifo (6-4 275 Jr) JUCO trans ly & reds.*
**DT Eric Manning So.** 6-2 285 *PS#331DL in 98, DNQ. 4.7 speed. 15 tkls, 2 tfl here in 99 as "true." Dwan Edwards (6-3 252 rFr) PS#148DL. 4.75 speed.*
**DE DeLAWRENCE GRANT SR.** 6-3 260 *PS#53JC in 99. 11 sts here in 99, 37 tkls, 6 sks, 1 tfl, 370 bench, 4.8 speed. Sefa O'Reilly (6-1 224 Sr) 31 tkls, 3 yrs.*
**SLB DARNELL ROBINSON SR.** 6-0 216 *29 tkls in 97 & 98. 12 sts in 99, 66 tkls, 4 sks, 2 int, HM PAC 10. Nick Barnett (6-2 186 So) PS#332LB, 11 tkls as true.*
**MLB Tevita Moala Sr.** 5-10 216 *PS#161, 3 gms at BYU in 93. Mission then JC. Signed at Minn in 98. 41 tkls, 3 tfl here in 99. Greg Brown-Davis was PS#160.*
**WLB JAMES ALLEN JR.** 6-1 218 *4.6 speed. 21 tkls in 98, 1 int. 12 sts in 99, 64 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Richard Seigler (6-3 212 rFr) PS#230LB.*
**CB DENNIS WEATHERSBY SO.** 6-1 205 *PS#144. 12 sts as rFr, long arms, 2nd tm P10, 37 tkls, 17 pbu. Shamon Jamerson (5-11 170 So) PS#161, 8 tkls.*
**CB KEITH HEYWARD-JOHNSON SR.** 5-11 178 *12 tkls as true. 4 pbu in 98. 12 sts, 33 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu in 99.* ***Ricky Walker*** *(5-11 181 Sr) PS#151RB, 2 int, 4 pbu in 98.*
**SS TERRENCE CARROLL SR.** 6-0 209 *11 sts in 97, 2 int. 9 sts in 98, 55 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 72 tkls, 3 int, HM P10. Jake Cookus (5-10 191 Sr) PS#136QB, 24 tkls ly.*
**FS CALVIN CARLYLE JR.** 5-11 181 *1 st, 15 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu, HM PAC 10. Terrell Roberts (5-10 186 So) PS#233DB, 9 tkls as true.*
**P MIKE FESSLER SR.** 5-10 212 *69 punts in 97, solid 41.0. 62 punts 39.1 avg in 98. 75 punts in 99 solid 39.7 avg. Best net in 97 at 35.3.*

# OREGON ST BEAVERS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score OSU | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Oregon St is 2-5 ATS as a double digit favorite. The home team is 11-1-1 ATS in the Arizona State series, with the Beavers covering 6 in a row at home vs ASU. OSU has won 10 in a row SU vs non-conf opponents. Beavers 1999 win in Pullman was their first "W" there in 21 years. |
| Sep. 2 | E Washington | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Oregon St is 1-2 SU L/3 "NL" games, combined score 77-109. EWU was Big Sky champ in 97 and is 24-12 SU the L3Y. |
| Sep. 9 | at New Mexico | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Beavers are 4-0 ATS the L/2Y in non-Pac 10 games. OSU is 9-2 ATS prior to a bye week. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bonus: Erickson's teams (OSU & NFL's Seattle) are 14-6-1 ATS the last 3 years on the road. Also, they are 12-5-1 ATS as a dog overall. |
| Sep. 23 | San Diego St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Oregon St is just 9-7-1 ATS as a HF S/90 but 5-0 the L2Y! Beavers are 2-4 SU, 2-2 ATS L/6 vs current MWC schools. |
| Sep. 30 | USC | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Trojans have won L/26 SU in this series, aggregate score is USC 987-254. Beavers are 8-2 ATS since 1992 in their second straight home game. |
| Oct. 7 | at Washington | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | OSU is 2-8-1 ATS in their first conference road game. Oregon State is 10-6 ATS vs Washington. |
| Oct. 14 | Stanford | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending LW's results OSU is 8-2 ATS their L/10 October games. The dog is 8-2-1 ATS in this series. OSU won at pick'em in '98. |
| Oct. 21 | at UCLA | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | OSU is 4-1 ATS, all as a dog, the L/5 vs the Bruins. Oregon St dealt UCLA it's worst loss in 69 years LY, 7-55. |
| Oct. 28 | Wash St (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Beavers are 2-8 ATS their L/10 sandwiched home games. Oregon St is 2-7 ATS the last 9 in this series. |
| Nov. 4 | at California | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | OSU is 4-1 ATS the L2Y in November. Beavers are 9-3 ATS L/12 vs the Golden Bears. |
| Nov. 11 | at Arizona | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Beavers are 2-7 the last 9 in the 2nd of 2 or more away game. The visiting team is 3-8 ATS the L/11 games in this series. |
| Nov. 18 | Oregon | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | OSU is 9-3 ATS L/12 vs their instate rivals. Beavers are 11-4 ATS in November home games since 1992. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: RESER STADIUM (35,362)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 4-7 | 1-10 | 2-9 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 26-51 |
| ATS | 7-4 | 7-4 | 2-8-1 | 4-7 | 3-7-1 | 8-3 | 8-2 | 39-35-2 |
| Home Fav | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1-1 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 9-5-1 |
| Home Dog | 3-1 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 14-11 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Away Dog | 3-3 | 4-1 | 1-2-1 | 1-4 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 13-17-1 |
| Favorite | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 1-1-1 | 3-0 | 4-0 | 11-7-1 |
| Dog | 6-4 | 6-2 | 2-5-1 | 3-6 | 2-6 | 4-3 | 4-2 | 27-28-1 |
| Grass | 2-2 | 3-1 | 0-2-1 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 11-12-1 |
| Artificial | 5-2 | 4-3 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 3-4-1 | 6-1 | 5-2 | 28-23-1 |
| vs PAC 10 | 5-3 | 6-2 | 2-5-1 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 6-3 | 6-2 | 30-26-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 1-1-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 9-9-1 |
| Off SU Win | 1-2 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-1-1 | 2-2 | 5-1 | 11-11-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 5-2 | 4-2 | 2-6-1 | 4-4 | 2-4 | 5-1 | 2-1 | 24-20-1 |

## Coach: DENNIS ERICKSON (Career 120-45-1)
### *Erickson's record AT OREGON STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Oregon State | | 3-0 | Home Favorite |
| 7-5 | Straight Up | 1-1 | Home Underdog |
| 8-2 | Vs The Spread | 1-0 | Away Favorite |
| 2-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 3-1 | Away Underdog |
| 6-2 | Vs PAC 10 | 2-0 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | Rose | NL | Duke | 20-16 | W |
| 56 | Rose | NL | Iowa | 19-35 | L |
| 62 | Liberty | NL | Villanova | 6-0 | W |
| 64 | Rose | NL | Michigan | 7-34 | L |
| 99 | Oahu | -9 | Hawaii | 17-23 | L |

# OREGON ST (7-5)

CONFERENCE: **PAC 10**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 56 (26,27,3)**
**Lost: 23 (10,12,1)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 28.9 | 22 | 149 | 3.9 | 286 | 48.7 | 15.0 | +7 | 1999 | 5 | 23.1 | 21 | 158 | 4.0 | 198 | 49.9 | 15.4 |
| 9* | 26.0 | 20 | 116 | 3.5 | 256 | 47.5 | 14.3 | -3 | 1998 | 9 | 26.5 | 22 | 136 | 3.2 | 255 | 55.0 | 14.8 |
| 5* | 17.7 | 18 | 84 | 2.4 | 210 | 46.4 | 16.6 | +6 | 1997 | 8 | 25.9 | 22 | 153 | 3.5 | 227 | 53.9 | 14.7 |
| 4* | 19.6 | 17 | 231 | 4.5 | 85 | 36.4 | 16.8 | -2 | 1996 | 6 | 35.3 | 19 | 197 | 4.5 | 199 | 53.5 | 11.2 |
| 6* | 12.4 | 16 | 210 | 3.9 | 72 | 32.9 | 22.8 | -7 | 1995 | 6 | 21.5 | 17 | 122 | 3.0 | 181 | 50.8 | 14.1 |
| 6 | 20.3 | 17 | 279 | 4.8 | 53 | 35.6 | 16.4 | -9 | 1994 | 8 | 21.7 | 18 | 136 | 3.3 | 209 | 54.7 | 15.9 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| | 1999 STATS BY GAME | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| at Nevada | 22 | 39-188 | 4.8 | 21-43 | 257 | 2 | 21 | 31-92 | 3.0 | 22-46 | 287 | 4 | +2 |
| Fresno St | 23 | 46-206 | 4.5 | 16-29 | 303 | 2 | 19 | 35-45 | 1.3 | 23-37 | 196 | 3 | +1 |
| Ga Southern | 24 | 41-217 | 5.3 | 16-26 | 326 | 2 | 29 | 60-333 | 5.6 | 11-26 | 164 | 0 | 0 |
| at USC | 29 | 39-129 | 3.3 | 26-57 | 340 | 3 | 21 | 39-170 | 4.4 | 17-31 | 197 | 3 | -3 |
| Washington | 22 | 28-101 | 3.6 | 26-55 | 333 | 1 | 19 | 52-254 | 4.9 | 11-20 | 93 | 2 | -4 |
| at Stanford | 22 | 41-128 | 3.1 | 23-41 | 405 | 5 | 25 | 36-171 | 4.8 | 20-34 | 312 | 0 | +1 |
| UCLA | 28 | 45-225 | 5.0 | 20-42 | 334 | 2 | 14 | 35-89 | 2.5 | 10-29 | 121 | 7 | +2 |
| at Washington St | 19 | 47-163 | 3.5 | 17-27 | 245 | 2 | 17 | 33-109 | 3.3 | 18-34 | 194 | 4 | 0 |
| California | 14 | 36-120 | 3.3 | 8-33 | 160 | 3 | 14 | 35-78 | 2.2 | 12-40 | 151 | 3 | +3 |
| Arizona | 20 | 29-110 | 3.8 | 17-41 | 209 | 5 | 24 | 48-257 | 5.4 | 17-34 | 243 | 3 | +4 |
| at Oregon | 21 | 34-27 | 0.8 | 21-38 | 248 | 6 | 23 | 45-210 | 4.7 | 13-24 | 146 | 0 | 0 |
| Hawaii (Bowl) | 24 | 35-169 | 4.8 | 19-40 | 269 | 6 | 21 | 24-83 | 3.5 | 23-40 | 266 | 0 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 268 | 460-1783 | 3.9 | 230-472 | 3429 | 39 | 247 | 473-1891 | 4.0 | 197-395 | 2370 | 29 | +7 |
| AVERAGES | 22.3 | 38-149 | 3.9 | 19-39 | 286 | 3.3 | 20.6 | 39-158 | 4.0 | 16-33 | 198 | 2.4 | 0.6 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Idaho | -15 | 14-7 | L |
| at Pacific | -14 | 10-23 | L |
| at N Texas | -14 | 27-30 | L |
| at Arizona St | +9 | 11-20 | T |
| Washington | +7 | 16-26 | L |
| at Washington St | +10' | 14-40 | L |
| California | +.5 | 12-13 | L |
| at Stanford | +10 | 3-24 | L |
| Arizona | +6' | 9-14 | W |
| USC | +16 | 10-28 | L |
| at Oregon | +16 | 10-12 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Montana | -2' | 14-35 | L |
| at USC | +26 | 17-46 | L |
| at Baylor | +18 | 10-42 | L |
| at California | +15' | 42-48 | W |
| Washington St | +9 | 3-24 | L |
| Stanford | +9 | 26-12 | W |
| at Arizona | +19' | 7-33 | L |
| Arizona St | +23' | 14-29 | W |
| at Washington | +23' | 3-42 | L |
| N Illinois | -21 | 67-28 | W |
| Oregon | +8' | 13-49 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Texas | -13 | 33-7 | W |
| Stanford | +11' | 24-27 | W |
| Arizona St | +11 | 10-13 | W |
| San Jose St | -18 | 26-12 | L |
| Utah St | -8 | 24-16 | T |
| at UCLA | +22' | 10-34 | L |
| Washington | +24 | 17-45 | L |
| at California | +5 | 14-33 | L |
| at Arizona | +16' | 7-27 | L |
| USC | +12 | 0-23 | L |
| at Oregon | +16 | 30-48 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nevada | -7' | 48-6 | W |
| Baylor | -7 | 27-17 | W |
| at USC | +14 | 20-40 | L |
| at Arizona St | +10' | 3-24 | L |
| at Utah St | -3' | 20-16 | W |
| at Stanford | E | 30-23 | W |
| Arizona | +8 | 7-28 | L |
| at Washington | +16' | 34-35 | W |
| California | +1' | 19-20 | W |
| UCLA | +16' | 34-41 | W |
| Oregon | +9' | 44-41 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Nevada | +1 | 28-13 | W |
| Fresno St | -3' | 46-23 | W |
| Ga Southern | NL | 48-41 | – |
| at USC | +13 | 29-37 | W |
| Washington | +2' | 21-47 | L |
| at Stanford | +8 | 17-21 | W |
| UCLA | +1 | 55-7 | W |
| at Washington St | -4' | 27-13 | W |
| California | -9 | 17-7 | W |
| Arizona | -3 | 28-20 | W |
| at Oregon | +6 | 14-25 | L |

# PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Lions were in an unusual situation for Paterno last year rotating 2 QB's for most of the season. Kevin Thompson started all 12 regular season games, but Rashard Casey saw plenty of action and his mobility was a big plus at times. Thompson departs after throwing for 1,916 yards (55%) with a 13-9 ratio. Casey started the bowl game due to a Thompson injury and finished the year with 1,002 yards passing (61%) with a 7-4 ratio and also was the team's second leading rusher with 317 yards. He figures to be the clear cut starter this year and Paterno will probably build some of the offense around his mobility. Matt Senneca (6-3 226 So) is a VHT (PS#20) who served as the team's FG holder last year and played in 4 games as the #3 QB with 2 pass attempts, 32 yards rushing and also had 2 punts. Paterno also signed 2 VHT frosh this year in Zac Wasserman (PS#7) and Zack Mills (6-3 195, PS#15). Despite the loss of Thompson, I feel Casey can improve upon 99's overall team numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Paterno does a great job recruiting and this unit is loaded with talent as four VHT's are already on the roster and two more signed this year (see Top Newcomers). The only losses from last year are TB Cordell Mitchell (4 sts, 156 yards) and FB Aaron Harris (4 sts, 206 yds). Eric McCoo had a sensational true frosh season rushing for 927 yards (6.3) but couldn't recapture the magic last year although he was split out as a wide receiver occasionally. McCoo finished with 782 yards (5.1) and 23 receptions (11.4) in 99. Omar Easy, who grew up in Jamaica and had just 2 years of high school football, continues to improve and may finally be ready to live up to his PS#5 potential. He has 296 yards rushing in 2 years but has suffered from bouts of fumblitis. Larry Johnson (6-2 220 So, PS#109) is a big, pounding RB who rushed for 201 yards (4.1) last year. Kenny Watson (6-0 208 Sr) was PS#18DB and had 76 yards rushing last season. I list the top 3 FB's below. There is a chance that one of the true frosh could see action. This is a deep and talented group and I look for solidly improved numbers in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Lions had to replace their leading WR and starting TE and this year look to be in better shape. The only big loss from this entire group in 99 is WR Chafie Fields (13 sts, 41 rec, 17.1 ypc, 2nd tm Big 10). The other loss was Corey Jones who started 8 games in 98 (27 rec, 13.6) but only had 3 rec's in 99 due to injury. All the TE's return and I list the top 3 below plus they signed PS #3 this year. If you check my 2 deep below you will see that Paterno has no less than 5 VHT's to choose from at the WR position and he must be very confident in the talent level at this position as he did not recruit any this year. Of course that does not preclude some of the VHT RB's from playing WR as well. Rod Perry, a VHT transfer from USC, had a big spring and could be a key contributor. I like the talent level here and they are more experienced than they were heading into last season. I expect Eddie Drummond to have a big year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Lions' offensive front did not live up to its potential last year as they had 7 players with starting experience returning but allowed 46 sacks as opposed to just 28 given up in 98. Paterno cites part of the problem in the fact that 3 players started at C, 3 at long guard and 4 at short guard. Paterno says they went through 12 or 13 different lineups during the year which made it tough to find continuity. This year they must replace LT John Blick (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM Big 10), C Eric Cole (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd tm Big 10) and LG Gabe Tincher (2 sts). Just like last year 3 starters return and this year 8 players have starting experience. Paterno has 9 VHT's in the mix. This line should have more continuity than last year, is loaded with talent and I look for them to be improved.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Lions returned 3 starters to the defensive front last year including their superstar DE Courtney Brown (13 sts, 1st tm AA, Big 10 Def POY, 13.5 sks, 15 tfl, #1 DC of CLE, 1st NFL pick!!). This year they lose Brown as well as DT's David Fleischhauer (11 sts, 33 tkls, 5 tfl) and Jason Wallace (5 sts, 10 tkls). Just two players return with starting experience but Paterno signed another excellent crop of true frosh with 7 VHT's coming in. There are 6 returning VHT's from last year and the unit has good size with the projected starters averaging 275 lbs. This is a quality line and one of the better groups in the NCAA, but with the loss of Brown it is clearly weaker in 2000. Paterno thinks Justin Kurpeikis will be this year's star as long as he can stay healthy.

**LINEBACKERS** - Penn St simply had the best LB corps in the country last year but unfortunately all 3 starters depart. Gone are LB LaVar Arrington (1st tm AA, 10 sks, 11 tfl, #1 DC of WAS), ILB Brandon Short (13 sts, 1st tm AA, 13 tfl, #1 tkl'r, #4DC of NYG), OLB Mac Morrison (13 sts, HM Big 10, 69 tkls, 3 tfl) and ILB Maurice Daniels (14 tkls, 1 tfl). The massive number of departures does not mean this position is now bereft of talent. In fact, in the 3 deep that I list below 8 of the 9 players are VHT's!! While this group is definitely weaker than the 99 version, they are still one of the better LB corps in the country.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Penn St has had 3 top 10 finishes in my pass efficiency defense rankings over the last 4 years. Most of those top 10 finishes were with veteran secondaries. Their only non-top 10 finish was in 97 when they had to replace 3 starters and slipped to #34. Last year they finished #8 allowing 51.3% and only 14 TD's vs 21 int's while taking on a very tough slate of opposing QB's. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are CB David Macklin (13 sts, 2nd tm Big 10, 11 pbu, #3DC of IND), CB Anthony King (12 sts, 3 pbu, 44 tkls), SS Derek Fox (13 sts, 5 int, 5 pbu), FS Askari Adams (L/7 sts, 3 int, 70 tkls) and FS Jon Sandusky (7 tkls). The Lions have had an outstanding CB combo in King and Macklin for the last 3 years but it is interesting to note that both were small in stature with their heights at just 5-8 and 5-9. Paterno has recruited bigger CB's and this year's could both be over 6-0 if Jue and Scott win the jobs. Naturally almost everyone listed in my 2 deep below is a VHT and you can expect some of the frosh newcomers to play immediately. This should be a solid secondary but is clearly less experienced and weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - I think Joe Paterno is probably the top head coach in the country. That is why it surprises me that his special teams are not perennially in the top 10 each and every year. His highest finish in my special teams rankings has been "just" #21 which happened in 97. After a finish at #48 in 98 the Lions rose to #36 last year with a +3 in the TD/blk category. Despite the presence of Pat Pidgeon at P (say that 3 times quick), the Lions' net punting dropped to 35.2. Pidgeon departs this year and the only P on the roster is David Royer. All of the key returnmen are back and Paterno has tons of fast VHT's on the 2nd & 3rd teams to make this unit dangerous. The biggest loss is K Travis Forney who hit a super 22 of 28 FG's with a long of 47 including 5 of 7 from 40-49. His FG accuracy will be missed as will his TB's on KO's. The Lions blocked 4 punts last year and this unit has a chance to improve on last year's final rankings provided the new P does well.

TB Eric McCoo is looking for bigger & better numbers this year.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Eric McCoo** | **152** | **831** | **49** | **782** | **4** | **5.1** |
| **Rashard Casey** | **83** | **483** | **166** | **317** | **6** | **3.8** |
| Aaron Harris | 50 | 228 | 22 | 206 | 3 | 4.1 |
| **Larry Johnson** | **49** | **218** | **17** | **201** | **1** | **4.1** |
| Cordell Mitchell | 46 | 173 | 17 | 156 | 0 | 3.4 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kevin Thompson | 242 | 133 | 55.0 | 1916 | 13 | 9 |
| **Rashard Casey** | **110** | **67** | **61.0** | **1002** | **7** | **4** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chafie Fields | 41 | 703 | 17.1 | 5 | 79 |
| **Eddie Drummond** | **36** | **697** | **19.4** | **6** | **71** |
| **John Gilmore** | **23** | **293** | **12.7** | **1** | **35** |
| **Eric McCoo** | **23** | **262** | **11.4** | **1** | **31** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pat Pidgeon | 59 | 2458 | 41.6 | - | - | 0 | 14 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Travis Forney | 8-9 | 9-11 | 5-7 | 0-1 | 22-28 | 47 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brandon Short | 111 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 1 |
| LaVar Arrington | 86 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 1 |
| **James Boyd** | **70** | **0** | **4** | **7** | **3** |
| Askari Adams | 70 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Mac Morrison | 69 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Justin Kurpeikis** | **62** | **11** | **6** | **3** | **0** |
| Derek Fox | 61 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Courtney Brown | 59 | 14 | 15 | 1 | 1 |
| Anthony King | 44 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| **Ron Graham** | **37** | **3** | **1** | **0** | **1** |
| **Jimmy Kennedy** | **36** | **1** | **5** | **4** | **0** |
| David Macklin | 36 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| David Fleischhauer | 33 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bruce Branch** | **42** | **478** | **11.4** | **2** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kenny Watson** | **22** | **522** | **23.7** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**ARIZONA -4' 41-7 WIN** Preseason #3 vs #4. In the 1H PSU amassed 361 yds offense & led 31-0. They extended it to 41-0 after 3Q's & UA only averted the shutout after rec a fmbl & driving 43 yds for a TD w/ :47 left. PSU had a 504-356 yd edge.

**AKRON -45 70-24 WIN** PSU led 14-0 after 1Q but a 51 yd KR & fmbl rec at the PSU 32 helped AU close it to 14-10. PSU got 3 scores in 7:00 as a 53 yd KR, an int ret to the 10 & a 59 yd int ret for a TD made it 35-10 at half, 56-10 after 3Q's.

**PITTSBURGH -34' 20-17 LOSS** After trading TD's PSU added a FG, 10-7 at half. Pitt got an int at the PSU 18 to set up a FG. PSU had a TD drive early 4Q, 17-10. PSU got an int ret to the Pitt 9 but was int'd at the 13. PSU had an int bounce off their hands & Pitt WR Grim caught it for 47 yds. Pitt's next pass was almost int'd but was a 42 yd TD pass to tie w/ 4:34 left. Thompson led PSU 77 yds for a 24 yd FG w/ 1:20 left. Pitt ret'd the KO 47 yds & had a FD at the PSU 24 but a 10 yd sk on 3D forced a 51 yd FG which Arrington blk'd.

**AT MIAMI, FLA. -2 27-23 WIN** Rainy. PSU had a 142-89 yd 1H edge & led 10-0 after 1Q. UM got its 1st FD w/ 4:14 left & a 29 yd FG w/ :23 left, 10-3. PSU ret'd the 3Q KO 50 yds & drove for a TD, 17-3. UM got an 18 yd TD run & 40 yd TD pass to tie. PSU hit a FG, 20-17. UM got a 39 yd TD run w/ 7:42 left, 23-20 (xpng). PSU was int'd but UM somewhat surprisingly went for it on 4th & 1 at the PSU 22 & was SOD w/ 1:53 left. Thompson came in & hit Fields for a 79 yd TD, 27-23. UM was int'd on their final 2 drives.

**INDIANA -27 45-24 LOSS** IU got a FG after a 17 yd PR. PSU got a 37 yd int ret for a TD. PSU fmbl'd at the IU 5 but on their next poss went 53 yds for a TD. Each team got a TD, 17-10. PSU ret'd a punt for a TD. IU fmbl'd a punt & Casey ran 31 yds for a TD, 31-10. IU drove for a TD but PSU answered w/ a 74 yd TD drive, 38-17. IU drove 60 yds for a TD, 38-24 w/ 10:54 left. Casey guided PSU 80 yds for a TD & IU was SOD & PSU hung on.

**AT IOWA -28 31-7 LOSS** PSU got a 68 yd reverse for a TD but was int'd twice in UI terr. UI had a FG bounce off the upright. PSU got a 63 yd drive for a TD w/ :09 left, 14-0. At half PSU had a 255-102 yd edge. PSU missed a FG to open the 3Q & UI got a 40 yd TD pass, 14-7. McCoo got a 47 yd TD run. UI blk'd a punt & drove to the PSU 2 but were SOD. PSU went 98 yds for a TD & added a 26 yd FG w/ 4:23 left.

**OHIO ST -11 23-10 WIN** PSU had 1H scoring drives of 70, 59 and 40 yds & led 13-0 & also had a 39 yd FG blk'd. OSU got a 47 yd FG & then w/ 2:50 left rec a fmbl for a TD, 13-10. At half PSU had a 238-71 yd edge. PSU had a 61 yd TD drive, 21 yd FG blk'd, 28 yd FG, 23-10 early 4Q. OSU was SOD at the 30 & SOD at their own 30 w/ 1:43 left.

**AT PURDUE -4 31-25 WIN** Pur had a FG blk'd but then drove 80 yds for a TD. Arrington ret'd a fmbl 2 yds for a TD, 7-7. Pur drove 76 yds for a TD. PSU drove 43 yds for a TD after a fmbl'd punt, 14-14. Pur had another FG blk'd. On the 1st play of the 3Q PSU got a 78 yd TD pass & added Brown's 25 yd int ret for a TD, 28-14 w/ 10:28 left 3Q. A rough the P call set up a Pur 27 yd FG. Pur added a 26 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, PSU settled for a 24 yd FG w/ 8:01 left. PSU missed a 47 yd FG. Pur was SOD at the PSU 12.

**AT ILLINOIS -16 27-7 WIN** PSU started slowly but finished w/ a 440-248 yd edge. UI got an 89 yd TD drive but punted on their next 10 poss. PSU added a TD to tie but w/ 1:10 left in half at the Illini 12 were int'd. PSU got a 44 yd FG to open the 3Q but were then int'd at the UI 26. PSU drove 55 yds for a TD & then after a short punt Casey eluded the rush & raced 34 yds for a TD, 24-7. UI missed a 43 yd FG & PSU got a 39 yd FG.

**MINNESOTA -14 23-24 LOSS** PSU opened w/ a 57 yd TD drive but then missed a 50 yd FG. UM got a 27 yd FG & drove 38 yds for a TD, 9-7 (xpng). UM was SOD at the PSU 26 & later PSU drove 35 yds for a TD w/ 3:55 left, 14-9. PSU drove 77 yds but settled for a 20 yd FG. UM drove 80 yds for a TD, 17-15 (2 ptng). PSU got a FG but UM got a 49 yd TD pass to Hamner, 20-21. PSU got a 44 yd FG w/ 9:13 left. PSU drove to the UM 33 but punted w/ 1:50 left. On UM's last poss they got a 45 yd pass & on 4th & 15 a tipped pass bounced into the hands of a WR for a FD at the 13. They got a 32 yd FG on the game's final play.

**MICHIGAN -6 27-31 LOSS** For the 3rd straight year, UM controlled the line of scrimmage & TY they had a 411-278 yd edge. PSU fmbl'd on its 1st two poss & UM got 2 1Q scores, 0-10. PSU got a 79 yd PR TD, 7-10. UM opened the 3Q w/ an 80 yd TD drive. PSU drove 8 yds foll a blk'd punt for a 39 yd FG & then drove 66 yds twice for 10 pts, 20-17. PSU got a 46 yd int TD ret, 27-17 w/ 9:44 left. UM drove 81 yds for a TD w/ 3:26 left & foll a 24 yd PR drove 35 yds for a TD w/ 1:46 left. PSU got to UM's 34 but fmbl'd.

**AT MICHIGAN ST +2 28-35 LOSS** PSU had a 403-253 yd edge and LB Arrington DNP. A long KR, 64 yd PR & 9 yd TD drive foll a fmbl set up 3 MSU TD's, 0-21. 7-28 at half. PSU drove 70 & 86 yds for TD's & 43 yds for a FG, 28-28 w/ 7:47 left. After snagging an int, PSU got a FG to tie but on their next series were int'd & MSU drove 39 yds for a TD. PSU was int'd & ran out of time on their final drive.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

In two of the last three years PSU has been a preseason pick for #1 and had that goal within reach at midseason but then fell apart after their first loss. Last year the Lions entered November unbeaten and #2 in the country until a stunning last second loss to Minnesota. They would go on to lose their final three games of the regular season for the first time in the Paterno era before rebounding with a shellacking of Texas A&M in the Alamo Bowl. The Lions had perhaps the most talented defense of all time last year and four were NFL DC's in April including the #1 and #2 overall picks, Brown and Arrington. Not only must they replace 9 defensive starters this year, but also long time Defensive Coordinator, Jerry Sandusky, who was a master especially with extra time to prepare for an opponent. Joe Paterno set a record last year by coaching his 30th bowl game and he won in his 13th different bowl. Paterno signed a 5 year contract extension and the 73 year old coach said he has every intention of keeping his job through 2004. He is also within 7 wins of breaking Bear Bryant's record of 323 all-time victories. After the last few years where the team has worn down at the end of the season, Paterno worked the team harder than ever in the spring in an effort to improve conditioning. The offense should be potent with Rashard Casey's running ability causing Paterno to add a few more plays to the offense to take advantage of it. Naturally the defense is weaker with the loss of 9 starters including the two best defensive players in the NCAA. I still rank them #21 overall on that side of the ball in terms of talent. This is not a rebuilding year for Penn St and if Paterno can pull off a win or two away from home vs powers like USC, Michigan or Ohio St, I give them a shot at topping last year's 9 regular season wins. QB Casey's status was up in the air as of this writing due to an off-field incident and his return is a must for a successful year.


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|---|---|
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| RB | Tony Johnson 6-1 205 PS#9 |
| QB | Zac Wasserman 6-3 210 PS#7 |
| LB | Tim Johnson 6-4 235 PS#7 |
| TE | Sean McHugh 6-6 240 PS#3 |
| DL | Sam Ruhe 6-5 245 PS#15 |
| OL | Nick Marmo 6-6 315 PS#17 |
| DL | Erik Noll 6-5 292 PS#20 |
| RB | Adam Taliaferro 5-11 182 PS#17 |
| LB | Derek Wake 6-3 232 PS#17 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Rashard Casey Sr.** 6-1 205 *PS#2. 150 yd pass, 109 rush in 98. 1 st, 1002 yds pass (61%) 7-4 ratio, 317 rush in 99. Matt Senneca (6-3 226 So) PS#20.*
**RB ERIC McCOO JR.** 5-10 208 *PS#18, 927 yds (6.3) as true. 8 sts in 99, 782 yds (5.1), 23 rec (11.4). Omar Easy (6-1 249 Jr) PS#5, Larry Johnson (6-2 220 So) PS#109.*
**FB MIKE CERIMELE SR.** 5-10 237 *PS#29LB. 12 sts in 98, 282 yds (4.9), 14 rec. 8 sts in 99, 112 rush, 14 rec. RJ Luke (6-3 243 Jr) PS#1TE. Ricky Upton (6-0 232 rFr) PS#66.*
**WR EDDIE DRUMMOND JR.** 5-9 182 *PS#5 in 98. 4.35 speed. 11 sts in 99, #2 w/36 rec (19.4), 117 yds rushing. Bryant Johnson (6-2 196 So) PS#22, 7 rec as true.*
**WR Sam Crenshaw Sr.** 6-2 199 *PS#28. 5 rec in 97 & 98. 10 rec (12.4) in 99. Yaacov Yisrael (5-11 190 rFr) PS#10.* ***Rod Perry*** *(5-10 188 Jr) PS#5, USC trans.*
**TE TONY STEWART SR.** 6-5 272 *PS#3. 14 rec (15.4) in 98, 13 sts, 16 rec ly. John Gilmore (6-4 265 Jr) PS#8, 23 rec (12.7). Tyler Lenda (6-3 264 So) PS#31RB.*
**C JOE IORIO SO.** 6-3 292 *PS#347OL. 9 gms, started last 4 as true frosh walk-on in 99. Francis Spano (6-1 286 Sr) 6 sts at C in 99, 1 letter.*
**RG Greg Ransom Sr.** 6-2 298 *PS#19DL. 1 tkl, 1 tfl at DT as true. Last 4 sts in 98. 4 sts in 99 (miss 2 inj). Josh Mitchell (6-4 289 Jr) PS#17.*
**LG JORDAN CARUSO SR.** 6-4 300 *PS#13. Lettered in 97. 3 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99. Joe Hartings (6-4 270 Jr) PS#12B. Imani Bell (6-4 312 Sr) PS#23.*
**RT KAREEM McKENZIE SR.** 6-7 321 *PS#5. 9 sts in 98 til inj. 2nd tm Big 10. 13 sts in 99,* ***1st tm Big 10.*** *Gus Felder (6-5 317 Jr) PS#8, 13 gms ly.*
**LT Matt Schmitt So.** 6-4 293 *PS#14 in 98. 8 gms as rFr and 1 st. Damone Jones (6-4 309 rFr) PS#19. Jason Bisson (6-7 303 Jr) PS#35.*
**K Dave Kimball Fr.** 6-1 180 *PS#2K. Hit 9 of 9 FG's as Sr in HS, long of 53, solid KO's. Ryan Primanti (5-11 206 Sr) 5 PAT's in 3 years.*

**DE Michael Haynes So.** 6-3 254 *PS#88DL. 8 gms, 6 tkls, 1 sk as rFr.* ***Dave Costlow*** *(6-2 260 rFr) was PS#8DL in 99. Sam Ruhe is PS#15DL.*
**NT JIMMY KENNEDY SO.** 6-5 329 *PS#50. 7 sts ly, 36 tkls, 5.5 tfl. Anthony Adams (6-0 276 So) PS#40, 5 tkls, 1 tfl in 99. Tom Gholston (6-3 285 So) PS#33.*
**DT Bob Jones Jr.** 6-5 261 *PS#21TE. 9 sts, 414 plays, 28 tkls, 8 tfl in 98. 2 sts in 99, 16 tkls, 3 tfl. Tim Falls (6-3 272 So) PS#19DL, 1 tkl in 99.*
**DE JUSTIN KURPEIKIS SR.** 6-4 255 *PS#22LB. 1 st, 30 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr. 23 tkls, 7 tfl in 98. 13 sts in 99, 62 tkls,* ***11 sks,*** *HM Big 10. Dan Acri (6-4 242) PS#30LB.*
**OLB Eric Sturdifen Sr.** 6-2 232 *PS#16LB. 12 tkls, 1 sk in 97 & 98. 11 tkls in 99, 1 sk. Horace Dodd (6-1 210 rFr) PS#19RB in 99. Derek Wake is PS#17.*
**ILB Ron Graham Jr.** 6-2 257 *PS#4LB. 1 st, 29 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. 1 st, 37 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl in 99. Shamar Finney (6-2 236 Jr) PS#3, 8 tkls ly. Tim Johnson is PS#7.*
**OLB Aaron Gatten Sr.** 6-1 222 *PS#15. 18 tkls in 96. 13 tkls, 2 tfl in 97. 1 st, 16 tkls, 2 tfl in 98, RS 99. Gino Capone (6-1 240) PS#31RB. JD Benson (6-3 215) PS#45.*
**CB Bhawoh Jue Sr.** 6-1 196 *PS#92. 2 sts, 29 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu in 98. 2 sts in 99, 26 tkls, 6 pbu. Bryan Scott (6-2 212 So) PS#4DB, 11 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu as true.*
**CB Bruce Branch Jr.** 5-11 190 *PS#8WR in 97. 5 rec, 42 PR (10.9) in 98. 9 tkls, 2 int ly. Adam Taliaferro (5-11 182) PS#17RB. Gerald Smith (5-11 182) PS#13DB.*
**SS Titcus Pettigrew Sr.** 6-0 213 *PS#4WR. 1 st, 8 rec as true. 1 st, 12 tkls in 98. RS 99. Shawn Mayer (6-0 195 So) PS#14, 11 tkls ly. Mark Petitgout (5-11 222 So) PS#234LB.*
**FS James Boyd Sr.** 6-0 206 *PS#10. 14 tkls as true. 1 st, 46 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 6 sts in 99, 70 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu, 4 tfl. Deryck Toles (6-0 208 rFr) was PS#22RB in 99.*
**P David Royer So.** 6-3 210 *10 punts in 99 as rFr with a 36.7 average. Dave Kimball is PS#2K and will also compete for PK job.*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score PSU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 27 | † USC (Kickoff Classic) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Penn St is 12-4 ATS L/16 overall in non-conference play. Penn St is 11-4 ATS in their 1st game away from Happy Valley. |
| Sep. 2 | Toledo | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nittany Lions are 5-0 SU, 4-0 ATS vs MAC schools since '87. Paterno's crew is 4-12 ATS in the 1st of B2B home gms the L/16. |
| Sep. 9 | Louisiana Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | PSU is 5-0 ATS L/5 prior to Pitt, so lookahead has not been a problem. Lions are 190-42 SU all time at Beaver Stadium. |
| Sep. 16 | at Pittsburgh | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | PSU is 5-2 ATS L/7 non-conf gms away from Happy Valley. Lions are 2-7 ATS last 9 vs this instate rival. |
| Sep. 23 | at Ohio St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nittany Lions are 2-5 ATS vs OSU since joining the Big 10. PSU is 16-28 ATS L/44 games vs conference foes. |
| Sep. 30 | Purdue | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Penn St is 5-0 SU, 3-2 ATS vs the Boilermakers. PSU has covered just 11 of 26 vs previous years bowl teams. |
| Oct. 7 | at Minnesota | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog and the visitor are 4-1 ATS since this Big 10 series began. PSU is 13-8 ATS L/21 games prior to a bye week. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | Illinois (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nittany Lions are 0-4 ATS after their L/4 bye weeks. Penn St is 1-3 ATS L/4Y on Homecoming. |
| Oct. 28 | at Indiana (RCA Dome) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Lions are 8-3 ATS L/11 in sandwiched road games. PSU is 5-0 SU, 2-3 ATS vs the Hoosiers, and visitor has covered L/2. |
| Nov. 4 | Iowa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Prior to this season PSU was 2-6 ATS L/8 as a favorite of 24 or more. PSU is 4-1 SU and 3-2 ATS vs Iowa, but have lost L/2 ATS. |
| Nov. 11 | at Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 2-5 SU & ATS in this matchup. Nittany Lions are 2-7 ATS their last 9 road finales. |
| Nov. 18 | Michigan St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 6-1 ATS in this season ending rivalry. Penn St is 7-2 ATS their last 9 at Beaver Stadium finales. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (93,967)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-2 | 11-0 | 8-3 | 10-2 | 9-2 | 8-3 | 9-3 | 64-15 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 6-6 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 6-6 | 38-41 |
| Home Fav | 2-4 | 4-2 | 3-2 | 3-4 | 2-4 | 5-1 | 3-4 | 22-21 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Away Fav | 3-1 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 15-14 |
| Away Dog | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-5 |
| Favorite | 5-5 | 6-5 | 5-5 | 5-5 | 5-6 | 5-4 | 6-5 | 37-35 |
| Dog | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-6 |
| Grass | 4-5 | 5-2 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 5-5 | 29-29 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 9-12 |
| vs BIG 10 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 23-33 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 15-8 |
| Off SU Win | 5-3 | 5-5 | 4-3 | 4-5 | 4-5 | 2-5 | 5-4 | 29-30 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 5-8 |

## Coach: JOE PATERNO (Career 317-83-3)
### *Paterno's record AT PENN STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 35th Year at Penn State | | 51-55-4 | Home Favorite |
| 317-83-3 | Straight Up | 5-8 | Home Underdog |
| 165-144-4 | Vs The Spread | 40-32 | Away Favorite |
| 20-24 | Off A S/U Loss | 19-13 | Away Underdog |
| 23-33 | Vs BIG 10 | 92-75-4 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Outback | -2' | Auburn | 43-14 | W |
| 96 | Fiesta | +1 | Texas | 38-15 | W |
| 97 | Citrus | +13' | Florida | 6-21 | L |
| 98 | Outback | -7 | Kentucky | 26-14 | W |
| 99 | Alamo | -7 | Texas A&M | 24-0 | W |

# PENN ST (10-3)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7**
**DEFENSE: 2**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 32 (19,13,0)**
**Lost: 29 (11,15,3)**

## PENN STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 32.1 | 19 | 186 | 4.5 | 225 | 56.6 | 12.8 | +2 | 1999 | 9 | 19.5 | 17 | 114 | 2.9 | 198 | 51.3 | 17.3 |
| 6 | 26.4 | 18 | 192 | 4.5 | 171 | 50.5 | 13.7 | +3 | 1998 | 5 | 15.3 | 17 | 98 | 2.7 | 209 | 53.2 | 20.1 |
| 5 | 30.5 | 20 | 195 | 4.9 | 204 | 52.2 | 13.1 | -8 | 1997 | 6 | 21.2 | 22 | 188 | 4.3 | 211 | 55.4 | 18.9 |
| 3* | 27.8 | 20 | 213 | 4.9 | 170 | 51.7 | 13.8 | +12 | 1996 | 9 | 15.6 | 18 | 146 | 3.6 | 199 | 50.8 | 21.0 |
| 7 | 33.2 | 23 | 213 | 4.8 | 213 | 56.7 | 12.8 | +9 | 1995 | 4 | 21.6 | 20 | 128 | 3.4 | 225 | 56.8 | 16.4 |
| 7* | 47.0 | 25 | 249 | 6.1 | 264 | 64.8 | 10.9 | +12 | 1994 | 3 | 21.1 | 22 | 142 | 3.5 | 251 | 58.6 | 18.7 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Arizona | 19 | 44-262 | 6.0 | 11-18 | 242 | 4 | | 16 | 36-124 | 3.4 | 25-35 | 232 | 5 | -2 |
| Akron | 19 | 45-332 | 7.4 | 8-12 | 221 | 1 | | 19 | 48-144 | 3.0 | 15-31 | 137 | 3 | +1 |
| Pittsburgh | 22 | 41-65 | 1.6 | 21-34 | 320 | 4 | | 15 | 27-55 | 2.0 | 20-38 | 318 | 3 | -1 |
| at Miami (Fla) | 17 | 43-116 | 2.7 | 16-24 | 246 | 9 | | 15 | 40-160 | 4.0 | 11-21 | 160 | 2 | +2 |
| Indiana | 24 | 44-207 | 4.7 | 20-27 | 282 | 4 | | 19 | 44-181 | 4.1 | 11-23 | 204 | 0 | +1 |
| at Iowa | 29 | 51-341 | 6.7 | 16-33 | 159 | 2 | | 14 | 31-48 | 1.5 | 18-31 | 192 | 4 | -2 |
| Ohio St | 21 | 50-246 | 4.9 | 17-25 | 176 | 6 | | 11 | 34-65 | 1.9 | 7-22 | 78 | 9 | 0 |
| at Purdue | 11 | 43-114 | 2.7 | 11-19 | 204 | 4 | | 28 | 32-65 | 2.0 | 31-48 | 379 | 5 | +3 |
| at Illinois | 20 | 43-215 | 5.0 | 19-33 | 225 | 1 | | 12 | 38-141 | 3.7 | 8-31 | 107 | 11 | -2 |
| Minnesota | 21 | 39-176 | 4.5 | 14-30 | 184 | 2 | | 17 | 52-114 | 2.2 | 14-24 | 277 | 2 | 0 |
| Michigan | 14 | 20-7 | 0.4 | 20-40 | 271 | 3 | | 24 | 50-129 | 2.6 | 18-37 | 282 | 6 | 0 |
| at Michigan St | 19 | 39-157 | 4.0 | 20-43 | 246 | 3 | | 15 | 46-173 | 3.8 | 9-25 | 80 | 4 | -2 |
| Texas A&M (Bowl) | 17 | 39-175 | 4.5 | 8-17 | 146 | 3 | | 16 | 39-80 | 2.1 | 15-28 | 122 | 2 | +4 |
| TOTALS | 253 | 541-2413 | 4.5 | 201-355 | 2922 | 46 | | 221 | 517-1479 | 2.9 | 202-394 | 2568 | 56 | +2 |
| AVERAGES | 19.4 | 42-186 | 4.5 | 15-27 | 225 | 3.5 | | 17.0 | 40-114 | 2.9 | 16-30 | 198 | 4.3 | 0.2 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Texas Tech | -22 | 24-23 | L |
| Temple | -34 | 66-14 | W |
| † Rutgers | -19 | 59-34 | W |
| Wisconsin | -13' | 9-17 | L |
| Ohio St | +2' | 25-28 | L |
| at Purdue | -12 | 26-23 | L |
| at Iowa | -4' | 41-27 | W |
| Indiana | -23 | 45-21 | W |
| at Northwestern | -7 | 10-21 | L |
| Michigan | -3' | 27-17 | W |
| at Michigan St | -7' | 24-20 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † USC | -3' | 24-7 | W |
| Louisville | -20 | 24-7 | L |
| N Illinois | -46 | 49-0 | W |
| Temple | -28 | 41-0 | W |
| at Wisconsin | -8 | 23-20 | L |
| at Ohio St | +9' | 7-38 | L |
| Purdue | -21' | 31-14 | L |
| Iowa | -10 | 20-21 | L |
| at Indiana | -14' | 48-26 | W |
| Northwestern | -9 | 34-9 | W |
| at Michigan | +1' | 29-17 | W |
| Michigan St | -8 | 32-29 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | -32 | 34-17 | L |
| Temple | -37 | 52-10 | W |
| at Louisville | -21 | 57-21 | W |
| at Illinois | -26 | 41-6 | W |
| Ohio St | -6' | 31-27 | L |
| Minnesota | -34' | 16-15 | L |
| at Northwestern | -16 | 30-27 | L |
| Michigan | -1 | 8-34 | L |
| at Purdue | -6 | 42-17 | W |
| Wisconsin | -15 | 35-10 | W |
| at Michigan St | -4 | 14-49 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| S Mississippi | -8 | 34-6 | W |
| Bowling Green | -38 | 48-3 | W |
| at Pittsburgh | -25 | 20-13 | L |
| at Ohio St | +15 | 9-28 | L |
| at Minnesota | -17 | 27-17 | L |
| Purdue | -8' | 31-13 | W |
| Illinois | -34 | 27-0 | L |
| at Michigan | -3 | 0-27 | L |
| Northwestern | -24 | 41-10 | W |
| at Wisconsin | +1' | 3-24 | L |
| Michigan St | -6' | 51-28 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | -4' | 41-7 | W |
| Akron | -45 | 70-24 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -34' | 20-17 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | -2 | 27-23 | W |
| Indiana | -27 | 45-24 | L |
| at Iowa | -28 | 31-7 | L |
| Ohio St | -11 | 23-10 | W |
| at Purdue | -4 | 31-25 | W |
| at Illinois | -16 | 27-7 | W |
| Minnesota | -14 | 23-24 | L |
| Michigan | -6 | 27-31 | L |
| at Michigan St | +2 | 28-35 | L |

# PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Walt Harris is known as one of the top QB coaches in the country. In his first year here he took a 5th year senior in Pete Gonzalez and transformed him into perhaps the top QB in the Big East. Last year Harris had a pair of solid QB's and alternated them. David Priestley (PS#34), a transfer from Ohio St, began the year as a starter but lost his job after one week. John Turman started the next 5 games before losing the job back to Priestley. Priestley then got injured with 2 games to go. Turman engineered the upset of Notre Dame but then had a miserable outing vs W Virginia, costing them a bowl spot. Priestley finished the year throwing for 1,305 yards (58.2%) with a 6-3 ratio. Turman threw for 1,301 yards (48%) with a 10-9 ratio. Rod Rutherford (6-3 195 rFr) was PS#9 and I expected him to contend for the starter's job as a true frosh. He reported to fall practice 32 lbs overweight, but did sit in on all the QB meetings and dressed for a majority of the games. He has a shot at overtaking both the incumbents. Harris also signed a top QB this year (see Top Newcomers). This is the first year Pitt has a returning starting QB under Harris. Priestley missed the spring with a shoulder injury but both Turman and Rutherford were unimpressive in the spring. This unit is much more experienced, deeper, and has added talent and should be one of the Big East's better units.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Despite the fact that the last 2 years Pitt has avg'd just 116 and 120 ypg rushing with ypc avg's of 2.9 and 3.2, they have a top notch RB corps. The TB position is 3 deep in talent. Nick Goings was PS#13 and like Priestley is a transfer from Ohio St. He had an injury plagued 99 and rushed for just 469 yards (4.3). Kevan Barlow (6-1 235 Sr) has led the team in rushing in each of the last two years with a combined 1,163 yards (4.4). He missed parts of last year due to injury and was also suspended in the spring of 99. Torrie Cox (5-9 185 So) had 62 yards rushing as a true frosh. They signed a VHT this year in Dustin Picciotti, listed as the nation's #1 FB out of high school, and I expect him to start immediately. Provided they are not banged up like last year, this group is stronger.

**RECEIVERS** - Three of the last year's top 4 receivers are back. Latef Grim was 1st Team Big East in 98 & 99 and with the emergence of true frosh Antonio Bryant as his cohort they had the top WR tandem in the Big East. Both are back. They do lose their top two TE's this year in Ben Kopp (6 sts) and Kirk McMullen (5 sts, 14 rec). Also gone is WR Julius Dixon (6 rec) and WR Kenney Ketchen (5 rec). The WR spot looks solid and Harris coaxed another HT WR to sign (see Top Newcomers). TE looks much thinner and has either big guys with questionable hands or solid receivers with questionable blocking skills. As mentioned, the top 2 WR's are very solid and should be even better with another year of experience, but with the losses on TE, I will call this unit only slightly better than last year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This group has been solid since Harris' arrival and last year they had 4 returning starters until one was lost to injury in the opener. This year they must replace 3 year starter RG Ethan Weidle (11 sts) and RT Ryan Hansen (10 sts). Eight of the top 10 are back plus they get Mark Browne back from injury after starting 11 games in 98. Five players have starting experience including 3 who got their feet wet as rFr last year. Harris has some solid rFr and true frosh and is doing a very nice job recruiting in this area so this group looks stronger.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Panthers had to replace their top 2 sack men and 2 backups last year and this year lose DT Demond Gibson (11 sts, 2nd tm Big East, 8 tfl) and DE Julian Graham (10 sts, 5 tfl, 3 yr st'r). DE Bryan Knight led the team in sacks but only had 3. With the loss of their top two DL's and no dominating players among this year's projected starters, this unit looks weaker in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** -The LB's had 7 of 9 lettermen returning last year but were injury prone during the season and walk-on Scott McCurley (6-0 215) ended up getting in 4 starts at MLB. This year the lone losses are WLB Karim Thompson (11 sts, 7 tfl) and MLB Ken Kashubara (1 st, 26 tkls). There are plenty of HT's in the two deep that I list below. Not even listed are Brian Guzek (6-2 225 So, PS#171) who had 9 tackles as a true frosh and Lewis Moore (6-2 245 rFr) who was PS#73. Five players return with starting experience and this group, as long as it stays healthy, should be improved in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After ranking #80 and #81 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in Harris' first 2 years, they returned 3 starters last year but still ranked just #87 allowing 255.7 ypg passing and a 22-14 ratio. Despite having the 3 returning starters, two seniors lost their jobs and 3 of the starters were actually underclassmen who naturally all return. The only losses this year are super CB Hank Poteat (#3DC of PIT, 11 starts, 1st tm Big East, 9 pbu), FS DJ Dinkins (31 tkls), SS Seth Hornack (2 sts, 32 tkls) and CB Chiffon Allen (14 tkls). They did lose 3 prominent HT second stringers prior to the year and some of them return this season. Starting CB Demetrious Rich was dismissed from the team in March and may not return but I still list him on the 2 deep below. They do get a significant talent moving in with the addition of RB Brandon Williams (PS#19) to the secondary. True frosh VHT CB William Ferguson had 2 int's in the spring game and should be an immediate star.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Panthers' highest finish in my special teams rankings prior to last season's was #96. I called for improvement in 99 and the Panthers supplied just that rising all the way up to #15 in my final rankings. P Greg DeBolt had a super net of 39.1 and the PR game led by Hank Poteat was among the best in the country as he avg'd 16.2 per return. Their defense on KR's was also top notch allowing just 17.9. Nick Lotz is back to handle KO's. The big question is who will be the punter? The answer is probably true frosh Andy Lee. While this is still an outstanding special teams group, it will be tough to repeat that top 20 finish while breaking in a new punter and returnmen.

C Jeff McCurley is Pitt's most experienced player with 33 career starts.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kevan Barlow** | 141 | 675 | 45 | 630 | 6 | 4.5 |
| **Nick Goings** | 110 | 484 | 15 | 469 | 6 | 4.3 |
| Chris Feola | 24 | 115 | 1 | 114 | 1 | 4.8 |
| **John Turman** | 51 | 158 | 104 | 54 | 1 | 1.1 |
| **David Priestley** | 28 | 31 | 135 | -104 | 0 | -3.7 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **John Turman** | 192 | 92 | 47.9 | 1301 | 10 | 9 |
| **David Priestley** | 158 | 92 | 58.2 | 1305 | 6 | 3 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Latef Grim** | 75 | 1106 | 14.7 | 4 | 61 |
| **Antonio Bryant** | 51 | 844 | 16.5 | 6 | 44 |
| Kirk McMullen | 14 | 184 | 13.1 | 3 | 33 |
| **Nick Goings** | 14 | 135 | 9.6 | 2 | 35 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greg DeBolt | 57 | 2328 | 40.8 | - | 39.1 | 1 | 21 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nick Lotz** | 7-9 | 5-6 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 13-17 | 44 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ramon Walker** | 131 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| **Mark Ponko** | 76 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| **Bryan Knight** | 69 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| **Ryan Gonsales** | 67 | 1.5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Demetrious Rich** | 63 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 1 |
| Demond Gibson | 62 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| **Amir Purifoy** | 60 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Karim Thompson | 58 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Julian Graham | 49 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| **Gerald Hayes** | 46 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Scott McCurley** | 45 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Hank Poteat | 44 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| **Nick Cole** | 40 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hank Poteat | 19 | 307 | 16.2 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hank Poteat | 17 | 401 | 23.6 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**BOWLING GREEN -5' 30-10 WIN** BG dominated the 1H with a 220-61 yard edge but Pitt led 10-7 on a FG after a blk'd punt & a short TD drive led by Turman. BG was SOD twice in Pitt terr & fmbl'd in Pitt terr in the 1H. In the 3Q BG fumbled twice & Pitt took its opening drive 66 yds for a TD & got another pair of TD's following Falcon fumbles. BG added a late FG & lost despite a 21-11 FD edge.

**AT PENN ST +34' 17-20 WIN** After trading TD's PSU added a FG, 10-7 at half. Pitt got an int at the PSU 18 to set up a FG. PSU had a TD drive early 4Q, 17-10. PSU got an int to the Pitt 9 but was int'd. PSU had an int bounce off the hands & Pitt WR Grim caught it for 47 yds. Pitt's next pass was almost int'd but was a 42 yd TD pass to tie w/ 4:34 left. Thompson led PSU 77 yds for a 24 yd FG w/ 1:20 left. Pitt ret'd the KO 47 yds & had a FD at the PSU 24 but a 10 yd sk on 3D forced a 51 yd FG which Arrington blk'd.

**KENT -33 30-23 LOSS** Kent led 7-0 after 1Q & 10-7 in the 2Q before Pitt got a FG to tie at half. Pitt got a TD on its 1st drive of the 3Q & Kent a 33 yd FG. Pitt got a TD, 24-13. Kent got an int to set up a FG, 24-16. Pitt rec'd the onside kick & Barlow got a 57 yd TD run w/3:32 left. Kent got a TD for the final tally. Barlow rushed for 206 yds.

**TEMPLE -17' 55-24 WIN** Pitt got a pair of 62 yd TD drives on their 1st 2 poss. TU got a 43 yd FG but Pitt added a 50 yd TD pass. TU QB Scott hit 24 of 31 for 200 yds but was inj'd 3Q. His 21 yd TD pass made it 21-10. After a poor punt, Pitt drove 28 yds for a TD, 28-10 at half. TU's DeVito threw 3 int's in 4 plays. His 1st int set up a 22 yd TD & his next was ret'd 34 yds for a TD, 42-10. Pitt got a TD drive and a 69 yd PR TD, 55-10. DeVito hit a short pass for a 70 yd TD w/4:20 left. TU got a 52 yd TD drive w/1:57 left.

**SYRACUSE +10 17-24 WIN** Turman hit just 2 of 7 for 9 yds in the 1H. SU had a 16-5 FD edge. After missing a 46 yd FG, SU got a 73 yd drive for a FG try but a bad snap saw Nunes throw a TD pass from the 40 but it counted as an 8 yd TD pass. SU had 64 & 99 yd TD drives, 21-0 at half. SU opened the 3Q with a 62 yd drive for a 28 yd FG, 24-0. Priestley hit 9 of 20 for 133 yds in the 2H & led Pitt to a late 3Q TD & then a 75 yd TD drive on the next poss, 24-14. SU punted from its own 3 & Pitt got a 39 yd FG on a 13 yd drive to get in the backdoor, 24-17 with 8:47 left. Pitt was SOD at the SU 27 & int'd on the final play from the SU 47.

**AT BOSTON COLLEGE -3' 16-20 LOSS** BC started St Pierre (Hasselbeck inj'd). Late 1Q BC got a TD. Each team had a FG blk'd. Pitt brought in QB Priestley in the 2Q & on his 1st poss got a 29 yd FG. His 2nd poss went 67 yds for a TD, 10-7 at half. Pitt added a 3Q FG, 13-7. St Pierre was inj'd & Hasselbeck had 202 yds in the 2H. His 35 yd TD pass tied it (xp blk'd). Early 4Q Pitt got a long pass but then settled for a short FG, 16-13. BC missed a 50 yd FG but got a 36 yd TD pass with 1:48 left for the win despite squandering many opportunities.

**AT RUTGERS -15 38-15 WIN** Pitt fmbl'd in the EZ at the end of a 14 play, 78 yd drive to thwart an early threat. Pitt got an 82 yd TD drive & added a FG. Pitt fmbl'd at the RU 8 but then got a 9 yd int ret for a TD. Two plays later Pitt drove 22 yds for a TD foll another int with :53 left in half, 24-0. It was 31-0 when RU drove 74 yds in 3 plays for a TD & 50 yds for a TD foll an int, 31-15. Priestley added a 35 yd TD pass, 38-15. RU crossed midfield just once more. Pitt had a 514-239 yd edge in a game not as close as the final indicated.

**VIRGINIA TECH +22' 17-30 WIN** VT blk'd an early punt setting up a 46 yd Vick TD run. VT added a 46 yd FG but Pitt drove 72 yds for a TD. VT got a 61 yd TD drive. Pitt drove 56 yds but missed a 27 yd FG. VT went 80 yds for a TD & added a 32 yd FG with :07 left, 27-7. Pitt drove 65 yds for a TD to open the 3Q, 27-14. Pitt went 74 yds in 17 plays but settled for a 23 yd FG. VT split a pair of long FG's & Pitt got no closer.

**MIAMI, FLA +8 3-33 LOSS** Pitt lost Priestley early 1Q. UM got a 28 yd FG, but Pitt got a 34 yd'r to tie. UM drove 73 yds for a TD but later was int'd at the 35. UM had a 220-137 halftime yd edge. UM drove 68 yds for a TD early 4Q. UM, after a long PR, drove 32 yds for a 26 yd FG. The Canes added a 34 yd TD run the 1st play after rec'ing a fmbl & then had a 7 yd TD drive w/ 3:31 left after a Pitt int.

**NOTRE DAME +9 37-27 WIN** Final home game in historic Pitt Stadium and a loud capacity crowd was on hand to send the Panthers out a winner in the finale in this lair. ND attempted 39 passes as Jackson had a career high 317 yds. It was 10-10 at half. Pitt drove 57 yds for a TD but ND rec'd a fmbl'd punt & drove 33 yds to tie. Pitt got a 33 yd FG. ND fmbl'd on its own 29 setting up a quick 3 play TD drive. ND drove 64 yds for a TD w/ :32 left in 3Q, 27-24. Pitt got a 44 yd FG & ND a 39 yd'r. ND was int'd & Pitt drove 44 yds for a TD to ice it. ND got to Pitt's 13 but was SOD & the fans tore down the goalposts.

**AT W VIRGINIA -1 21-52 LOSS** WV starting QB & area native Bulger hit 20 of 30 for 331 yds. It was tied 7-7 early but WV led 35-7 at the half with a 397-111 yd edge. WV amassed a 623-232 yd edge & led 52-14. It was WV's 2nd straight blowout of Pitt.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

In Walt Harris' first year they had an improbable finish to the season upsetting both Virginia Tech and W Virginia to make it to a bowl game. In 1998, the Panthers were a very inexperienced team that had to replace most of its major weapons on offense and they went winless in the Big East. It was Pitt that was an upset victim of both Temple and Rutgers that year. Harris had his most talented group back last year & it was another solid year. They came within a blocked FG of sending Penn St into OT and gave Virginia Tech a tough game losing 30-17. They also upset Notre Dame 37-27 in the final game in 74 year old Pitt Stadium. They narrowly missed out on a bowl bid at 5-6. Pitt has not had a winning season (after bowl results) since 1991. Pitt was down to 67 players on scholarship at the end of last year, largely because of injuries and the loss of some players in the coaching transition. This year they lose 19 seniors including 12 who were part or full-time starters this year. They will play their home games in Three Rivers Stadium this year and then will move into the Steeler's new stadium in the year 2001. Pitt has given Coach Walt Harris a contract extension through 2006. I look for their offense to be much more potent this year with some top notch skill players and a solid O-line. The defense looks weaker up front but stronger in the back 7 and should improve on the 25.3 ppg they allowed last year. They have 6 home games this year including 3 in Big East play and have a shot at recording that elusive winning season.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| RB | Dustin Picciotti | 6-3 245 PS#8 |
| OL | Saul Freund | 6-7 305 PS#39 |
| QB | Pat Hoderny | 6-6 220 PS#42 |
| WR | Don Patrick | 6-2 185 PS#49 |
| DL | Brandon Hayes | 6-4 255 PS#64 |
| RB | Junior Palacios | 5-9 170 PS#115 |
| RB | Malcolm Postell | 6-1 210 PS#119 |
| DL | Daniel Stephens | 6-2 260 PS#110 |
| DB | David Routt | 6-4 210 PS#87JC |
| OL | Rob Petitti | 6-6 330 PS#135 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DAVID PRIESTLEY JR.** 6-4 200 *PS#34, signed at Ohio St. 4 sts here in 99, 1305 yds (58%), 6-3 ratio. John Turman (6-4 215 Sr) 7 sts. Rod Rutherford (6-3 195 rFr) PS#9.*
**RB NICK GOINGS SR.** 6-0 215 *PS#13, 165 yds, 2 yrs at Ohio St. 7 sts here in 99, 469 yds (4.3). Kevan Barlow (6-1 235 Sr) was #1 rusher in 98 & 99, 1339 career yds.*
**FB Dustin Picciotti Fr.** 6-3 245 *PS#8RB. 3647 yds in HS L/2Y. Mark Moothart (6-0 235 Jr) had 1 st in 98, 4 sts in 99, 94 yds rush in 2 years.*
**WR LATEF GRIM SR.** 6-0 185 *58 rec at JC in 97, 9 sts in 98, 1st tm BE, 60 rec (15.1). 11 sts ly, 75 rec (14.7). 1st tm BE. Don Patrick is PS#49.*
**WR ANTONIO BRYANT SO.** 6-2 180 *PS#164 in 99. 8 sts as true, 51 rec (16.5), 6 TD's. Lamar Slade (6-4 195 So) was PS#192, 7 rec as true. Chris Curd PS#176.*
**TE Brennan Carroll Jr.** 6-3 240 *Trans from Delaware. Mike Bosnic (6-7 285 Jr). Matt Mefford (6-3 270 rFr) PS#214OL. Kris Wilson (6-3 230 rFr).*
**C JEFF McCURLEY SR.** 6-5 290 *11 sts as true at DT, 32 tkls, 1 tfl. 11 sts in 98 at OG, 26 knockdowns. 11 sts in 99. Chad Reed (6-3 275 So) PS#131, 11 gms as rFr.*
**RG BRYAN ANDERSON SO.** 6-5 295 *PS#43 in 96. 11 sts at RG in 99, +25 lbs in spg. Jon Schall was PS#246 in 99. Inj'd in fall. Re-enrolled in for spg.*
**LG KHIAWATHA DOWNEY SO.** 6-4 295 *Orig signed in 97. 9 sts in 99, solid athlete. Tim Robertson (6-5 270 Sr) 11 gms as 2nd string in 99. PS#185TE in 96.*
**RT Joe Manganello So.** 6-4 290 *PS#59 in 98. Reds in 98. 1 st in 99 & 2nd string rest of yr, lettered. Matt Morgan (6-6 290 rFr) PS#55. 2nd string as rFr.*
**LT Mark Browne Sr.** 6-5 285 *PS#164JC in 98. 11 sts at LT in 98. 1 st at LT in 99, but med redshirt. Saul Freund (6-7 305) PS#39.*
**K NICK LOTZ JR.** 6-2 210 *PS#27K in 98. KO's as true & hit 1 of 3 FG's. Hit 13 of 17 FG's in 99, long of 44. Hit 6 of 7 from 30-49 yds.*

**DE Ryan Smith So.** 6-4 245 *24 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr in 99.* ***Dan LaCarte*** *(6-4 240 rFr) PS#49TE. Claude Harriott (6-4 225 rFr) PS#462.*
**DT Joe Conlin Jr.** 6-5 270 *PS#2BTE. 8 tkls as rFr. 2 sts in 99, 18 tkls. Nigel Neal (6-3 290 Sr) 4 sts as JC trans ly. Darrell McMurray PS#102.*
**DT MIKE WHITE SR.** 6-3 280 *PS#201. 5 tkls, 3.5 tfl in 98. 4 sts in 99, 24 tkls. Brandon Dewey (6-4 250 Jr) 9 tkls as true. 2 sts, 9 tkls in 99.*
**DE BRYAN KNIGHT JR.** 6-2 225 *PS#192. 37 tkls, 1.5 tfl in 98. 11 sts in 99, 69 tkls, 9 tfl. Vince Crochunis (6-4 240 Fr). Brandon Hayes is PS#64.*
**SLB AMIR PURIFOY JR.** 6-2 235 *PS#41, 2 sts, 55 tkls as true. 6 sts in 99 (inj) 60 tkls, 7 tfl. Nick Cole (6-2 230 Jr) 7 sts, 72 tkls in 98, 2 sts, 4 tfl ly.*
**MLB RYAN GONSALES JR.** 6-2 240 *PS#54. 3 sts as true, 62 tkls. 6 sts in 99, 67 tkls, 2.5 tfl (inj). Scott McCurley (6-0 215 So) 4 sts in 99, 45 tkls, 6 tfl.*
**WLB Gerald Hayes So.** 6-3 230 *PS#150, 46 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl as true. Brian Beinecke (6-1 210 So) PS#296, 37 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Kody Miller PS#149JC.*
**CB William Ferguson Fr.** 5-10 175 *PS#27 in for spring! Demetrious Rich (5-10 170 So) PS#259, 11 sts as rFr, 63 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu, 5 tfl.*
**CB Robb Butler So.** 6-0 185 *PS#49DB. 10 tkls. 2 pbu as true. Taron Gray (5-10 185 So) PS#140, 7 tkls as true. Junior Palacios PS#114.*
**SS MARK PONKO JR.** 6-0 200 *15 tkls as rFr. 76 tkls in 99, 9 sts, 4 pbu, 2 tfl.* ***Brandon Williams*** *(6-0 215 Jr) PS#19RB, 442 yds in 98.*
**FS RAMON WALKER SO.** 5-11 190 *PS#167. 11 sts in 99, #1 with 131 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 7 pbu. Hard hitter. David Routt (6-4 210 Jr) PS#87JC.*
**P Andy Lee Fr.** 6-2 195 *PS#38K this year. Avg'd 42.8 yards per punt in HS in 99, 11 inside 20. Jay Junko (6-4 200 So) was backup in 99.*

# PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score PITT | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The straight up winner is 5-2 ATS in the Virginia Tech series. Next year the Panther's home games will be on natural grass in their new on campus stadium. |
| Sep. 2 | Kent St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Panthers are 10-3 SU in home openers, 9-4 ATS in their first lined HG. In 4 meetings since '87 Pitt is 4-0 SU & 2-1 ATS vs the Flashes. |
| Sep. 9 | at Bowling Green | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the above result, Pitt is 10-0 SU, 5-3 ATS vs MAC schools. Pitt is 17-28 ATS on the road the L/9 seasons. |
| Sep. 16 | Penn St (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Should apply here: Panthers are 10-4 ATS L/14 tries as a DD dog. Under Harris, Pitt is 8-3 ATS in non-conference games. |
| Sep. 23 | Rutgers | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pittsburgh won LY but is only 2-6 ATS in Big East openers. Panthers are 6-15 ATS L/21 the week prior to a bye. |
| Sep. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | at Syracuse | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Panthers have covered 4 of 5 after a bye week. Pittsburgh is 7-17 ATS their last 24 meetings vs Syracuse. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: The home team is 6-2 ATS in the Pitt / Syracuse series. |
| Oct. 21 | Boston College | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pittsburgh is 4-11 ATS their last 15 vs Boston College. Could apply here: Pitt is 7-4 ATS as a home dog under Harris. |
| Oct. 28 | at Virginia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the BGSU outcome, Pitt is 7-15 ATS L/22 on grass but were 2-0 LY. Panthers are 3-14 ATS in sandwiched road games since 1986. |
| Nov. 4 | N Carolina | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Marino's alma mater is 21-39-1 ATS off a SU loss since 1991. Pittsburgh is 2-5 SU, 1-6 ATS vs the ACC since 1985. |
| Nov. 11 | at Miami (Fla) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Panthers are 0-3 SU, 1-2 ATS in Miami since the Canes joined the Big East. They have lost these 3 games by 0-45, 10-38, and 12-17 scores. |
| Nov. 18 | at Temple | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 10-2 ATS the L/12 series meetings. Pittsburgh is 1-9 ATS as away chalk over the L/9 seasons. |
| Nov. 24 | W Virginia (Fri) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Panthers are 4-2 ATS their L/6 non-Saturday games. The visitor is 10-2 ATS in this Backyard Brawl. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: THREE RIVERS STADIUM (59,600)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 3-8 | 3-8 | 2-9 | 4-7 | 6-6 | 2-9 | 5-6 | 25-53 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 5-6 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 8-3 | 3-7 | 7-4 | 37-39 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 8-5 |
| Home Dog | 2-4 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 15-14 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-6 |
| Away Dog | 3-1 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 1-4 | 4-0 | 1-3 | 1-0 | 13-14 |
| Favorite | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 3-3 | 9-11 |
| Dog | 5-5 | 4-5 | 3-6 | 3-5 | 7-1 | 2-5 | 4-1 | 28-28 |
| Grass | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 2-0 | 7-11 |
| Artificial | 4-5 | 4-4 | 4-6 | 4-3 | 6-2 | 3-4 | 5-4 | 30-28 |
| vs BIG EAST | 4-3 | 3-4 | 1-6 | 4-3 | 5-2 | 1-6 | 5-3 | 23-27 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 14-12 |
| Off SU Win | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-3 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 4-1 | 13-8 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-5 | 3-5 | 1-7 | 5-2 | 3-2 | 2-6 | 3-3 | 19-30 |

## Coach: WALT HARRIS (Career 24-45)
### *Harris' record AT PITTSBURGH*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Pittsburgh | | 4-3 | Home Favorite |
| 13-21 | Straight Up | 7-4 | Home Underdog |
| 18-14 | Vs The Spread | 1-4 | Away Favorite |
| 7-11 | Off A S/U Loss | 6-3 | Away Underdog |
| 11-11 | Vs BIG EAST | 7-3 | Vs Non-BIG EAST |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 82 | Cotton | -2 | SMU | 3-7 | L |
| 83 | Fiesta | +3' | Ohio St | 23-28 | L |
| 87 | Bluebonnet | -4 | Texas | 27-32 | L |
| 89 | John Hancock | +6 | Texas A&M | 31-28 | W |
| 97 | Liberty | +10 | S Mississippi | 7-41 | L |

# PITTSBURGH (5-6)

CONFERENCE: **BIG EAST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 46 (26,19,1)**
**Lost: 17 (8,8,1)**

## PITTSBURGH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 25.5 | 19 | 120 | 3.2 | 240 | 52.3 | 14.1 | 0 | 1999 | 7 | 25.3 | 20 | 143 | 3.8 | 256 | 55.4 | 15.8 |
| 4 | 21.3 | 20 | 116 | 2.9 | 206 | 49.9 | 15.1 | -9 | 1998 | 6 | 30.4 | 18 | 146 | 3.5 | 202 | 53.7 | 11.5 |
| 8* | 27.8 | 22 | 149 | 4.0 | 249 | 54.8 | 14.3 | +2 | 1997 | 8 | 29.5 | 23 | 161 | 3.8 | 254 | 54.5 | 14.1 |
| 7* | 19.5 | 15 | 139 | 3.5 | 146 | 46.3 | 14.6 | -10 | 1996 | 4 | 39.1 | 23 | 233 | 5.0 | 223 | 58.4 | 11.7 |
| 6* | 19.7 | 17 | 119 | 3.4 | 201 | 48.0 | 16.2 | -7 | 1995 | 8 | 29.9 | 20 | 158 | 4.1 | 250 | 55.0 | 13.7 |
| 8* | 22.4 | 19 | 173 | 4.4 | 205 | 52.5 | 16.9 | +3 | 1994 | 8 | 27.9 | 21 | 172 | 3.9 | 244 | 52.5 | 14.9 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Bowling Green | 11 | 35-107 | 3.1 | 8-22 | 113 | 1 | 21 | 45-161 | 3.6 | 17-33 | 174 | 2 | +4 |
| at Penn St | 15 | 27-55 | 2.0 | 20-38 | 318 | 2 | 22 | 41-65 | 1.6 | 21-34 | 320 | 4 | +1 |
| Kent St | 21 | 48-351 | 7.3 | 12-27 | 110 | 0 | 20 | 34-181 | 5.3 | 21-42 | 251 | 0 | -2 |
| Temple | 22 | 44-166 | 3.8 | 12-16 | 220 | 0 | 19 | 21-20 | 1.0 | 31-47 | 322 | 5 | +1 |
| Syracuse | 21 | 44-159 | 3.6 | 12-28 | 155 | 6 | 21 | 45-187 | 4.2 | 13-26 | 118 | 1 | -1 |
| at Boston College | 21 | 33-45 | 1.4 | 28-40 | 346 | 3 | 20 | 32-105 | 3.3 | 22-39 | 317 | 0 | -1 |
| at Rutgers | 23 | 41-139 | 3.4 | 25-36 | 375 | 2 | 13 | 30-21 | 0.7 | 17-37 | 218 | 2 | 0 |
| Virginia Tech | 25 | 29-(-12) | -0.4 | 29-51 | 427 | 9 | 21 | 46-295 | 6.4 | 10-17 | 170 | 2 | 0 |
| Miami (Fla) | 17 | 29-72 | 2.5 | 18-41 | 193 | 2 | 20 | 46-190 | 4.1 | 13-33 | 236 | 5 | -2 |
| Notre Dame | 21 | 42-158 | 3.8 | 10-27 | 231 | 3 | 18 | 32-72 | 2.3 | 23-39 | 338 | 3 | 0 |
| at W Virginia | 14 | 35-76 | 2.2 | 13-31 | 156 | 0 | 27 | 43-274 | 6.4 | 22-32 | 349 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 211 | 407-1316 | 3.2 | 187-357 | 2644 | 28 | 222 | 415-1571 | 3.8 | 210-379 | 2813 | 24 | 0 |
| AVERAGES | 19.2 | 37-120 | 3.2 | 17-32 | 240 | 2.5 | 20.2 | 38-143 | 3.8 | 19-34 | 256 | 2.2 | 0.0 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Washington St | +2 | 17-13 | W |
| E Michigan | -20 | 66-30 | W |
| at Texas | +11' | 27-38 | W |
| Ohio St | +10' | 14-54 | L |
| Virginia Tech | +2' | 16-26 | L |
| at Boston College | +10 | 0-17 | L |
| at Temple | -10 | 27-29 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | +14 | 16-17 | W |
| at Rutgers | +2 | 24-42 | L |
| Syracuse | +5 | 10-42 | L |
| at W Virginia | +11 | 0-21 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| W Virginia | +4 | 0-34 | L |
| Kent St | -29' | 52-14 | W |
| Houston | -4' | 35-42 | L |
| at Ohio St | +36 | 0-72 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +36 | 0-45 | L |
| Temple | +2 | 53-52 | W |
| at Syracuse | +32 | 7-55 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +31 | 17-34 | W |
| Boston College | +11' | 20-13 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +37 | 6-60 | L |
| Rutgers | -8 | 24-9 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| SW Louisiana | -7 | 45-13 | W |
| at Penn St | +32 | 17-34 | W |
| at Houston | +3 | 35-24 | W |
| Miami (Fla) | +15' | 21-17 | W |
| at Temple | -5 | 13-17 | L |
| Notre Dame | +10' | 21-45 | L |
| at Rutgers | -12 | 55-48 | L |
| at Boston College | +4' | 21-22 | W |
| Syracuse | +19 | 27-32 | W |
| Virginia Tech | +11' | 30-23 | W |
| at W Virginia | +12 | 41-38 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Villanova | NL | 48-41 | – |
| Penn St | +25 | 13-20 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +14 | 7-27 | L |
| Akron | -12' | 35-0 | W |
| at N Carolina | +7 | 10-29 | L |
| Rutgers | -21 | 21-25 | L |
| at Syracuse | +24 | 28-45 | W |
| Temple | -14 | 33-34 | L |
| Boston College | +1' | 15-23 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +23' | 10-38 | L |
| W Virginia | +15 | 14-52 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bowling Green | -5' | 30-10 | W |
| at Penn St | +34' | 17-20 | W |
| Kent St | -33 | 30-23 | L |
| Temple | -17' | 55-24 | W |
| Syracuse | +10 | 17-24 | W |
| at Boston College | -3' | 16-20 | L |
| at Rutgers | -15 | 38-15 | W |
| Virginia Tech | +22' | 17-30 | W |
| Miami (Fla) | +8 | 3-33 | L |
| Notre Dame | +9 | 37-27 | W |
| at W Virginia | -1 | 21-52 | L |

# PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - If you are looking for a Heisman frontrunner, you've stopped in the right spot. No matter who QB's Joe Tiller's offense, they are going to put up big numbers but Drew Brees has done an outstanding job the past two years. In 98 he was named the Big 10's Offensive POY throwing for 3,983 yards (63.4%) with a 39-20 ratio. He also proved to be mobile with 322 yards rushing. Last year he threw for 3,909 yards (60.8%) with a 25-12 ratio and 338 yards rushing. The reduced numbers were probably due to the fact that Pur took on a much tougher schedule last year. Tiller also reduced his snaps last spring and says that may have had an effect and Brees took over 50% of the snaps this spring. Brees is at his best throwing on the run, making him a very dangerous QB and clearly he will put up the numbers to be a key contender in the Heisman chase this year. David Edgerton (6-1 218 Sr) was PS#71. He has 29 passes in 10 games in 2 years for 251 yards. He practiced at WR in the spring. Mike Segard (6-5 218 So) was PS#67 and had 4 pass attempts in 99. Ryan Breska (6-4 205 rFr) was PS#106. In February Tiller signed his QB of the future in PS#14 Brandon Hance (see Top Newcomers). Hance graduated high school early and participated in the spring and won the backup job. As long as Brees stays healthy, I expect even stronger numbers this year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - I know Pur is known for its pass offense but in Tiller's first year here in 97, they actually ranked 5th in the Big 10 in rushing with the top RB averaging 7.1 ypc and the team a nifty 5.2 ypc. Both of their top RB's departed and in 98 Tiller became more dependent on the pass and their rushing production dropped 33% to 116 ypg (3.8). Last year they had their top 2 rushers back but both were plagued by injuries and Tiller relied on underclassmen. J Crabtree had 4 starts and 251 yards but lost his job and he departs. Sedrick Brown (6-1 223 Jr, PS#77) had 1 start and 130 yards last year and returns to battle for time. He is a big back with 4.5 speed. Montrell Lowe (5-8 189 So) started 6 of the last 7 and was the team's #1 rusher with 841 yards and a solid 4.9 ypc. He is very tough to bring down. Brandon Robinson (5-10 186 rFr) was PS#137 and was the scout team offensive POY. Steve Ennis (6-0 213 So) was PS #262 and was injured last year but looked great in the spring. Tiller signed another solid class of RB's this year (see Top Newcomers) and there is a chance that Joey Harris could move into the feature back role as a true frosh. This unit is much more experienced and has added talent and I look for solidly improved rushing numbers this season.

**RECEIVERS** - Chris Daniels set a Big 10 record last year for total receptions in a season, finishing with an amazing 121 (10.2) and was 1st team Big 10 and 3rd team All American. He had more than double the catches of the #2 man, Randall Lane (12 sts, 52 rec). Unfortunately both depart along with WR Robert Tolbert (16 rec). Despite the losses, this group could be in good shape as long as Tiller's VHT's live up to their potential. A.T. Simpson was PS#6WR but has just 24 receptions in 2 years. Tiller signed 2 VHT's this year (see Top Newcomers) but I project one at DB. Vinny Sutherland is the team's fastest player (4.35 speed) and their gamebreaker, averaging a nifty 17.9 ypc in 99. I list the two deep below and they are extremely deep at TE. Not listed is Chris Randolph (6-4 255 Jr) who has 9 starts in 2 years and is mostly a blocking TE with just 2 career receptions. Also at Tiller's disposal is Nick Mangosing (6-4 267 rFr, PS#28). Tiller will add an H-back to the offense this year and Tim Stratton is likely for that spot. Despite the losses, this group could be just as strong as last year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Purdue has led the nation in lowest percentage of sacks allowed the last two years which of course points to a solid offensive line as well as Drew Brees' quick release. Last year the Boilers appeared to have all 5 starters returning but lost one for the entire season to injury and also missed starting RG Chukky Okobi for the first six games of the year. This year they lose C Jim Niedrach (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and RG Aaron Stames (6 sts) but 8 of the top 10 are back and this group should do a fine job protecting Brees once again. Tiller moved Okobi to C to utilize his athleticism which will aid the line as a whole.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Boilers returned 2 starters plus got a super JUCO transfer in Akin Ayodele. In Tiller's first season they allowed 4.1 ypc rushing but trimmed that to 3.5 in 98. Last year the unit was about the same vs the rush and this year returns 3 starters. The only loss is DT Dave Nugent (2nd tm Big 10, 12 sts, 15 tfl, #6DC of NE). Tiller does have some HT's in the 2 deep listed below. Not listed is Warren "Ike" Moore (6-3 253 Sr) who has 36 tackles and 3 sacks in 3 years and Rocco Foggio (6-4 288 Sr, PS#125) who has 17 tackles in 3 years. Mid spring, Tiller switched Ayodele to OLB but said he will still play some DE and I think he could end up back as a full time DE by midseason. With practically everyone back including their star, this group looks stronger in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - In 99 Purdue had to replace 1.5 starters plus 3 backups to this unit. Tiller signed a great crop of true frosh but all 3 redshirted. This year they must replace SLB Mike Rose (12 sts, 60 tkls, 10 tfl) and MLB Willie Fells (10 sts, 96 tkls, 7 tfl). Those 3 rFr are listed in the 2 deep below and should all contribute, including VHT Tim Olmstead who I project as a starter. This group is close to last year in terms of experience and I feel may have better athletic talent. Despite the losses, I'll call this group equal to the 99 version.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Last year Purdue had to replace 3 starters including CB Da'Shann Austin who transferred to Arkansas in the fall. After finishing #62 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98, they slipped to #69 last year, allowing 55.8% with a 15-14 ratio. Once again this year the losses are heavy. Gone are SS Adrian Beasley (12 sts, 2nd tm Big 10, 78 tkls, 5 int), CB Mike Hawthorne (8 sts, 8 pbu, #6DC of NO), CB James Dunnigan (8 sts, 7 pbu) and FS Lamar Conard (first 5 sts, 31 tkls). Dunnigan is at JUCO trying to regain academic eligibility and may return. Two players who started the final 4 games return in CB Chris Clopton and FS Ralph Turner. They also get a couple of top notch additions. CB Ashante Woodyard was PS#159JC last year and Tiller bit the bullet and redshirted him even though he played in 2 games. Woodyard has good size for a CB and 4.24 speed. Also, this year's top recruit, Stuart Schweigert, is PS#16WR but will likely play in the secondary. Ben Smith began last year as a starter but was lost after 4 games to a torn ACL and he returns. This group is more experienced and has more talent than the 99 version and I look for solid improvement in the pass defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Prior to Tiller's arrival, this unit traditionally finished in the bottom 3rd of the special teams rankings. However, after a #69 finish in Tiller's first season they moved up to #26 in 98 and had all of the key components back last year. Surprisingly the Boilers dropped down to #40 overall in my special teams rankings with the area of weakness being KR offense, as they averaged a very poor 17.1 per return. Pur did average an excellent 37.7 on net punting but loses P Danny Rogers who had his best season as a senior. K Travis Dorsch had an excellent true frosh year, hitting 16 of 22 FG's. Unfortunately he suffered the dreaded sophomore slump last year, hitting just 18 of 31 (including 0-2 in the bowl). He should be one of the premier K's in the country this year if he can recover from last year's rough season. He did hit a 63 yard FG in high school. The key here is establishing a new P and true frosh Aaron Levin (PS#49) has a shot to do that. I look for another solid finish for Pur and if a P emerges, they could contend for a top 20 spot.

QB Drew Brees is back again to direct the Basketball on Grass attack.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Montrell Lowe** | 173 | 867 | 26 | 841 | 5 | 4.9 |
| J. Crabtree | 43 | 286 | 35 | 251 | 3 | 5.8 |
| **Drew Brees** | 79 | 338 | 161 | 177 | 4 | 2.2 |
| **Vinny Sutherland** | 18 | 168 | 5 | 163 | 0 | 9.1 |
| **Sedrick Brown** | 45 | 142 | 12 | 130 | 1 | 2.9 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Drew Brees** | 554 | 337 | 60.8 | 3909 | 25 | 12 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chris Daniels | 121 | 1236 | 10.2 | 7 | 51 |
| Randall Lane | 52 | 690 | 13.3 | 5 | 42 |
| **Tim Stratton** | 49 | 593 | 12.1 | 4 | 34 |
| **Vinny Sutherland** | 39 | 698 | 17.9 | 7 | 99 |
| Robert Tolbert | 16 | 173 | 10.8 | 0 | 20 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Danny Rogers | 46 | 1926 | 41.9 | - | -37.7 | 1 | 20 |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Travis Dorsch** | 9-11 | 5-11 | 4-9 | 0-0 | 18-31 | 47 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Willie Fells | 96 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| Adrian Beasley | 78 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| **Jason Loerzel** | 71 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| **Akin Ayodele** | 64 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Mike Rose | 60 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| **Ralph Turner** | 49 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| David Nugent | 46 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| **Brian Dinkins** | 42 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| **Joe Odom** | 41 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| James Dunnigan | 39 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| **Matt Mitrione** | 39 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Lamar Conard | 31 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Michael Hawthorne | 30 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Vinny Sutherland** | 18 | 296 | 16.4 | 2 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Clopton** | 19 | 341 | 17.9 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT C FLORIDA -17 47-13 WIN** Misleading final. CF had a 371-358 yd edge. CF took their opening drive 83 yds for a TD but then missed a 40 yd FG, had a snap over the P's head which gave Pur a safety & tossed an int to set up a 1 play, 27 yd Pur TD drive. Pur got a 79 yd TD drive & a 50 yd drive for a TD, 23-6 at half. Pur opened the 3Q with a long drive & a bad snap on a FG saw K Dorsch toss a TD pass. Pur ret'd an int 73 yds to set up a TD & ret'd an int for a TD. They got a 37 yd FG foll a 3rd int before CF got a 73 yd TD drive.

**NOTRE DAME -4 28-23 WIN** ND got a FG & TD on short drives foll TO's. Pur drove 74 yds for a TD. ND went 47 yds for a TD after a punt blk (xpng), 16-7. Pur got a 30 yd TD pass w/ 2:12 left & ND ran out of time at the Pur 23 before half (no FG att). Both tms got TD's & ND led 23-22. Pur got 38 & 28 yd FG's, the latter w/ 4:15 left. ND had a 1st & goal at the 2 w/ 1:02 left, lost 9 on a 2nd & 1 run & then failed to get off the final play.

**C MICHIGAN -37' 58-16 WIN** Sutherland set a Pur school record for PR yds with 142 & added 134 rec'ing. CM was playing w/o its top 2 RB's due to inj & managed just 36 yds rushing. Pur led 41-3 when CM got a pair of big plays. A short pass turned into a 60 yd TD & CM got a 41 yd fmbl ret, 41-16 at half. Pur extended it to 51-16 after 3Q's & Brees hit 25 of 39 for 320. Pur added a late TD.

**NORTHWESTERN -28 31-23 LOSS** Pur got a FG & TD on their 1st 2 drives. NU got an 80 yd drive for a TD w/1:14 left 2Q & Pur fmbl'd at the NU 3 late. Pur had a 222-139 yd edge but only led 10-7 at half. NU opened the 3Q w/ an 80 yd TD drive, 14-10. Pur got a 47 yd TD. NU drove 73 yds but settled for a 24 yd FG, 17-17. Bentley ret'd an int 40 yds for a TD for the Cats, 23-17 (xp blk'd). Pur got a 65 yd TD drive, 24-23. Pur was at its 1 facing a 3rd & 11 when Brees hit Sutherland with a 99 yd TD pass, 31-23. NU didn't cross midfield on its last 2 poss.

**AT MICHIGAN +6 12-38 LOSS** Pur got a 28 yd FG after a fmbl & UM drove 83 yds for a TD. Pur fmbl'd at the UM 16 & UM got a TD. Pur missed a 42 yd FG. Henson replaced Brady & guided UM 64 yds for a TD, 21-3. Pur rec'd a fmbl with 1:08 left & got a 31 yd FG, 21-6 at half. Pur was SOD at the UM 34 but then hit a 66 yd TD pass, 21-12 (2 ptng). UM drove 75 yds for a TD & then after an int drove 78 yds for a TD, 35-12. UM added a 24 yd FG.

**AT OHIO ST +2' 22-25 LOSS** Rainy, sloppy field. Pur fmbl'd the opening KO setting up an OSU TD. Pur drove 27 yds for a TD foll an int. Pur added 2 FG's, 13-7 & they had a 189-104 yd edge at half. OSU got a 51 yd TD drive & a 45 yd FG, 17-13. Pur settled for a 22 yd FG then ret'd an int to the 5 setting up a TD, 22-17 (2 ptng). OSU drove 76 yds for a TD, 25-22 with 5:13 left. Pur had a 29 yd FG blk'd & Bellisari's 68 yd run helped run out the clock.

**MICHIGAN ST +2' 52-28 WIN** MSU was off their big win over Michigan. Pur had 32-18 FD & 568-278 yd edges. MSU got a 92 yd TD drive to open but Pur got a 69 yd TD drive, 27 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, 50 yd TD drive foll an int & a 64 yd TD drive, 28-6. MSU got an 88 yd int ret for a TD. Pur drove 66 yds for a TD, 35-14 at half. MSU drove 70 yds for a TD & got a 76 yd int ret, 35-28. Pur drove 71 yds for a TD. Mid 4Q Pur drove 64 yds for a 23 yd FG & then ret'd a fmbl 12 yds for a TD with 3:01 left.

**PENN ST +4 25-31 LOSS** Pur had a FG blk'd but drove 80 yds for a TD. Arrington ret'd a fmbl 2 yds for a TD, 7-7. Pur drove 76 yds for a TD. PSU drove 43 yds for a TD after a fmbl'd punt, 14-14. Pur had another FG blk'd. On the 1st play of the 3Q PSU got a 78 yd TD pass & added Brown's 25 yd int ret for a TD, 28-14 w/ 10:19 left 3Q. A roughing the P call set up a Pur 27 yd FG. Pur added a 26 yd TD drive foll a fmbl. PSU settled for a 24 yd FG w/ 8:01 left. PSU missed a 47 yd FG. Pur was SOD at the PSU 12.

**AT MINNESOTA -3 33-28 WIN** UM held Pur to 115 yds passing in the 1H but Pur opened with an 83 yd TD drive & a 30 yd FG. UM got an 88 yd TD drive but a fmbl ended another threat, 10-7 at half. Pur got a 26 yd FG. The teams traded TD's on 5 consec poss. UM's 12 yd TD pass with 2:43 left pulled it to 33-28 but Pur rec'd the onside kick.

**WISCONSIN -1 21-28 LOSS** Pur missed an early 42 yd FG & had a 37 yd FG blk'd. UW drove 37 yds for a TD foll an int. Pur drove 80 yds in 16 plays for a TD but UW ret'd the kick 91 yds for a TD with 5:15 left. Each team missed a FG, 14-7 at half. Wisky was SOD & Pur drove 66 yds for a TD. Pur ran a reverse pass but WR Sutherland was int'd in the EZ. Wisky drove 80 yds with Dayne's 41 yd TD rumble down the right sidelines making it 21-14. Wisky added a 34 yd int ret for a TD with just 4:43 left, 28-14. Pur drove 65 yds for a TD but after recovering the onside kick UW ran out the clock.

**AT INDIANA -13 30-24 LOSS** Brees was held to a season low 15 of 24 for 197 yds. IU had a 446-351 yd edge. IU QB Randle El hit 22 of 33 for 329 yds. IU led 14-7 but Pur got a safety. Pur drove 94 yds for a TD, 17-14. IU drove 85 yds but settled for a 24 yd FG with :15 left, 17-17. Pur got a 41 yd FG to open the 3Q. IU drove 60 yds for a TD, 24-20. Pur drove 73 yds but settled for a 19 yd FG. Sutherland ret'd a punt 66 yds for a TD, 30-24. IU's final 2 drives were SOD at the Pur 6 & 27.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Joe Tiller expected to make progress by Purdue's third season but probably did not imagine having 3 straight winning records, 3 straight bowl appearances and having the team playing their first bowl game on Jan. 1st (1967 Rose Bowl was played on Jan 2nd) in school history, all which happened last year. Purdue had won only 23 games in the 7 years prior to his arrival but has 25 wins in his three seasons. They also had their sixth highest attendance average last year with three sellouts. The Boilermakers are 15-3 SU at home under Tiller. His "Basketball on Grass" offense ranked first in the Big 10 in total offense and first in passing offense last year, although just third in scoring. In many games they marched up and down the field but had trouble scoring TD's. Tiller says he plans to utilize a FB, TE and H-back more this year and really put an emphasis on being able to run once inside the 20. With Heisman candidate Brees at the throttle this experienced offense should be even more potent. The defense had just 4 returning starters last year and slipped some but will be stronger this year with 5 starters back, including their top sackman Akin Ayodele. Last year I commented on how Purdue had missed both Ohio St and Michigan in their first two years of Big 10 play and they had to face them last year and the result was going from 6-2 in the conference to 4-4. They draw the same Big 10 opponents this season, not facing Illinois and Iowa, and they must face ND on the road. Overall they pull the 10th toughest schedule in the country. This is Tiller's best team yet but matching the 8 win totals of '97 and '98 will be hard with the tougher schedule.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| WR | Stu Schweigert 6-3 195 PS#16 |
| QB | Brandon Hance 6-1 190 PS#14 |
| RB | Joey Harris 5-11 200 PS#31 |
| WR | Gary Heaggans 6-2 185 PS#25 |
| DB | Antwaun Rogers 6-1 152 PS#31 |
| WR | Taylor Stubblefield 6-1 165 PS#51 |
| WR | Andre Henderson 6-3 185 PS#52 |
| RB | Deaunte Ferrell 5-11 185 PS#81 |
| RB | Jon Goldsberry 6-1 210 PS#94 |
| WR | Conor Corcoran 6-3 220 PS#60 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DREW BREES SR.** 6-1 220 *13 sts in 99, 3983 yds (63%), 39-20 ratio. 12 sts in 99, 3909 yds (61%), 25-12 ratio, 338 yds rush.* ***3rd team AA.***
**RB MONTRELL LOWE SO.** 5-8 189 *PS#78, Off Scout MVP. 6 sts as rFr, 841 yds (4.9). Sedrick Brown (6-1 223 Jr) 4.5 spd. 130 yds in 99. Joey Harris PS#31.*
**WR Donald Winston Sr.** 5-6 162 *PS#33. 3 sts, 33 rec (11.3) in 97. RS in 98. Gary Heaggans is PS#25. Chris James (5-10 165 So) 1 st, 15 rec as true.*
**WR VINNY SUTHERLAND SR.** 5-9 191 *4.35 spd! 3 sts in 97. 34 rec (10.5). 31 rec (9.7) in 98. 11 sts in 99, 39 rec, 17.9 ypc. Keith Dawson (6-3 196 Sr) PS#151JC.*
**WR A.T. Simpson Jr.** 6-4 219 *PS#6WR in 98. 13 rec (10.3) as true. 11 rec in 99, 7.0 ypc, 11 gms. Daveon Walker (5-10 175 rFr) was PS#72WR.*
**TE TIM STRATTON JR.** 6-4 252 *PS#31 in 97. 4 sts in 98, 38 rec (10.0). 7 sts ly, 49 rec (12.1).* ***1st tm Big 10.*** *Pete Lougheed (6-5 279 So) PS#29TE.*
**C CHUKKY OKOBI SR.** 6-1 324 *450 bench. 12 sts at RG in 97. 13 sts in 98 (11 @ RG, 2 @ C).* ***2nd tm Big 10.*** *Missed 1st 6 in 99 (inj) started L/6 at RG.*
**RG Rob Turner So.** 6-4 298 *PS#61DL in 98. 11 gms as 2nd string in 99, lettered. Ian Allen (6-5 289 So) 9 tkls, 1 sk in 97. Lettered on OL in 98 & 99.*
**LG GENE MRUCZKOWSKI SO.** 6-2 299 *PS#111 in 98. 12 sts as rFr in 99. 2nd tm frosh AA. Sean Rufolo (6-2 274 Jr) was PS#257DL, 10 gms in 2 yrs.*
**RT BRANDON GORIN SR.** 6-6 296 *PS#290DL. 2 sts as rFr. 13 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99, 3 letters. Kelly Kitchel (6-6 285 So) PS#331OL. 4 gms ly.*
**LT MATT LIGHT SR.** 6-5 296 *1 st at TE as true, RS in 97. 13 sts at LT in 98. 12 sts in 99,* ***2nd tm Big 10.*** *Joe Webster (6-6 338 So) PS#55.*
**K TRAVIS DORSCH JR.** 6-6 219 *PS#5K. 63 yd FG in HS. Hit 16 of 22 FG's as true, long 47. 18 of 31 FG's in 99, long of 47 but 4 blocked.*

**DE BRIAN DINKINS SR.** 6-2 263 *Def Scout POY in 97. 12 sts in 99, 42 tkls, 6 sks, 8 tfl. 1 pbu. Craig Terrill (6-3 255 rFr) was PS#39DL in 99.*
**DT Brent Botts Sr.** 6-3 267 *PS#147. 25 tkls, 4.5 sks in 97. 2 sts (inj) in 98. 12 tkls, 2 tfl in 99. Derrick Williams (6-4 296 Sr) PS#89JC, 7 tkls here.*
**DT MATT MITRIONE JR.** 6-3 289 *PS#254. 11 sts in 98, 39 tkls, 8 tfl. 12 sts, 39 tkls, 3 sks, 12 tfl in 99. Daemeon Grier (6-1 332 rFr) was PS#157.*
**DE AKIN AYODELE JR.** 6-2 250 *PS#48JC in 99. 12 sts, 64 tkls. 11 sks, 8 tfl, 1 pbu here, 2nd tm Big 10. Shaun Phillips (6-3 222 rFr) PS#77TE.*
**SLB Tim Olmstead rFr.** 6-2 243 *PS#12LB in 99. Landon Johnson (6-2 200 rFr) PS#142LB in 99. Niko Koutouvides (6-3 220 Fr) PS#275 in for spg.*
**MLB Joe Odom So.** 6-2 231 *PS#201 in 98, fastest LB here. 3 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. Daniel Giles (6-1 253 rFr) PS#88 in 99.*
**WLB JASON LOERZEL JR.** 6-3 221 *6 sts in 98, 62 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 71 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl, 2 int, 1 pbu, HM Big 10. Cornell Middlebrook (6-2 229 So).*
**CB Ashante Woodyard Sr.** 6-2 200 *4.3 speed. PS#159JC. 2 gms, 4 tkls here in 99 but redshirted. Antwaun Rogers (6-1 152) is PS#31DB. 4.3 speed.*
**CB CHRIS CLOPTON SR.** 5-7 170 *PS#172WR. 14 yds, 9 tkls in 98. 7 sts in 99 (L/4), 18 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, 2 tfl. R'Kes Starling (5-8 171 Jr) PS#259DB.*
**SS Ben Smith Jr.** 6-3 208 *PS#91QB. 9 tkls, 1 int as rFr. 2 sts in 99, 16 tkls, 2 pbu but tore ACL. Brady Doe (6-0 189 Jr) 7 tkls as true, 4 tkls ly.*
**FS Stuart Schweigert Fr.** 6-3 195 *PS#16WR.* ***Ralph Turner*** *(6-2 208 So) was PS#126QB. L/7 sts, 11 tkls in 99. Tom Vaughan (6-0 195) 25 tkls, 3 yrs.*
**P Aaron Levin Fr.** 5-11 180 *PS#49K this year. Averaged 40.0 in HS in 99 & hit 7 of 7 FG's. PK Dorsch (PS#5K) is also listed at P.*

# PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

West Lafayette, Indiana
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score PUR | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Boilermakers are 15-3 SU & 11-6-1 ATS at home under Tiller.<br>The visitor is 4-1-1 ATS the L/6 meetings with Illinois.<br>Purdue is 3-8 ATS vs Iowa.<br>Boilermakers are 9-3 ATS L/10 yrs as away chalk.<br>Last year was just the 4th time in series history that Purdue was ranked ahead of ND coming into the game. |
| Sep. 2 | C Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Purdue is 7-3 ATS their last 10 home openers.<br>Under Tiller, Purdue is 9-4-1 ATS as a home favorite. |
| Sep. 9 | Kent St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Purdue is 13-6 ATS at home vs non conf teams.<br>Boilers are 4-10 ATS in lined games prior to Notre Dame. |
| Sep. 16 | at Notre Dame | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Purdue has covered 6 of the L/7 vs the Irish.<br>Boilermakers are 3-9 ATS in their first lined away game. |
| Sep. 23 | Minnesota (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite "only" getting 61 pts LY - avg scoring in this series is 82.1 ppg L/7 yrs.<br>Purdue is 6-2-1 ATS vs Minnesota. |
| Sep. 30 | at Penn St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might apply here: Purdue is 11-6 ATS as a DD away dog.<br>Under Tiller the "Basketball On Grass" group is 0-3 ATS vs Penn St. |
| Oct. 7 | Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Coming into 2000, Tiller was 15-3 SU at home in Ross-Ade Stadium.<br>Michigan has won 9 of the last 10 SU vs Purdue. |
| Oct. 14 | at Northwestern | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visiting team is 7-1 ATS in this series since 1990.<br>Purdue is 2-4-1 L/7 off of a Michigan matchup. |
| Oct. 21 | at Wisconsin | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Boilermakers are 6-3 ATS vs the Badgers.<br>Purdue is 18-9-2 ATS the last 10 years on artificial turf. |
| Oct. 28 | Ohio St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Boilers are 0-7 SU, 1-5-1 ATS their L/7 vs the Buckeyes.<br>OSU has outscored Purdue 251-79 in that span: avg win by 24.6 pts. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | at Michigan St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Purdue is 3-10 ATS prior to playing Indiana, they had a bye LY.<br>Boilermakers are 2-5-1 ATS the L/8 in this series. |
| Nov. 18 | Indiana | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Purdue is 3-9-1 ATS in home finales since 1987.<br>The home team is 2-9-1 ATS in this "Old Oaken Bucket" battle. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (67,332)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 1-10 | 4-5-2 | 4-6-1 | 3-8 | 8-3 | 8-4 | 7-4 | 35-40-3 |
| ATS | 4-6-1 | 6-5 | 7-3-1 | 5-6 | 6-4-1 | 7-5 | 5-6 | 40-35-3 |
| Home Fav | 0-2 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1-1 | 5-1 | 2-2 | 14-11-1 |
| Home Dog | 2-1-1 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 8-7-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 7-3 |
| Away Dog | 2-3 | 3-2 | 2-1-1 | 3-2 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 11-14-1 |
| Favorite | 0-2 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 5-2-1 | 6-2 | 4-3 | 21-14-1 |
| Dog | 4-4-1 | 3-3 | 5-2-1 | 4-4 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 19-21-2 |
| Grass | 3-4-1 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 3-3-1 | 6-3 | 4-6 | 28-28-2 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-0-1 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 12-6-1 |
| vs BIG 10 | 3-3-1 | 3-5 | 4-3-1 | 4-4 | 5-2-1 | 5-3 | 2-6 | 26-26-3 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 14-8 |
| Off SU Win | 1-0 | 4-0 | 2-0-1 | 2-1 | 4-3 | 5-2 | 2-4 | 20-10-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-5-1 | 1-3 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 2-0-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 16-19-2 |

## Coach: JOE TILLER (Career 64-42-1)
### *Tiller's records AT PURDUE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Purdue | | 9-4-1 | Home Favorite |
| 25-12 | Straight Up | 2-2 | Home Underdog |
| 18-15-1 | Vs The Spread | 6-3 | Away Favorite |
| 6-4-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-6 | Away Underdog |
| 12-11-1 | Vs BIG 10 | 6-4 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | Liberty | +4' | Missouri | 28-25 | W |
| 84 | Peach | +2' | Virginia | 24-27 | L |
| 97 | Alamo | -4' | Oklahoma St | 33-20 | W |
| 98 | Alamo | +13 | Kansas St | 37-34 | W |
| 99 | Outback | -5' | Georgia | 25-28 | L |

# PURDUE (7-5)

*CONFERENCE:* **BIG 10**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 5**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 37 (18,16,3)**
**Lost: 20 (8,9,3)**

## PURDUE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 32.0 | 25 | 130 | 4.1 | 332 | 60.2 | 14.4 | +1 | 1999 | 4 | 25.4 | 19 | 139 | 3.6 | 227 | 55.8 | 14.4 |
| 4 | 34.2 | 24 | 116 | 3.8 | 324 | 63.5 | 12.9 | +5 | 1998 | 8 | 21.2 | 19 | 145 | 3.5 | 194 | 52.9 | 16.0 |
| 7 | 33.0 | 21 | 174 | 5.2 | 269 | 53.8 | 13.4 | +14 | 1997 | 3 | 22.3 | 22 | 178 | 4.1 | 223 | 57.7 | 18.0 |
| 6* | 17.6 | 20 | 144 | 3.4 | 222 | 53.0 | 20.8 | -5 | 1996 | 8 | 29.5 | 19 | 160 | 4.1 | 204 | 56.1 | 12.4 |
| 8* | 25.6 | 20 | 232 | 4.9 | 171 | 56.2 | 15.5 | -3 | 1995 | 8 | 24.5 | 20 | 172 | 4.5 | 225 | 59.5 | 16.4 |
| 8* | 30.5 | 21 | 235 | 5.0 | 169 | 54.9 | 13.2 | -8 | 1994 | 8 | 31.5 | 23 | 253 | 5.5 | 218 | 63.1 | 15.0 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| UCF | 20 | 26-81 | 3.1 | 27-45 | 277 | 0 | | 21 | 38-121 | 3.2 | 24-46 | 250 | 4 | +3 |
| Notre Dame | 19 | 27-114 | 4.2 | 24-40 | 317 | 0 | | 20 | 42-128 | 3.0 | 22-34 | 267 | 2 | 0 |
| C Michigan | 27 | 34-234 | 6.9 | 27-44 | 346 | 0 | | 16 | 39-36 | 0.9 | 15-33 | 209 | 3 | 0 |
| Northwestern | 28 | 27-134 | 5.0 | 32-51 | 405 | 1 | | 23 | 45-132 | 2.9 | 17-38 | 241 | 3 | -2 |
| at Michigan | 20 | 28-68 | 2.4 | 21-52 | 328 | 2 | | 23 | 47-171 | 3.6 | 18-28 | 318 | 0 | 0 |
| at Ohio St | 21 | 30-163 | 5.4 | 25-40 | 217 | 0 | | 19 | 38-188 | 4.9 | 11-27 | 181 | 6 | +2 |
| Michigan St | 32 | 31-59 | 1.9 | 40-58 | 509 | 2 | | 18 | 22-44 | 2.0 | 21-33 | 234 | 5 | +2 |
| Penn St | 28 | 32-65 | 2.0 | 31-48 | 379 | 5 | | 11 | 43-114 | 2.7 | 11-19 | 204 | 4 | -3 |
| at Minnesota | 27 | 44-192 | 4.4 | 28-41 | 283 | 1 | | 19 | 36-249 | 6.9 | 13-25 | 179 | 0 | +2 |
| Wisconsin | 34 | 31-144 | 4.6 | 36-65 | 350 | 0 | | 14 | 44-216 | 4.9 | 7-11 | 72 | 3 | -3 |
| at Indiana | 19 | 41-154 | 3.8 | 15-24 | 197 | 1 | | 23 | 40-117 | 2.9 | 22-33 | 329 | 1 | 0 |
| Georgia (Bowl) | 30 | 29-150 | 5.2 | 36-60 | 378 | 3 | | 21 | 34-154 | 4.5 | 20-33 | 243 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 305 | 380-1558 | 4.1 | 342-568 | 3986 | 15 | | 228 | 468-1670 | 3.6 | 201-360 | 2727 | 31 | +1 |
| AVERAGES | 25.4 | 32-130 | 4.1 | 29-47 | 332 | 1.3 | | 19.0 | 39-139 | 3.6 | 17-30 | 227 | 2.5 | 0.1 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at W Virginia | +10 | 26-24 | W |
| Notre Dame | +8' | 28-35 | W |
| Michigan St | -3' | 35-35 | L |
| Ball St | -18' | 35-13 | W |
| at Minnesota | +1 | 38-39 | T |
| Penn St | +12 | 23-26 | W |
| at Ohio St | +20 | 0-28 | L |
| Wisconsin | +4 | 38-27 | W |
| at Michigan | +13 | 0-5 | W |
| Northwestern | +3 | 8-23 | L |
| at Indiana | -4 | 54-12 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Michigan St | +2 | 14-52 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +21 | 0-35 | L |
| W Virginia | +6 | 6-20 | L |
| N Carolina St | -4' | 42-21 | W |
| Minnesota | -3' | 30-27 | L |
| at Penn St | +21' | 14-31 | W |
| Ohio St | +26 | 14-42 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +10' | 25-33 | W |
| Michigan | +14 | 9-3 | W |
| at Northwestern | +10 | 24-27 | W |
| Indiana | -7 | 16-33 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Toledo | -9 | 22-36 | L |
| Notre Dame | +19' | 28-17 | W |
| Ball St | -16 | 28-14 | L |
| Northwestern | -3' | 21-9 | W |
| at Minnesota | -6 | 59-43 | W |
| Wisconsin | -2 | 45-20 | W |
| at Illinois | -10' | 48-3 | W |
| at Iowa | +10' | 17-35 | L |
| Michigan St | -1 | 22-21 | T |
| Penn St | +6 | 17-42 | L |
| at Indiana | -14 | 56-7 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † USC | +7' | 17-27 | L |
| Rice | -13 | 21-19 | L |
| C Florida | -4 | 35-7 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +7 | 30-31 | W |
| Minnesota | -9' | 56-21 | W |
| at Wisconsin | +6 | 24-31 | L |
| at Penn St | +8' | 13-31 | L |
| Illinois | -24 | 42-9 | W |
| Iowa | -14 | 36-14 | W |
| at Northwestern | -13 | 56-21 | W |
| at Michigan St | -2' | 25-24 | L |
| Indiana | -16' | 52-7 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at UCF | -17 | 47-13 | W |
| Notre Dame | -4 | 28-23 | W |
| C Michigan | -37' | 58-16 | W |
| Northwestern | -28 | 31-23 | L |
| at Michigan | +6 | 12-38 | L |
| at Ohio St | +2' | 22-25 | L |
| Michigan St | +2' | 52-28 | W |
| Penn St | +4 | 25-31 | L |
| at Minnesota | -3 | 33-28 | W |
| Wisconsin | -1 | 21-28 | L |
| at Indiana | -13 | 30-24 | L |

# RICE OWLS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Chad Richardson had 3 starts at QB in 96 and 3 sts at WR in 97. He started the last 9 in 98 at QB after Jeremy Bates went down to injury and led the team with 746 yds rushing (4.1). Last year I expected Bates to win the starter's job but he was injured in the opener and would not return. Richardson started all 11 games and once again led the team in rushing with a net of 831 yds (4.1). He threw for 563 yds (41.9) with a 7-5 ratio. Both he and Bates depart this year. Corey Evans became the backup QB early and had 72 yds rushing vs Michigan but he was injured in the 4th game vs Navy and missed the rest of the year. Ben Wulf (6-0 195 Sr) who had moved to HB earlier in the year was moved back as the backup QB. Jeremy Hurd (5-10 170 rFr) was PS#165 and backed up for a few games but Hatfield wanted to redshirt him. Kyle Herm (5-8 175 rFr) was PS#182 and has 4.49 speed. Hatfield has solid depth at this position and hopes for a less injury prone year. Evans missed spring rehabbing but should win the job. Herm also missed the spring and Hurd proved durable taking every snap of the spring scrimmages. Whoever wins the job should come close to Richardson's stats from 99 even though they have less experience.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year HB Mike Gingrich moved from WR and had 295 yds (5.2). FB Clint Leschber got in 5 starts when Tyler was injured and rushed for 245 yds (3.6). Ten of the top twelve RB's from last year return so this unit should be in fine shape. I list the starters below and while QB Richardson led the team in rushing, HB Bradley and FB Tyler were #2 and #3. Tyler was the leading RB rusher in 98. Anthony Griffin had an injury plagued year and after rushing for 447 yds in 98, dropped to just 219 last year. Ben Wulf moved to backup QB over the final 4 games of 99 due to injuries and should be back in the RB role. Watch for Donald Pinkerton (5-9 160 rFr) who was PS#197 and has 4.38 speed. He could easily emerge as one of the feature HB's. Sean White (5-6 175 So) was a track champ in HS and has 4.35 speed. Another positive addition is Adrian Sadler who is not only a standout on the Rice track team but has 31 starts at CB the last 3 years and moves to RB. This unit should be solidly improved in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - The last 2 years Rice has really gone wild in the passing game as they have completed 50% more passes than they did in 1997. Unfortunately, that only means a jump from 25 completions in 97 to 39 in 98 and 38 last year. Last year the Owls had to replace their leading receiver who had 22 receptions and the next closest had 2. They are in a little better shape this year. Gilbert Okoronkwo has good size & speed and was the #2 rec last year with 11 rec. Their top man was ex-QB Raphael Tillman and he departs after grabbing 14 rec's (15.6). Also departing is TE Shan Jackson and they will miss his 285 lb frame. No Rice TE has caught a pass since 97 so blocking is their sole function. Brandon Manning is a solid blocker and will probably be more of a receiving threat at a lighter weight. Hatfield's top recruit this year is actually a WR! This group doesn't really see a lot of action but could be as strong as last year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - LT Rod Beavan is the prototypical Rice offensive lineman. He is not huge (6-3 270) but could set a Rice record for career starts if he stays healthy this season as he has been a full-time starter for 3 years and also started 3 times in 97 but was awarded a medical redshirt. In 98 the Owls only averaged 4.5 ypc rushing, their first time below 5.0 in 2 years. They returned 3 starters last year but dropped even more to 4.3 ypc rushing in 99. This year they must replace C Matt Baldwin (11 sts) and LG Neal Gray (3 yr st'r, 11 sts, top OL award). Eight of 10 lettermen are back and Hatfield has been doing a good job recruiting in this area with some HT's in the 2 deep below. I'll call this unit stronger in 2000 and look for them to average their normal 5.0.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Owls had a young D-line last year after having to replace 3 starters. After allowing 4.7, 4.8 and 4.7 ypc rushing the previous 3 years, Rice chopped that to 3.9 ypc and only 125 ypg rushing in 99. The news continues to get better as 7 of the top 8 DL's are back. The lone loss is a big one in DT Judd Smith (11 sts, 6 tfl, top DL award) but as mentioned, everyone else returns and Hatfield has 4 solid rFr added to the mix. This is a deeper, more talented group and continues to get bigger each year with the front four now averaging 268 lbs.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year 5 of the top 7 LB's returned but they had to replace 2 four year starters. Late in the year they also lost top LB Dan Dawson to a broken leg vs SMU and the defense collapsed after that. Dawson did not participate in spring ball but he will be healthy for the fall. The only losses this year are WLB Wesley Kubesch (10 sts, 66 tkl, 10 tfl, top LB award) and BLB Larry Ruffin (2 sts, 22 tkl, 4 tfl). Dawson and Thompson return as starters and Rashard Pittman actually split time with Kubesch last year and netted 52 tackles as well as 8 tfl. This unit looks to be in better shape.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Owls secondary does not get a lot of practice time vs passing attacks as the offense runs the wishbone. After finishing in the 70's in my pass defense rankings the previous 3 years, last year they slipped to #85, allowing 61.2% with a 14-11 ratio. The 99 unit originally had 3 starters back but SS Lon Dee Smith (6-1 205 Sr) was lost for the season to injury during preseason. This year everyone returns plus Smith and for the spring they have moved 3 year starting DB Adrian Sadler to RB. I will not rule out his return to the secondary but they basically have 4 starters back and plenty of experience. The lone losses were backups in CB Karlon Bedford (23 tkls) and Adam Williams (10 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and I look for them to have their best finish yet in my pass efficiency defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Hatfield usually puts a priority on this unit. They had a pair of top 20 finishes in my special teams rankings in 95 & 96 but actually have dropped to the bottom half of the rankings recently including a finish at #78 in 1998 and falling even further down to #94 in 1999. I look for good sized improvement at P this season. Travis Hale took over the duties as a true frosh & avg'd a solid 41.5 but did suffer a couple of blocks which hurts their overall avg. Overall the net of 32.4 was poor and should actually be above average this season. The top PR's and KR's are both back giving them much more experience than they had last year. K Derek Crabtree has missed just 1 FG in 2 years but only has a long of 41. Scott Grimes' booming leg will be missed on KO's as they've only allowed 18.2 and 16.0 yds per KR the last 2 years. They did sign a strong legged frosh in Brandon Skeen (PS #68) who may fill in there. While the KO's are weaker, all the other areas should be improved and I'll call for this unit to get back towards the upper half of my special teams rankings.

FB Jamie Tyler was the top gainer in 98 & hopes to stay healthy in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chad Richardson | 203 | 1003 | 172 | 831 | 11 | 4.1 |
| **Leroy Bradley** | **88** | **511** | **8** | **503** | **0** | **5.7** |
| **Jamie Tyler** | **83** | **340** | **2** | **338** | **3** | **4.1** |
| Mike Gingrich | 57 | 321 | 26 | 295 | 2 | 5.2 |
| Clint Leschber | 69 | 247 | 2 | 245 | 1 | 3.6 |
| **Anthony Griffin** | **37** | **229** | **10** | **219** | **3** | **5.9** |
| **Derek Gary** | **41** | **173** | **0** | **173** | **1** | **4.2** |
| **Corey Evans** | **26** | **149** | **24** | **125** | **1** | **4.8** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Chad Richardson | 86 | 36 | 41.9 | 563 | 7 | 5 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Raphael Tillman | | 14 | 218 | 15.6 | 3 | 29 |
| **Gilbert Okoronkwo** | | **11** | **163** | **14.8** | **0** | **27** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Travis Hale** | **53** | **2199** | **41.5** | **-** | **-** | **2** | **9** |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | BLK | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Derek Crabtree** | **2-2** | **4-5** | **2-2** | **0-0** | **0** | **8-9** | **41** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jason Hebert** | **83** | **0** | **2** | **1** | **4** |
| **Joe Bob Thompson** | **73** | **0** | **7** | **2** | **1** |
| **Travis Ortega** | **69** | **0** | **3** | **3** | **0** |
| **Dan Dawson** | **67** | **1** | **8** | **2** | **2** |
| Wesley Kubesch | 66 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| **Josh McMillan** | **56** | **0** | **9** | **1** | |
| **Rashard Pittman** | **52** | **2** | **6** | **1** | **0** |
| **Adrian Sadler** | **48** | **0** | **0** | **7** | **1** |
| **Brandon Green** | **37** | **1** | **3** | **0** | **0** |
| Judd Smith | 31 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **BJ Forguson** | **29** | **2** | **7** | **1** | **0** |
| **Jake Jackson** | **28** | **2** | **7** | **0** | **0** |
| **Greg Gatlin** | **26** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Jason Hebert** | **16** | **96** | **6.0** | **0** | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Sean White** | **19** | **400** | **21.1** | **0** | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT HOUSTON +2' 3-28 LOSS** I used UH as a 4★ in Power Sweep. Fumbles were the key here. Rice had a 16-8 FD edge but 6 TO's. Rice got a 52 yd FG but fmbl'd & UH drove 50 yds for a TD. Two plays later UH rec'd a fmbl'd in the EZ, 14-3 at half. In the 3Q Rice fmbl'd at their 8 setting up a TD. UH ret'd a fmbl 66 yds for a TD.

**AT MICHIGAN +27 3-37 LOSS** UM was simply bigger, stronger & faster. They finished w/a 356-157 yd edge & led 20-0 at half. Rice got a late 33 yd FG to avoid the shutout.

**AT TEXAS +27 13-18 WIN** UT dominated the 1H with 292 yds offense but 4 trips inside the Rice 20 resulted in just 12 pts. UT led 15-0 at half. Rice went 88 yds for a 3Q TD, 15-7. UT fmbl'd on 2 consec drives, the latter at their own 31 & Rice got a TD w/ 5:01 left. UT tacked on a 30 yd FG w/ :14 left & had a 27-15 FD edge.

**NAVY -7 20-17 LOSS** Navy opened with an 80 yd TD drive. Rice squandered 2 scoring chances. Navy got a 79 yd TD run by Lambert. Rice got an 80 yd TD drive & tied it w/a late 2Q TD drive. Navy opened the 3Q with a 49 yd FG, the 3rd longest in Navy history. Rice overthrew an open TD pass & settled for a 41 yd FG. Defense ruled until Rice ate up 7:59 on a drive & got a FG. Navy was int'd to end their final threat & Rice had a 21-11 FD edge. Each team rushed for an identical 255 yds, but Rice had 25 more carries.

**AT TULSA -5 20-10 WIN** UT opened strong with an 80 yd drive for a TD but Rice tied it late 1Q. UT had 4 TO's. Rice got a 68 yard drive for a TD with 1:01 left, 14-7. Rice was SOD at the UT 37. UT had a 1st & goal at the 8 but settled for a FG. Rice got a 31 yd FG, 17-10 after 3Q's. An int at the UT 30 set up a Rice FG. UT fmbl'd at the Rice 20, was int'd at the 22, and their final drive ended at midfield. UT finished with a 20-17 FD edge but the Owls had 5 more total yards. Rice had just one pass completion.

**AT HAWAII -1 38-19 WIN** UH opened with a 74 yd drive but settled for a 35 yd FG. Rice drove 80 yds in 7 plays for a TD. UH rec'd a fmbl at the Rice 33 but was int'd in the EZ. Rice drove 39 yds in 10 plays for a 30 yd FG, 10-10. UH drove to the Rice 1 but missed an 18 yd FG on the final play of the half. At the half UH had a 235-183 yd edge. Rice got a Richardson 60 yd TD run. UH drove to the 3 but settled for another short FG. Rice got an 11 yd TD drive foll a fmbl & then an 80 yd, 14 play TD drive. Rice got a 29 yd TD drive after UH was SOD. UH got a 65 yd TD drive & was int'd deep in Rice terr to end it. Rice only attempted 5 passes out of their 71 overall offensive plays.

**SAN JOSE ST -10 49-7 WIN** This was an unusual atmosphere as it was played at 10:00 am for TV. Only 10,213 were in the 70,000 seat stadium. This game was all Rice as they rushed 81 times for 413 yds, had 30-13 FD & 35:47-24:13 time of poss edges. Rice had 10 poss and they did not punt!! SJS managed just 164 yds & trailed 42-0 before getting a 3Q TD. The temperature soared over 90º in drenching humidity.

**TCU E 42-21 WIN** TCU dominated early with a 80 & 59 yd TD drives, 14-0. They had just 147 more yds for the game. Rice got 73 & 80 yd TD drives to tie it at the half, 14-14. Rice's 1st poss of the 3Q was a 70 yd, 22 play TD drive. After TCU went 3 & out Rice went 61 yds for a TD & added a 30 yd int ret for a TD, 35-14. TCU got a 19 yd fmbl ret for a TD in the 4Q but Tyler's 55 yd TD run put it away.

**AT SMU -10' 2-27 LOSS** It was raining & it bogged down the Rice option. SMU had a 29 yd FG blk'd. Rice missed a FG. SMU then drove 68 yds in 12 plays for a 2Q TD. SMU had a bad snap on a punt result in a safety. SMU added a 60 yd, 9 play drive for a TD w/ 2:08 left, 13-2. SMU had a drive kept alive on a 3rd & 17 pers foul pen on Rice & went 57 yds in 12 plays for a TD in the 3Q. SMU got a blk'd punt ret'd for a TD in the 4Q. Rice had 2 solid drives end on an int & SOD. Rice got the majority of its rushing yds (240) on a final drive to the SMU 2 but they did end up with 1 more FD & 1 more total yd than SMU.

**AT FRESNO ST +2' 18-47 LOSS** FSU had 274 yds rushing & 204 passing & took Rice out of their game (99 rush, 123 pass). Rice went 3 & out on its 1st 3 poss & FSU got 3 TD's on 53, 56 and 49 yd drives. It was 27-10 at half as Rice settled for a late 27 yd FG. FSU opened the 3Q with another TD & led 34-18 after 3Q's & added two 4Q TD's in front of the 7th largest crowd in school history at 39,097.

**UTEP -8' 29-30 LOSS** UTEP opened driving 83 yds for a TD. Rice got a 40 yd FG & 80 yd TD drive. A pooch kick was fmbl'd by UTEP at their own 5 setting up another Rice TD, 16-7. UTEP drove 77 yds for a TD & added a FG to lead 17-16 at half. Rice QB Richardson's 42 yd TD run capped a 78 yd TD drive, 22-17. Rice drove 35 yds for a TD foll an int, 29-17. UTEP went 86 yds for a TD. Rice converted on 4th & inches to cross midfield but on 3rd & 6 Richardson missed a wide open rec & they punted w/ 2:50 left. UTEP drove 78 yds for a TD. Rice was int'd after getting 1 FD on their final drive. UTEP finished with a 28-16 FD edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Rice is the smallest school in Div IA with only 46,000 alumni, so it was not a surprise when they didn't go to a bowl in 1996 or '97 with 7-4 records. In fact, Rice has not been to a bowl for 38 consecutive seasons. Rice took on a tough non-conference slate to open the year last year with Houston, Michigan and Texas and after an 0-3 start rallied for 5 straight wins but closed out the season with 3 shocking losses and their second consecutive losing season. They are 20-11 SU in conference play over the last 4 years and last year had to battle 7 in road games. Rice has been in contention for league championships 4 straight years only to lose key games on the road in November but finally plays a favorable schedule this year. Hatfield has done a great job redshirting and has eight 5th year seniors this season and will likely have 16 next year. Last year's senior group had the most wins at Rice since the 1954 seniors. Fortunately for Hatfield, last year's class was fairly small, especially on the defensive side of the ball where only 3 starters depart. This should be one of the better defenses in Rice's history but one thing they must accomplish is putting more pressure on opposing QB's (only 15 sacks in 348 attempts in 1999). This unit should accomplish that as the defense was dominant in the spring. Offensively they must break in a new QB but they are talented enough in the backfield to improve on last year's 21.5 ppg and should improve on their ypc rushing. They do face Michigan and Oklahoma in the non-conf slate but I consider 3 of their WAC road games to be winnable and that could mean as many as 7 WAC wins as they host most of the contenders. With the WAC guaranteed 3 bowl slots (See page 15) this could be the year the Owls fly back into the postseason!


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WR | Gavin Boothe | 6-2 185 PS#73 |
| DB | Clifford Sparks | 5-9 176 PS#175 |
| RB | Ed Bailey | 5-9 208 PS#328 |
| RB | Raymorris Barnes | 5-9 175 PS#331 |
| RB | Jordan Kramer | 6-0 200 PS#357 |
| K | Brandon Skeen | 6-1 185 PS#68 |
| QB | Terry Holley | 6-2 190 PS#250 |
| RB | Robbie Beck | 5-11 212 PS#450 |
| OL | Coley-Joe Cswaykus | 6-4 265 PS#435 |
| OL | Micah Meador | 6-3 295 PS#435 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Corey Evans So.** 5-11 180 *PS#105, 10.38 100m/ 44 yds as true, 4 gms ly til inj, 149 yds rush (5.7), 12 yds pass. Jeremy Hurd was PS#165, 4.5 spd.*
**HB LEROY BRADLEY JR.** 5-11 205 *1 st, 85 yds (5.7) in 98 as rFr. 11 sts in 99, top RB w/503 yds (5.7). Vincent Hawkins (5-6 175 So) had 95 yds (5.6) in 99.*
**HB Anthony Griffin Sr.** 5-10 200 *PS#198. Track tm. 3 sts in 98, 447 yds (6.6). 10 gms in 99 (inj), 219 yds (5.9). Donald Pinkerton (5-9 160 rFr) was PS#197.*
**FB JAMIE TYLER JR.** 5-11 220 *8 sts as rFr in 98, #1 RB with 614 yds (4.2). 6 sts in 99 (miss 4 inj), 338 yds (4.1). Derek Gary (6-0 185 Jr) had 173 yds.*
**WR Gilbert Okoronkwo Jr.** 6-3 195 *PS#178 in 98. 2 sts as true, 2 rec (11.0), 4.4 speed. Miss spg in 99 w/inj, 10 gms, 11 rec (14.8). Gavin Boothe is PS#73!*
**TE Brandon Manning Jr.** 6-4 235 *11 gms as rFr in 98 w/3 sts, solid blocker. 11 gms as backup TE in 99. Travis Thompson (6-2 250 So).*
**C AARON SANDOVAL SR.** 6-2 295 *PS#239. 3 sts at LT as rFr. 10 sts in 98 at RT. 11 sts at RT in 99. Brandon Wallace (6-1 275 Jr) lettered in 99.*
**RG HEATH FOWLER JR.** 6-2 275 *1 st, 10 gms as rFr. 11 sts at RG in 99. Keith Meyer (6-3 260 So) PS#78. Inj'd as rFr. Ben Stephens (6-2 290 rFr) PS#216.*
**LG Ryan Smith Jr.** 6-2 300 *PS#56DL. 5 tkls on DL as rFr. Backup OL in 99 & lettered. Joe Davis (6-1 295 Sr) PS#415OL, lettered in 97 as backup.*
**RT Billy Harvin Jr.** 6-4 270 *11 gms as 2nd string in 98. 1 st in 99 at LT, 2 letters. Anthony Mowry (6-4 260 Jr) PS#68OL in 97. 5 gms in 98.*
**LT ROD BEAVAN SR.** 6-3 270 *11 sts as true. 3 sts in 97 til inj. 11 sts in 98. 10 sts at LT in 99. Clint Crisp (6-3 290 So) PS#361OL, 0 letters.*
**K DEREK CRABTREE JR.** 6-4 210 *PS#39K in 97. Hit 5 of 5 with long of 41 in 98. Hit 8 of 9 with long of 41 in 99. Will miss long K Grimes.*

**DE JAKE JACKSON SR.** 6-2 250 *26 tkls 1st 2Y. 11 sts in 99, 28 tkls, 9 tfl. Clint Johnson (6-1 250 Jr) 24 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 yrs. Jonathan Chism (6-3 250 rFr) PS#179.*
**DT Larry Brown Jr.** 6-2 290 *PS#108. 20 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 19 tkls, 1 tfl in 99. Lance Redmon (6-2 270 So) 5 tkls, 1 tfl as true. Isaac Allison (6-3 275 So).*
**NG BJ FORGUSON SR.** 6-3 290 *PS#301. 21 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 11 sts in 99, 29 tkls, 9 tfl, HM WAC. Willie Merritt (6-3 295 Jr) PS#315DL, 25 tkls, 3 tfl in 2 yrs.*
**DE JARRETT ERWIN SR.** 6-1 240 *PS#108LB 1 st, 30 tkls 1st 2Y. 11 sts ly, 19 tkls, 2 tfl. Brandon Green (6-3 230 So) 37 tkls, 4 tfl as true. Danny Cestero (6-2 235 rFr).*
**OLB DAN DAWSON JR.** 6-2 200 *PS#85QB in 97. 9 sts as rFr, 81 tkls, 6 tfl. 9 sts til inj in 99, 67 tkls, 9 tfl. Justin Engler (6-2 205 So) PS#31DB, 2 tkls in 99.*
**BLB Rashard Pittman Jr.** 5-11 225 *PS#201LB. 1 st as rFr, 7 tkls in 98. 1 st in 99, 52 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl, 8 gms. Julius Mitchell (6-1 205 rFr) has 4.5 speed.*
**WLB JOE BOB THOMPSON JR.** 6-0 215 *36 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. 11 sts in 99. #2 w/ 73 tkls, 7 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. Scott Huffman (5-10 215 So) 4.75 speed. 10 tkls as rFr.*
**CB JOSH McMILLAN SR.** 5-11 170 *11 tkls, 1 pbu as true. 6 tkls in 98. 11 sts in 99, 56 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu. Kenny Smith (5-7 170 Jr) 1 st in 98, 22 tkls, 2 pbu ly.*
**CB Greg Gatlin So.** 6-0 175 *PS#242, 26 tkls, 1 int as rFr. Clifford Sparks (5-9 176) is PS#175. John White (5-11 170 rFr) was PS#331DB in 99.*
**SS TRAVIS ORTEGA SR.** 6-3 210 *4.38 spd. 8 sts, 62 tkls in 97. 11 sts, 78 tkls in 98. 11 sts, 69 tkls, 3 pbu ly. Lon Dee Smith had 3 sts in 97, 11 sts in 98, 60 tkls, 1 int.*
**FS JASON HEBERT JR.** 6-0 190 *PS#28BLB. 47 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr. 11 sts in 99, 2nd tm WAC, 83 tkls, 4 int, 1 pbu. Antwan Shell (5-11 185 So) 10 tkls in 99.*
**P TRAVIS HALE SO.** 6-3 215 *Took over as true frosh & had 53 punts with average of 41.5 & has good size. +10 lbs & added leg strength in spg.*

# RICE OWLS

Houston, Texas
Weather (713) 529-4444

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score RICE | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 7-1 ATS in the Rice/Texas series.<br>Owls are 1-4-1 ATS their L/6 home openers.<br>Rice is 1-7 ATS vs Service Academies.<br>Owls played 7 of 11 on the road LY & are away 6 times this season.<br>Rice is 20-8 ATS off a SU win the last 6 years. |
| Sep. 2 | Houston | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The favorite is 8-2 ATS in this series.<br>This is just the 2nd matchup of these rivals since the SWC disbanded. |
| Sep. 9 | at Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Owls are 4-8 ATS vs Big 10 teams since 1983.<br>Rice is 11-21 ATS as road underdog since 1991. |
| Sep. 16 | Tulsa | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Owls really give a hoot at home with a 13-2 SU conf mark the L4Y.<br>Rice has won & covered each of the L/4Y vs Tulsa. |
| Sep. 23 | at Oklahoma | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Owls are 3-11 SU, but 9-5 ATS vs current Big 12 teams S/94.<br>These teams have not met since 1979. OK leads all time series 6-0. |
| Sep. 30 | at San Jose St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This will be Rice's 3rd trip to California since '76; 0-2 SU & ATS.<br>The home team won & covered each of the 90's series meetings. |
| Oct. 7 | Fresno St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Owls are 12-3 ATS in October since '96.<br>Rice is 5-2 ATS their L/7 games prior to a bye. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | Hawaii | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Owls have fallen from their perch as a home fav with a 5-10-1 mark, or...<br>Rice was 10-3 ATS as a HD under Hatfield prior to this season. |
| Oct. 28 | at TCU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Prior to this season Rice was 9-18 ATS (1-4 LY) on grass since '92.<br>These teams have met 78 times. TCU leads series 40-35-3. |
| Nov. 4 | SMU | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visiting team is 7-3-1 ATS in this series since 1986.<br>Owls are 4-8 ATS their last 12 home finales. |
| Nov. 11 | at UTEP | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Visitor has covered each of the L/3 meetings.<br>Pending earlier results, Rice is 17-7-1 ATS L/25 artificial turf games. |
| Nov. 18 | at Nevada | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rice is 13-5 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since 1988.<br>Coming into the UTEP game, Rice was 5-9 ATS L/14 November road games. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: RICE STADIUM (70,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 5-6 | 2-8-1 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 37-39-1 |
| ATS | 5-5 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 6-4-1 | 5-6 | 39-36-1 |
| Home Fav | 4-0 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-3 | 2-1-1 | 1-2 | 9-10-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 10-4 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 10-7 |
| Away Dog | 0-4 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 10-15 |
| Favorite | 5-0 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 3-0 | 2-5 | 2-2-1 | 3-3 | 19-17-1 |
| Dog | 0-5 | 4-1 | 2-4 | 4-4 | 4-0 | 4-2 | 2-3 | 20-19 |
| Grass | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 3-3 | 1-4 | 8-17 |
| Artificial | 5-4 | 6-3 | 3-5 | 6-1 | 4-3 | 3-1-1 | 4-2 | 31-19-1 |
| vs Conf | 3-4 | 4-3 | 3-4 | 6-2 | 3-5 | 6-2-1 | 4-3 | 29-23-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 10-13 |
| Off SU Win | 1-4 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 4-2 | 4-2 | 4-1 | 4-1 | 21-12 |
| Off SU Loss | 4-1 | 3-3 | 2-5 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-4 | 17-19 |

## Coach: KEN HATFIELD (Career 144-96-4)
### *Hatfield's records AT RICE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7th Year at Rice | | 5-10-1 | Home Favorite |
| 31-34-1 | Straight Up | 10-3 | Home Underdog |
| 34-31-1 | Vs The Spread | 9-7 | Away Favorite |
| 13-18 | Off A S/U Loss | 10-11 | Away Underdog |
| 26-19-1 | Vs Conference | 8-12 | Vs Non-Conf |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | Cotton | NL | N Carolina | 27-13 | W |
| 53 | Cotton | NL | Alabama | 28-6 | W |
| 57 | Cotton | NL | Navy | 7-20 | L |
| 60 | Sugar | NL | Mississippi | 6-14 | L |
| 61 | Bluebonnet | NL | Kansas | 7-33 | L |

# RICE (5-6)

CONFERENCE:
**WAC**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 5**
**DEFENSE: 9**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 39 (17,19,3)**
**Lost: 17 (8,7,2)**

## RICE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 21.5 | 18 | 258 | 4.3 | 55 | 39.6 | 14.5 | +1 | 1999 | 4 | 23.7 | 18 | 125 | 3.9 | 214 | 61.2 | 14.3 |
| 5 | 21.4 | 17 | 257 | 4.5 | 61 | 37.9 | 14.9 | +7 | 1998 | 9 | 23.4 | 20 | 187 | 4.7 | 195 | 57.2 | 16.4 |
| 9* | 27.8 | 21 | 333 | 5.3 | 53 | 36.2 | 13.9 | -1 | 1997 | 6 | 25.9 | 19 | 181 | 4.8 | 203 | 55.5 | 14.8 |
| 7 | 26.9 | 19 | 305 | 5.3 | 47 | 33.3 | 13.1 | -2 | 1996 | 5 | 28.4 | 20 | 176 | 4.7 | 215 | 56.7 | 13.8 |
| 7* | 19.5 | 17 | 223 | 4.4 | 108 | 47.2 | 16.9 | -4 | 1995 | 9 | 25.8 | 18 | 176 | 4.1 | 178 | 54.8 | 13.7 |
| 6 | 18.7 | 18 | 239 | 4.3 | 89 | 50.3 | 17.5 | +2 | 1994 | 7 | 18.5 | 17 | 120 | 3.5 | 193 | 56.3 | 17.0 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Houston | 16 | 59-162 | 2.7 | 3-15 | 67 | 5 | | 8 | 30-96 | 3.2 | 10-13 | 107 | 2 | -6 |
| at Michigan | 8 | 52-142 | 2.7 | 1-4 | 15 | 2 | | 19 | 41-132 | 3.2 | 18-31 | 224 | 0 | -3 |
| at Texas | 15 | 55-209 | 3.8 | 1-9 | 27 | 3 | | 27 | 40-209 | 5.2 | 26-41 | 246 | 2 | +1 |
| Navy | 21 | 65-255 | 3.9 | 5-8 | 67 | 2 | | 11 | 40-255 | 6.4 | 3-10 | 26 | 1 | +1 |
| at Tulsa | 17 | 61-309 | 5.1 | 1-7 | 20 | 0 | | 20 | 22-34 | 1.5 | 32-52 | 290 | 5 | +3 |
| at Hawaii | 22 | 66-354 | 5.4 | 3-5 | 28 | 1 | | 16 | 15-24 | 1.6 | 25-53 | 400 | 1 | +2 |
| San Jose St | 30 | 81-413 | 5.1 | 4-6 | 65 | 0 | | 13 | 20-23 | 1.2 | 21-30 | 141 | 1 | +3 |
| TCU | 22 | 62-350 | 5.6 | 3-6 | 74 | 0 | | 16 | 31-129 | 4.2 | 16-32 | 157 | 2 | 0 |
| at SMU | 18 | 57-240 | 4.2 | 3-9 | 45 | 0 | | 17 | 39-87 | 2.2 | 18-25 | 197 | 2 | -2 |
| at Fresno St | 14 | 46-99 | 2.2 | 9-14 | 123 | 3 | | 21 | 42-274 | 6.5 | 13-16 | 204 | 1 | 0 |
| UTEP | 16 | 51-302 | 5.9 | 5-13 | 71 | 0 | | 28 | 31-110 | 3.5 | 31-45 | 360 | 2 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 199 | 655-2835 | 4.3 | 38-96 | 602 | 16 | | 196 | 351-1373 | 3.9 | 213-348 | 2352 | 19 | +1 |
| AVERAGES | 18.1 | 60-258 | 4.3 | 3-9 | 55 | 1.5 | | 17.8 | 32-125 | 3.9 | 19-32 | 214 | 1.7 | 0.1 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| UNLV | -22 | 38-0 | W |
| Tulane | -17 | 15-17 | L |
| at LSU | +13' | 7-52 | L |
| at Army | -1' | 21-21 | L |
| at Texas | +18' | 13-37 | L |
| TCU | +3' | 28-33 | L |
| at Texas Tech | +16 | 26-31 | W |
| at SMU | -5 | 34-24 | W |
| Texas A&M | +16' | 10-17 | W |
| at Baylor | +15 | 6-34 | L |
| Houston | -8 | 17-18 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Ohio St | +28 | 7-70 | L |
| at Tulane | +5' | 21-14 | W |
| Kansas St | +21 | 7-34 | L |
| at Air Force | +16' | 17-45 | L |
| N Mexico | +5' | 38-21 | W |
| SMU | +1 | 35-17 | W |
| at UTEP | -5 | 48-21 | W |
| Utah | +5 | 51-10 | W |
| at BYU | +12' | 0-49 | L |
| at TCU | -3 | 30-17 | W |
| Tulsa | -11 | 42-14 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Air Force | -7 | 12-41 | L |
| at Tulane | -3' | 30-24 | W |
| at Northwestern | +7 | 40-34 | W |
| Texas | +11' | 31-38 | W |
| at Tulsa | -10 | 42-24 | W |
| BYU | +2' | 27-14 | W |
| at N Mexico | +1' | 35-23 | W |
| at SMU | -5 | 6-24 | L |
| TCU | -21 | 38-19 | L |
| at Utah | E | 14-31 | L |
| UTEP | -19 | 31-13 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| SMU | -6 | 23-17 | T |
| at Purdue | +13 | 19-21 | W |
| Northwestern | -5' | 14-23 | L |
| at Texas | +6' | 21-59 | L |
| at San Jose St | -6' | 17-20 | L |
| Tulsa | -3' | 14-10 | W |
| at Wyoming | +7' | 24-34 | L |
| Colorado St | +10 | 35-23 | W |
| at TCU | +2' | 14-12 | W |
| UNLV | -15' | 38-16 | W |
| at Air Force | +22 | 16-22 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Houston | +2' | 3-28 | L |
| at Michigan | +27 | 3-37 | L |
| at Texas | +26' | 13-18 | W |
| Navy | -7 | 20-17 | L |
| at Tulsa | -5 | 20-10 | W |
| at Hawaii | -1 | 38-19 | W |
| San Jose St | -10 | 49-7 | W |
| TCU | E | 42-21 | W |
| at SMU | -10' | 2-27 | L |
| at Fresno St | +2' | 18-47 | L |
| UTEP | -8' | 29-30 | L |

# RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - This unit has been extremely short on depth since Shea became head coach. In 1997 Mike McMahon got six starts as a true frosh and threw for 1,259 yards (49.3%) with a 6-12 ratio. In 98 he had a 2-7 ratio in the first five starts but then had a 9-4 ratio in the next five before a meltdown vs VT where he tossed 5 int's. He finished with 2,203 yards (51.8%) with a 12-16 ratio and also rushed for 182 yards. Last year he started the first five throwing for 989 yards (45.2%) with a 5-7 ratio vs five top notch defenses. He was lost for the year vs VT (the game was tied 14-14) and he was leading the Big East in passing yardage at the time. Michael Jones (6-4 225 Sr, PS#119) took over and started 3 games but threw for just 404 yards (40.3%) with a 1-5 ratio. Shea took the redshirt off true frosh Chad Schwenk and he guided the team to the upset of Syracuse and threw for 845 yards (57.6%) with a 3-4 ratio. Schwenk showed a lot of promise down the stretch and is also mobile. McMahon missed spring practice but should be 100% in the fall and Schwenk benefited from the extra reps. Chris Dapolito is PS#48 is this year's top recruit and could contend immediately. This should be one of the most improved QB corps in the country.

**RUNNING BACKS** - This group underperformed in 99. Jacki Crooks avg'd 142 ypg over the last 4 games in 98 but managed only 587 yards (3.6) in 10 starts in 1999. FB Dennis Thomas began 98 as the starting TB and had 418 yards (3.9). He did a solid job last year after moving to FB with 372 total yards. His backup, Seth Stanton, also returns and has good size. They get a super transfer this year in Ravon Anderson who was PS#14 and originally signed at N Carolina. He should step right into the feature back role. Jason Ohene (6-0 195 Jr) has 171 yards (3.0) in 2 years. Shea also brings in JUCO Vaughn Calhoun as well as some frosh signees. Thomas spent the spring at TB but could move back to FB if the TB's shine. If Anderson lives up to his potential, this unit will be vastly improved but even if the feature back is simply good, I call this position improved.

**RECEIVERS** - This unit has been hit hard by injuries the last 2 years. Last year they had to replace 3 of 4 starters including the top 3 WR's. This year the group is in much better shape as plenty of players saw action due to injuries and almost everyone who caught a pass returns. I list the 2 deep below and you will notice it is well stocked with HT's. Also in the mix at WR are Delrico Fletcher (PS #33), who I list at CB, and David Stringer (6-1 190 So) who transferred in from NC St. Naturally this group is much more experienced and since a lot of frosh saw action last year should be much improved in their sophomore seasons.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The only unit on the Rutgers squad that did not get banged up last season was the O-line. Five players started all 11 games but this unit came under constant criticism as they opened the holes for just 2.3 ypc and allowed 47 sacks. After McMahon was sacked 7 times by Cal, Shea yelled at the O-line that the QB would not last all year if subjected to that type of punishment. Shea was proven correct as McMahon's season was cut short after 5 starts. Shea rarely went to the backups which means this year's group will be lightly tested as 4 starters depart. Gone are G Shaun O'Hara (2nd team Big East, 3 yr st'r), RT Ben French (11 sts, 4 yr st'r), C Mike Delucia (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RG Iosefa Puaauli (11 sts, 2 yr st'r). Shea has changed the blocking schemes this year making them less complicated for the extremely young unit. I like the talent available here and last year's squad clearly underperformed, but this unit does look weaker in 2000 and is the primary concern of the offense.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Rutgers got more generous for three straight years, allowing 4.6 ypc in '96 to 4.9 in 97 and 5.2 in 98. Last year they returned everyone to the front wall including star DE Wayne Hampton (11 sts, 8 sks, 75 tkls). They "only" allowed 5.0 ypc rushing in 99. This year they must replace Hampton, DT Mike Belh (9 sts, 2 sks), DT Ansel George-Shields (3 sts, 9 tkls) and DE Jack Bloom (6 sts, 33 tkls). Injuries hit this unit hard including starting DE Marcus Perry who missed the first 8 games. They are shifting to the 3-4 this year and add some solid newcomers. Perry is back as is starting DT Thomas Petko. They add a VHT rFr in Jason Malakoski (PS #51), a JUCO (Torrance Heggie) and get Bill Tulloch back after he sat out the last two years. Not listed below is Marty Pyszczymuka (6-2 255 rFr) who was PS #261. As long as this group stays healthy, I look for an improved D-line.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year Rutgers had to replace their leading tackler to graduation but then lost speedy Tarrell Freeney to injury prior to the year. Roger Wingate began the year as a starter but was injured in the opener. They still had two starters back to the 3 man corps. This year they must replace MLB Jabari Moore (11 sts, #1 tackler), OLB Dax Strohmeyer (9 sts, 111 tkls, 13 tfl) and Mike Pridgeon (9 sts, 70 tkls). Freeney is back from injury and should nab one starting spot in the new 4 man alignment. I list the two deep below and while there is some solid talent on hand, it looks less experienced than the 99 version even though 5 true frosh logged significant minutes last year.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - No position on any team in the country was hit harder than the Rutgers DB's were by injuries and academic suspensions in 1999. Prior to the year they lost 3 starters plus a backup. During the season starters were dropping like flies as they lost 2 more for the rest of the season with 3 games to go. In the season finale they managed to take just 6 DB's on the trip to Miami and when the starting 2 safeties went out to injury, a pair of walk-ons saw the majority of the action. This year they must replace CB Robert Crenshaw (10 sts, 12 pbu) and SS David Griffin (7 sts. 2 int, 6 pbu). Not only do 5 players who started last year return (including 3 who played as true frosh) but they get some big time additions. Garrett Shea is the coach's son and had 10 starts here in 98 after transferring in from Ohio St. Shawn Seabrooks was PS #45 and transfers in from Tennessee! Seabrooks lived up to his billing in the spring and their DB coach said they will play a lot of man to man this year. Last year they did not play a single down of that type of defense! This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the country.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Knights have finished #84, #76, #90, #105 and #108 in my special teams rankings over the last 5 years. Last year with the team's depth depleted by so many injuries, you would have to figure the kick cover units would be poor and they were. With the increased depth this year, I expect improvement in both KR defense & net punting. K Steve Barone was very accurate in 98. Last year he slumped and hit just 6 of 12 with a long of 41 but should return to his freshman form. Jacki Crooks was the leading PR but averaged only 4.9. They should find an adequate PR to replace him. All of the top KR's are back. I feel this group could have its best finish in my special teams rankings in six years.

Prior to his injury, Mike McMahon led all Big East QB's in pass yards.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jacki Crooks | 161 | 645 | 58 | 587 | 3 | 3.6 |
| **Dennis Thomas** | **37** | **187** | **7** | **180** | **0** | **4.9** |
| **Jason Ohene** | **27** | **123** | **23** | **100** | **1** | **3.7** |
| Kevin Sinclair | 28 | 98 | 26 | 72 | 0 | 2.6 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | YDS | PCT | TD | INT |
| **Mike McMahon** | **146** | **66** | **45.2** | **989** | **5** | **7** |
| **Chad Schwenk** | **125** | **72** | **57.6** | **845** | **3** | **4** |
| **Mike Jones** | **72** | **29** | **40.3** | **404** | **1** | **5** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Errol Johnson** | | **35** | **507** | **14.5** | **2** | **56** |
| **Walter King** | | **29** | **453** | **15.6** | **1** | **80** |
| **LJ Smith** | | **26** | **418** | **16.1** | **3** | **54** |
| Jacki Crooks | | 25 | 189 | 7.6 | 0 | 25 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charlie Titus | 69 | 2801 | 40.6 | - | 31.6 | 1 | 15 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Steve Barone** | **2-2** | **2-3** | **2-6** | **0-1** | **6-12** | **41** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jabari Moore | 130 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Dax Strohmeyer | 111 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| **Nate Colon** | **77** | **0** | **5** | **0** | **0** |
| Wayne Hampton | 75 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Mike Pridgeon | 70 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Robert Crenshaw | 65 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| **Wes Robertson** | **64** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| **Tony Berry** | **59** | **0** | **2** | **9** | **0** |
| **Shahib White** | **52** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **1** |
| David Griffin | 41 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| **Thomas Petko** | **36** | **1** | **2** | **0** | **0** |
| Jack Bloom | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Brian Bender** | **21** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jacki Crooks | 9 | 44 | 4.9 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dennis Thomas** | **34** | **726** | **21.4** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT CALIFORNIA +18' 7-21 WIN** RU controlled the 1H with a 215-126 yd edge & 13-6 FD edge. Cal's 1st play was a 49 yd Fields TD run but RU answered with a 75 yd TD drive. Both teams missed FG's. Cal fmbl'd at the RU 30. 4 plays later Cal ret'd an int 75 yds for a TD & a 14 pt swing, 14-7. RU gained 48 yds on the final drive of the half but did not score. Cal's defense dominated the 2H holding RU to -9 yds on their 1st 6 poss. Cal got a 79 yd TD drive & missed a 27 yd FG. RU's last drive ended on an int in the EZ.

**TEXAS +23 21-38 WIN** UT had just 40 more yds & 4 more FD's (385-345 & 24-20). UT blk'd a punt for a TD. RU settled for a 23 yd FG after a TD was called back on holding. UT got a pair of short TD drives, 21-3 after 1Q. UT got a 2Q 30 yd TD run. RU got a 41 yd FG, 28-6 at half. RU drove for a 3Q TD & 2 pt conv, 28-14. A bad snap on a punt set UT up on the 3 for a TD. RU drove for a 4Q TD but were done in by 3 fmbl's & 2 bad punts or they might have pulled the upset.

**BOSTON COLLEGE +7 7-27 LOSS** RU had only 5 healthy DL's & BC's huge O-line wore them down in the 2H. In the 1H BC only had a 191-157 yd edge but were aided by 5 RU dropped passes. BC got a 31 yd FG foll an int & then had an 87 yd TD drive, 10-0. BC got a 62 yd drive for a FG to open the 3Q but RU got a 56 yd TD pass. BC drove 73 yds for a TD, 20-7. RU drove 56 yds but missed a 37 yd FG & 2 poss later BC's TD sealed it.

**AT WAKE FOREST +17 10-17 WIN** Attendance was just 20,772 & WF was in the unusual role of heavy fav & did not handle it well. After a scoreless 1Q RU got a 62 yd pass & FG to lead 10-0. WF put together a 90 yd, 17 play march for a TD w/ 1:52 left. RU missed a 40 yd FG w/ :27 left, 10-7 at half. WF had a 46 yd pass set up a TD, 14-10. RU missed two scoring chances & WF hit a 29 yd FG w/ 4:19 left, 17-10. McMahon hit a 46 yd pass to the WF 34 but 2 pen's forced a punt. RU fmbl'd at their own 20 on their last drive to end the threat but the spread was never in question.

**VIRGINIA TECH +31 20-58 LOSS** VT QB Vick set a Big East record hitting 11 of 12 passes for 248 yds. He had 4 TD passes in the 1H. The 1st 4 poss of the game were all long TD drives & it was surprisingly 14-14. The rest of the game belonged to VT. They had 5 consecutive TD drives of 68, 33, 57, 45 & 67 yds, 49-14 at half. McMahon was inj'd and backup Jones was just 6 of 17.

**W VIRGINIA +20 16-62 LOSS** RU was without QB McMahon who had been lost for the season vs VT but WV was w/o their starting QB Bulger. RU hit an 80 yd TD pass on the 1st play & had a 244-171 yd edge in the 1H. RU's defense allowed just 1 meaningful TD drive & yet WV led 41-13 at half because of an 82 yd KR to the 3, an 80 yd PR for a TD, an int return to the 3 and a fmbl'd KO at the 19 setting up short WV TD's. WV owned the 2H despite losing 2nd string QB Lewis in the 3Q & ex DB Porter finished the game at QB. RU finished with a 449-392 yd edge.

**PITTSBURGH +15 15-38 LOSS** Pitt fmbl'd in the EZ at the end of a 14 play 78 yd drive to thwart an early threat. Pitt got an 82 yd TD drive & added a FG. Pitt fmbl'd at the RU 8 but got a 9 yd int ret for a TD 2 plays later & drove 22 yds for a TD foll another int with :53 left in half, 24-0. It was 31-0 when RU drove 74 yds in 3 plays for a TD & 50 yds for a TD foll an int, 31-15. Pitt added a 35 yd TD pass, 38-15. RU crossed midfield just once more. Pitt had a 514-239 yd edge in a game not as close as the final indicated.

**AT TEMPLE +10 28-56 LOSS** This game was all Temple. QB Scott hit his 1st 13 passes & 28 of his first 31. Even sitting out the 4Q he broke a school record with 6 TD passes. TU finished with a 503-324 yd edge. TU got 69, 80, and 82 yd TD drives & led 21-7 . They got a 40 yd int ret for a TD to lead 28-7 at the half. A 55 yd KR to open the 3Q set them up for a 42 yd TD drive, 35-7 & they coasted from there.

**NAVY +14 7-34 LOSS** Navy had 247 yds in the 1H & scored on their 1st 3 poss, 17-0. Navy added a 38 yd 3Q FG & RU got its only score on a blk'd P ret'd for a TD. Navy added 53 & 61 yard TD runs & the Middies had a 481-191 yd edge.

**SYRACUSE (OT) +30' 24-21 WIN** Rutgers ended their 11 game losing streak. The first 1 1/2Q's were scoreless but RU then jumped to a 14-7 lead before SU scored a TD just before half to tie. That drive was aided early on by a roughing the QB call on RU. SU got an 83 yd TD drive in the 3Q. RU was SOD at the SU 47 but after a punt, RU drove 96 yds for a TD to send it in to OT. SU missed a 31 yd FG & RU nailed a 25 yd'r for the win.

**AT MIAMI, FLA +33 0-55 LOSS** Rutgers was w/o 10 starters due to inj's. They gave extensive playing time to 3 walk-ons and was off a big upset of Syracuse. They were simply no match for Miami, even though backup Dorsey started at QB as Kelly & RB Jackson missed the game. Dorsey hit 19 of 26 for 194 yds. Portis rushed for 133. UM had 223 yds rushing & 227 passing while holding RU to just 5 FD's & 64 total yds offense. It was 34-0 at the half & 48-0 after 3Q's. UM sacked RU QB Schwenk 9 times.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Rutgers has not had a winning season since 1992 although head coach Terry Shea was Big East Coach of the Year in 1998 with a 5-6 record. The promise of 1998 did not spill over into 1999 as Rutgers had the most injury plagued season of any Div IA team. Prior to the season, no less than 4 starters were lost for the year due to injuries, grades and academic suspensions. In the opener two more starters were lost for the year. Overall fifteen starters got knocked out of action on both sides of the ball during the course of the year, most of them being lost for the season. The biggest blow came in week 5 vs VT when QB McMahon went down to injury. When the team travelled to Miami, there were only 58 players left after the injuries and suspensions. Only 6 DB's made the trip and both safeties were injured in the 1H so 2 walk-on reserves played. The team narrowly avoided its 2nd winless season under Shea with a huge upset over Syracuse in OT in their home finale (first win over SU since 1986). In 1999 sixteen true frosh were forced to play. Shea's contract reportedly is only for the year 2000 and he must have a winning season to maintain his job. The schedule will help this year. Last year Rutgers' first five opponents were very big and physical teams. This year they open with Villanova and Buffalo. They have just 6 starters back on offense and 3 on defense but are loaded with returning players that have starting experience plus some super additions and will be much stronger on both sides of the ball. 18 players did miss the spring game but all are expected back in the fall. The Knights showed they could upset one of the upper level Big East teams last year and if they get one or two of those upsets this year they have a shot at a winning season. The big question is, can they stay healthy?


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Chris Dapolito 6-4 215 PS#48 |
| DB | Nate Jones 6-10 170 PS#120 |
| TE | Jeff Olsen 6-6 240 PS#75 |
| DL | Torrance Heggie 6-5' 220 PS#306JC |
| RB | Ravon Anderson 5-10 195 PS#316JC |
| LB | Dan Woodard 6-2' 220 PS#379 |
| RB | Jereme Baker 5-11 185 PS#450 |
| RB | Troy Marion 6-1 210 PS#450 |
| OL | Rob Dinsmore 6-5 275 PS#435 |
| OL | Mike Williamson 6-5 290 PS#435 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB MIKE McMAHON SR.** 6-3 215 *PS#77. 6 sts as true, 1259 yds (49%). 11 sts in 98, 2203 yds (52%), 12-16 ratio. 5 sts ly til inj. 5-7 ratio. Chad Schwenk 845 yds as true.*
**RB Ravon Anderson Jr.** 5-10 195 *PS#14 in 97. 128 yds (3.4) at N Car in 98, JC ly. Jason Ohene (6-0 195 Jr) has 171 yds, 2Y. Vaughn Calhoun (6-0 190 Jr) is JC.*
**FB DENNIS THOMAS JR.** 6-2 220 *PS#193. 6 sts at TB in 98, 418 yds (3.9). 9 sts at FB in 99, 180 yds (4.9), 19 rec (10.1). Top KR. Seth Stanton (6-2 240 Jr) was PS#273.*
**WR WALTER KING SR.** 6-2 200 *PS#47, 4 sts in 96, 97, 31 rec (21.2). Inj in 98. 7 sts in 99 (inj), 29 rec (15.6). Aaron Martin (6-4 195 So) was PS#89, 2 sts, 8 rec true.*
**WR ERROL JOHNSON SR.** 6-2 205 *PS#66JC ly, 11 sts, 35 rec (14.5). Antoine Lovelace (6-2 180 So) was PS#31, 5 rec as true. Sean Carty (6-1 190 So) 3 sts, 11 rec.*
**TE L.J. SMITH JR.** 6-4 210 *PS#114 in 98. 10 sts in 99, 26 rec (16.1), 3 TD's. Rob Ring (6-3 240 Jr) was PS#113, 2 gms as true, 3 rec (18.0) as backup in 99.*
**C Jeremy Womack Jr.** 6-4 270 *3 gms as true. 2nd string in 99 & played 11 gms. Randy Smith (6-4 270 Sr) 3 gms in 98 at G. 5 gms in 99 at C.*
**RG Brian Duffy rFr.** 6-5 300 *PS#92 in 99. Mike Esposito (6-4 315 So) 11 gms backup as rFr, Julian Ross (6-4 290 Jr) 5 tkls at DL in 98. 2 sts, 15 tkls ly.*
**LG RICH MAZZA SR.** 6-3 280 *PS#213 in 97, 2 tkls as true at NT. 2 sts at RG in 98. 11 sts at LG in 99. Tim Baker (6-4 295 Sr) 6 gms here as JC trans ly.*
**RT Krzysztof Kaczorowski Fr.** 6-6 305 *PS#99, true frosh in for spg. Travis Mills (6-3 311 Jr) is JC trans in for spg. Rich McManis (6-5 320 Fr) PS#289.*
**LT Howard Blackwood So.** 6-2 274 *PS#349, 11 gms in 99. Dave Showalter (6-5 290 So) PS#240. 5 gms in 99. Both are trying to bulk up.*
**K STEVE BARONE JR.** 6-0 180 *54 & 58 yd FG's in HS. Hit 8 of 12 in 98, long of 51 here. 6 of 12 in 99, long of 41 & is 8 of 10 inside 40 over 2 yrs.*

**DE MARCUS PERRY JR.** 6-1 260 *PS#272OL, 9 sts as rFr in 98. 41 tkls, 4 tfl. 1 st in 99 (miss 8 inj), 10 tkls, 2 tfl.* **Jason Malakoski** *(6-4 260 rFr) was PS#51.*
**DT THOMAS PETKO SR.** 6-0 285 *HS Hvywt wrestler. 2 sts in 98, 38 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts ly, 37 tkls, 2 tfl. Greg Pyszczymuka (6-2 270 So) PS#318, 1 st, 16 tkls ly.*
**DE Bill Tulloch Jr.** 6-3 255 *PS#136, 25 tkls as true, sat out L/2Y. William Burnett (6-4 255 So) PS#240DL, 2 tfl as true in 98. Torrance Heggie (6-5 220 Jr) is JC.*
**SLB Brian Bender So.** 6-2 210 *SS in spg of 99. 3 sts at LB as true, 30 tkls, 1 tfl. Nate Leonard (6-1 205 So) PS#177DB, 29 tkls as true. Jerred Friday (6-4 215 So).*
**WLB Mitchell Davis So.** 6-1 220 *PS#195RB. Move to LB, 5 tkls as true. Steve Berson (5-11 205 So) PS#363OL, 6 tkls as true. Raishard Crawford (6-0 230 Sr) PS#234.*
**MLB Wesley Robertson Sr.** 6-3 230 *Bench 225 lbs 29 times. 3 sts, 38 tkls in 98. 1 st, 61 tkls in 99, 1 tfl. Ron Simone (6-1 245 So) PS#180LB, 17 tkls as rFr in 99.*
**LB TARRELL FREENEY SR.** 6-0 200 *PS#76. 6 sts, 41 tkls, 4 tfl at SS as true. 9 sts in 98, 67 tkls, 2 tfl. Inj in 99. Dennis McCormack (6-2 225 Sr) PS#245 & orig at Syr.*
**CB TONY BERRY JR.** 6-1 180 *PS#150. Acad inel in 98. 11 sts in 99, 54 tkls, 1 tfl, 9 pbu. DeWayne Thompson (5-8 190 Jr) PS#106, 1 st in 99 then knee inj.*
**CB Shawn Seabrooks So.** 5-9 190 *PS#45 & trans from Tenn. Delrico Fletcher (6-2 205 Jr) PS#33WR, 10 rec in 97. Brandon Haw (6-0 165 So) PS#146.*
**KGT NATE COLON SO.** 5-10 190 *PS#132RB. Move to SS as true, 9 sts, 77 tkls, 5 tfl (inj). Peter Mendez (6-0 195) 2nd yr as DB. 1 st in 99, 21 tkls, 2 tfl.*
**FS GARRETT SHEA SR.** 5-10 190 *Ohio St trans. 10.8 in 100m. 10 sts here in 98, 46 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. Inj ly.* **Shahib White** *(6-0 190 Sr) JC ly, 4 sts here, 51 tkls, 1 int.*
**P Michael Barr Jr.** 6-3 235 *PS#44K in 98. 5 gms as true when Titus inj'd, 17 punts, 39.5 avg. Had 43.0 avg in HS (long of 63) & added 15 lbs.*

# RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score RUT | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The last 3 years the Knights are an amazing -37 in turnover ratio. Rutgers is 1-4 SU, 2-3 ATS L/10 years vs the ACC. Rutgers is 8-3 ATS L/11 non-conf games. |
| Sep. 2 | Villanova | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Knights are 4-0 SU in "NL" home openers, combined score is 144-40. The Wildcats were 7-4 SU overall LY, 6-2 in Atlantic 10 play. |
| Sep. 9 | Buffalo | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Rutgers is 2-9-1 ATS after a SU win the L/5Y. Scarlet Knights are 12-26 ATS at home since 1993. |
| Sep. 16 | at Virginia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rutgers is 4-7 ATS in road openers but have covered 3 of 4. The visiting team is 7-1 ATS the L/8 in this series. |
| Sep. 23 | at Pittsburgh | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Should apply here: Knights are 19-29 ATS since 1993 off a SU loss. Rutgers is 8-24-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1992. |
| Sep. 30 | Miami (Fla) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending L/2W results, Knights are 10-24-1 ATS L/35 vs conf foes. Scarlet Knights are 12-25 ATS as a home dog since 1989. |
| Oct. 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | Temple | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Scarlet Knights are 6-3-1 ATS L/10Y vs Temple. Rutgers is 1-12 ATS their L/13 games after a bye week. |
| Oct. 21 | at Navy | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The away team is 6-1 ATS the L/7 series meetings. Rutgers is 3-7 ATS vs Service Academies since 1993. |
| Oct. 28 | at Boston College | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Knights are 1-5 ATS L/6 in their 2nd straight road game. The favorite is 7-2 ATS the L/9 series meetings. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | W Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Scarlet Knights are 3-7 ATS L/10 vs the Mounties. The favorite is 7-2 ATS the L/9 in this series. |
| Nov. 18 | Notre Dame | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | An injury ravaged Rutgers team upset Syracuse in LY's home finale. The last meeting in this series was a 62-0 ND win in Lou Holtz's home finale. |
| Nov. 25 | at Syracuse | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Scarlet Knights are 2-11 ATS vs Orangemen. Rutgers is 1-4-1 in their last 6 final away games. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Visitor has covered 10 of the last 16 series meetings. |

## STADIUM: RUTGERS STADIUM (41,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 5-5-1 | 4-7 | 2-9 | 0-11 | 5-6 | 1-10 | 21-55-1 |
| ATS | 3-7 | 5-6 | 2-8-1 | 2-8 | 6-5 | 5-5 | 4-7 | 27-46-1 |
| Home Fav | 1-2 | 1-4 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-7 |
| Home Dog | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-4 | 1-4 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 2-4 | 9-19 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2-1 |
| Away Dog | 2-2 | 4-0 | 0-3 | 1-4 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 14-18 |
| Favorite | 1-3 | 1-5 | 2-1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-9-1 |
| Dog | 2-4 | 4-1 | 0-7 | 2-8 | 6-5 | 5-5 | 4-7 | 23-37 |
| Grass | 2-1 | 3-4 | 1-6 | 2-4 | 5-3 | 4-3 | 4-5 | 21-26 |
| Artificial | 1-6 | 2-2 | 1-2-1 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 6-20-1 |
| vs BIG EAST | 3-4 | 4-3 | 1-5-1 | 2-5 | 3-4 | 3-4 | 1-6 | 17-31-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-3 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 10-15 |
| Off SU Win | 1-3 | 4-2 | 0-3-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 0-1 | 7-14-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-4 | 1-3 | 2-4 | 2-6 | 6-4 | 3-2 | 3-6 | 19-29 |

## Coach: TERRY SHEA (Career 23-42-2)
### *Shea's records AT RUTGERS*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th Year at Rutgers | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 8-36 | Straight Up | 9-12 | Home Underdog |
| 17-25 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 14-18 | Off A S/U Loss | 8-13 | Away Underdog |
| 8-19 | Vs BIG EAST | 9-6 | Vs Non-BIG EAST |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 78 | Garden St | +11 | Arizona St | 18-34 | L |
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# RUTGERS (1-10) CONFERENCE: BIG EAST

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 6***
**DEFENSE: 3**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 37 (19,16,2)**
**Lost: 24 (9,12,3)**

## RUTGERS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5* | 14.1 | 15 | 81 | 2.3 | 208 | 49.0 | 20.5 | -5 | 1999 | 6 | 38.8 | 22 | 219 | 5.0 | 215 | 66.8 | 11.2 |
| 9* | 18.7 | 18 | 125 | 3.1 | 204 | 50.0 | 17.6 | -12 | 1998 | 4 | 34.2 | 22 | 246 | 5.2 | 182 | 58.3 | 12.5 |
| 5 | 17.4 | 15 | 106 | 3.1 | 194 | 48.7 | 17.3 | -20 | 1997 | 7 | 45.1 | 23 | 258 | 4.9 | 221 | 61.7 | 10.6 |
| 3 | 13.0 | 14 | 87 | 2.3 | 144 | 41.5 | 17.8 | +1 | 1996 | 6 | 34.5 | 23 | 215 | 4.6 | 235 | 57.4 | 11.3 |
| 8* | 27.6 | 23 | 192 | 4.3 | 235 | 52.5 | 15.5 | -5 | 1995 | 7 | 37.5 | 20 | 162 | 4.1 | 263 | 55.6 | 11.3 |
| 5* | 22.0 | 20 | 175 | 4.4 | 200 | 57.5 | 17.1 | -7 | 1994 | 4 | 23.7 | 20 | 164 | 3.7 | 205 | 65.4 | 15.6 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at California | 21 | 47-117 | 2.5 | 15-29 | 183 | 10 | | 13 | 34-163 | 4.8 | 10-17 | 103 | 7 | 0 |
| Texas | 20 | 33-90 | 2.7 | 16-42 | 255 | 4 | | 24 | 39-141 | 3.6 | 19-32 | 244 | 3 | -2 |
| Boston College | 16 | 27-79 | 2.9 | 16-33 | 228 | 1 | | 26 | 50-243 | 4.9 | 19-25 | 184 | 1 | -3 |
| at Wake Forest | 17 | 29-92 | 3.2 | 16-33 | 256 | 0 | | 21 | 57-196 | 3.4 | 14-25 | 167 | 1 | -4 |
| Virginia Tech | 15 | 43-153 | 3.6 | 9-27 | 174 | 5 | | 20 | 44-222 | 5.0 | 15-16 | 289 | 1 | +1 |
| at W Virginia | 19 | 36-126 | 3.5 | 18-35 | 266 | 0 | | 20 | 51-303 | 5.9 | 10-16 | 146 | 0 | -1 |
| Pittsburgh | 13 | 30-21 | 0.7 | 17-37 | 218 | 2 | | 23 | 41-139 | 3.4 | 25-36 | 375 | 3 | 0 |
| at Temple | 17 | 39-110 | 2.8 | 15-24 | 214 | 5 | | 31 | 26-174 | 6.7 | 39-53 | 329 | 1 | 0 |
| Navy | 10 | 26-7 | 0.3 | 20-35 | 184 | 6 | | 20 | 52-371 | 7.1 | 8-15 | 110 | 1 | +1 |
| Syracuse | 16 | 41-87 | 2.1 | 19-29 | 258 | 4 | | 23 | 47-229 | 4.9 | 17-33 | 193 | 4 | +1 |
| at Miami (Fla) | 5 | 32-13 | 0.4 | 8-21 | 51 | 10 | | 24 | 44-223 | 5.1 | 23-30 | 227 | 0 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 169 | 383-895 | 2.3 | 169-345 | 2287 | 47 | | 245 | 485-2404 | 5.0 | 199-298 | 2367 | 22 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 15.4 | 35-81 | 2.3 | 15-31 | 208 | 4.3 | | 22.3 | 44-219 | 5.0 | 18-27 | 215 | 2.0 | -0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Duke | +4 | 14-24 | L |
| Navy | -13 | 27-17 | L |
| Penn St | +19 | 34-59 | L |
| Syracuse | +2 | 17-27 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +14 | 21-56 | L |
| Virginia Tech | +7 | 17-45 | L |
| Pittsburgh | -2 | 42-24 | W |
| at W Virginia | +7 | 26-59 | L |
| at Tulane | -4' | 45-40 | W |
| at Temple | -3 | 23-20 | T |
| Boston College | +2 | 38-41 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Villanova | NL | 38-28 | – |
| Navy | +3 | 6-10 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | +26 | 0-33 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +28 | 14-30 | W |
| at Syracuse | +25 | 0-42 | L |
| Army | +5 | 21-42 | L |
| at Boston College | +14' | 13-37 | L |
| Temple | +1' | 28-17 | W |
| W Virginia | +18 | 14-55 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +41 | 0-62 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | +8 | 9-24 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Virginia Tech | +20' | 19-59 | L |
| at Texas | +38' | 14-48 | W |
| at Navy | +19' | 7-36 | L |
| Boston College | +14' | 21-35 | W |
| at W Virginia | +28 | 0-48 | L |
| Syracuse | +33 | 3-50 | L |
| at Army | +16' | 35-37 | W |
| Pittsburgh | +12 | 48-55 | W |
| at Temple | +10 | 7-49 | L |
| Wake Forest | +19 | 14-28 | W |
| at Miami (Fla) | +34 | 23-51 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Richmond | NL | 7-6 | – |
| at Boston College | +22' | 14-41 | L |
| at Syracuse | +41 | 14-70 | L |
| Army | +10 | 27-15 | W |
| Miami (Fla) | +28 | 17-53 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | +21 | 25-21 | W |
| Tulane | +19 | 24-52 | L |
| Temple | +3 | 21-10 | W |
| at Navy | +10' | 36-33 | W |
| W Virginia | +20' | 14-28 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +28' | 7-47 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at California | +18' | 7-21 | W |
| Texas | +23 | 21-38 | W |
| Boston College | +7 | 7-27 | L |
| at Wake Forest | +17 | 10-17 | W |
| Virginia Tech | +31 | 20-58 | L |
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# SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year the Aztecs had a returning starter in Brian Russell but he lacked the arm strength to throw the ball deep. JC transfer Jack Hawley (PS#13JC) had that arm strength and earned the starting job after splitting snaps in the first three games. Russell moved to safety and could be a starter there this year. Hawley had his moments last year, but also went through stretches where his turnovers cost the team. He finished the year throwing for 1,942 yards with a 15-10 ratio and should he hang on to his starter's job, will be improved in his second year of reading major college defenses. In the spring he said the difference was night and day in reading blitzes between the 99 season and 00 spring. In 77 pass attempts during the spring he had ZERO interceptions. Lon Sheriff (6-2 220 So) who was PS#129, had 113 yards (50%) passing as a rFr and also has a strong arm. Sheriff missed spring after shoulder surgery but Tollner says, "these are the best two QB's we've had going into fall since I've been here." Tollner signed 2 HT QB's this year (see Top Newcomers) and I expect Jon Stoner to compete for the starter's job. This unit has more talent and experience than it had coming into last year and I look for solidly improved numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Aztecs have had some great runners here, including Marshall Faulk, despite being known for their high flying pass attack. The last 2 years they have had the solid RB combo of Jonas Lewis and Larry Ned. In 98 the two combined for 1,744 yards (4.7) and last year they combined for an improved ypc of 5.4. Both were named 2nd Team Mt West. Jonas Lewis departs after rushing for 812 yards (5.2). Ned is back and could share duties with a true frosh this year in Justin Green, who is this season's top recruit. Two of the top 10 frosh are RB's (see Top Newcomers). Also in the mix are James Truvillion (5-10 200 Jr, PS#231), who has 90 yards rushing in 2 years, Daniel Gourdine (5-7 160 So) and Garric Simmons (6-1 220 So). As long as Justin Green lives up to his potential, this unit could at least equal last year's numbers. Tollner feels that Ned has the durability to take over the RB slot full-time and will greatly increase his numbers.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Aztecs had a veteran receiving corps with 3 of 4 starters returning. This year they suffer a few losses. Gone are TE Jim Ange (10 sts, 12 rec), WR Lonny Mitchell (5 sts, 14 rec) and their top WR Damon Gourdine (7 sts, 38 rec). Gourdine was also a top notch returnman but was injured in the 8th game which shortened his Aztec career. Tollner brings in 2 JUCO WR's and a JC TE, and with all 3 in for the spring, this unit should be in good shape. Not listed below are JC TE Brian Gelt (6-3 240) and WR Thomas Howard (6-1 200 Jr, PS#145). Even with the losses this looks like a solid group.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Aztecs had a veteran offensive line that only allowed 22 sacks and paved the way for a solid 4.4 ypc rushing. This year unfortunately the losses are heavy including their starting C Mike Malano (#7 DC of MIN) who was 1st Team AA and a 4 year starter. Also gone is LT Greg Spillane (6 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Andrew Kline (11 sts, 2nd tm MW, #7 DC of STL), LG Ted Printy (11 sts, 2nd tm MW) and RT Brad Elmore (5 sts). Tollner has 4 top notch newcomers including 3 JUCO's and a rare VHT true frosh, all of whom I list in the 2 deep below. It will take some time for this line to come together but it has talent and size but clearly is weaker than last year's top notch group.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Aztecs had one of the best defensive lines in the country last year led by their star Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (#5 DC of GB) who was 1st team Mt West and had 12 sacks and 9 tfl. The losses are heavy from last year's veteran front. Other players gone are DT Antwone Young (11 sts, 10 tfl) and DE Scott Nicholson (6 sts, 6 sks, 8 tfl). Two players return with starting experience and there are a good amount of HT's available, but this group is clearly a lot less experienced and not as deep as last year.

**LINEBACKERS** - On the surface this group looks like it lost a lot. Graduating are MLB Joey Mayo (11 sts, 2nd tm MW, 89 tkls, 7 tfl), OLB Martin Chlumak (10 sts, 78 tkls, 5 tfl), MLB Michael Duran (4 sts, 42 tkls, 8 tfl) and OLB Darius Wesber (7 tkls). I must note that last year's group lost two LB's to graduation and this year two players return who combined for four starts at the MLB position. Tollner also went the JUCO route here as he signed 3 and all 3 were in for the spring and are listed in my 2 deep below. This group looks almost as experienced as the 99 version, and I like the talent Tollner has on hand, but it will be tough to live up to last year's standards.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After ranking a poor #97 in my pass efficiency rankings in 1997 the Aztecs had to replace 2 starters in 98 but climbed up to #65. Last year they had to replace 2 starters once again but surprisingly with an outstanding defensive front 7 only finished #66 in my rankings allowing 57.5% with a 15-12 ratio. This year the secondary takes some hard graduation hits. Gone are SS Rico Curtis (11 sts, 1st tm MW, 83 tkls, 2 int), CB Aazaar Abdul-Rahim (8 sts, 3 int, 12 pbu), CB Tairou Smith (7 sts, 1 int, 5 pbu), CB Kevin Burton (7 sts, 1 int, 5 pbu), SS Sheldon Pope (12 tkls, 1 int) and FS Jermaine Watkins (7 sts, 2 int, 46 tkls). Four players do return with starting experience and Tollner has some JUCO's and rFr that he can turn to. I like the promise of Brian Russell at FS as he moved over at midseason and started 3 of the last 4 games and will only continue to improve in his second year on defense. Last year's unit did not live up to my expectations and this year's is clearly less experienced and looks weaker.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In 1996 this unit finished #2 in my rankings thanks to a great P. They dropped down to 26th in 97 after he departed and then surprisingly to 55th in 98 even with some exceptional returnmen. Last year they had their worst finish yet under Tollner at #100. Tollner put the pieces in place signing a 1st Team JC All American P but they had a poor net average of 32.4 and Justin Sisco should improve in his senior season. Top PR Damon Gourdine was kicked away from by opposing P's and averaged just 5.4 until injury. They also lose Gourdine (21.3) and Jonas Lewis (22.4) the top 2 KR's last year. K Nate Tandberg was a Groza semifinalist hitting 13 of 20 FG's with a long of 45. I like the tandem of specialists and feel they should come up with some quality returnmen. I look for them to move up in the rankings this season.

RB Larry Ned earned 2nd Team Mt West honors in 1999.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Larry Ned** | 162 | 933 | 39 | 894 | 11 | 5.5 |
| Jonas Lewis | 157 | 867 | 55 | 812 | 2 | 5.2 |
| **Jack Hawley** | 71 | 273 | 183 | 90 | 1 | 1.3 |
| **James Truvillion** | 21 | 75 | 7 | 68 | 0 | 3.2 |
| **Brian Russell** | 10 | 62 | 17 | 45 | 0 | 4.5 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Jack Hawley** | 266 | 145 | 54.5 | 1942 | 15 | 10 |
| **Brian Russell** | 42 | 19 | 45.2 | 215 | 2 | 0 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Damon Gourdine | | 38 | 439 | 11.6 | 4 | 40 |
| **Derrick Lewis** | | 26 | 551 | 21.2 | 4 | 87 |
| **Gray McNeill** | | 22 | 283 | 12.9 | 2 | 59 |
| **Sean Pierce** | | 21 | 222 | 10.6 | 1 | 22 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Justin Sisco** | 56 | 2098 | 37.5 | - | 32.4 | 1 | 14 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Nate Tandberg** | 4-4 | 6-6 | 3-7 | 0-3 | 13-20 | 45 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joey Mayo | 89 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Rico Curtis | 83 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Martin Chlumak | 78 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| K Gbaja-Biamila | 62 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| A Abdul-Rahim | 53 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 3 |
| Tairou Smith | 48 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Jermaine Watkins | 46 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Scott Nicholson | 44 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Michael Duran | 42 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| **Will Demps** | 40 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| **Jerome Haywood** | 35 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Antwone Young | 30 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| **Bishop Miller** | 24 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Sean Pierce** | 14 | 122 | 8.7 | 0 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Damon Gourdine | 13 | 277 | 21.3 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**S FLORIDA NL 41-12** - USF, playing just their 3rd year of football, and 1st ever game vs a Div IA team, was outgained 414-219. It was 24-3 at half & 31-6 after 3Q's. It was 41-6 & USF got a 21 yd TD pass with 6:40 left.

**AT ILLINOIS -3' 10-38 LOSS** After a scoreless 1Q the Illini got a 54 yd TD pass, 64 yd TD drive & 26 yd FG & had a 255-103 yd edge at half. A 56 yd PR set up a 2 yd TD early 3Q, 24-0. A 33 yd TD drive early 4Q put the Illini up 31-3 & each team added a TD. IL delivered as my 4★ Top Weekly Late Phone Play.

**AT USC +24 21-24 WIN** Hawley was 16 of 32 for 170 yds but had 4 int's. USC took its opening drive 80 yds for a TD. USC led 10-0 when they got a 51 yd int ret for a TD. Late 1H USC missed a 47 yd FG & Hawley hit a 45 yd Hail Mary TD, 17-7. SDS went 65 yds to open the 3Q for a TD, 17-14, USC threw a lateral which was ret'd for a TD by SDS but incorrectly ruled as an incompletion. USC continued on & got a TD. SDS got a 62 yd int ret for a TD w/ 4:24 left & had 1 more poss but was SOD.

**AT KANSAS +1 41-13 WIN** SDS had 4 TD's before KU had 4 FD's. SDS had 572-181 yd & 28-12 FD edges. SDS had 413 yds in the 1H & TD drives of 80, 80, 94 & 90 with a 22 yd FG, 31-0 and coasted.

**AIR FORCE +2 22-23 WIN** SDS opened with a 71 yd drive but settled for a 26 yd FG. AF missed a 50 yd FG & SDS drove 29 yds for a TD foll a fmbl, 10-0. Bonds was inj'd & Thiessen came in midway thru an 84 yd TD drive, 10-7 with 3:43 left. AF drove 64 yds for a TD with just :26 left, 14-10. Thiessen rushed for 134 yds. SDS got a 35 yd 3Q FG & a 42 yd TD pass made it 19-14 (2 pt ng). AF got a 34 yd FG & SDS a 45 yd FG. AF conv on 3rd & 11, 3rd & 9, 3rd & 12 & got a TD with 4:09 left, 23-22 (2 pt ng). SDS was int'd (def hold not called) & AF ran out the clock.

**NEW MEXICO -15 21-24 LOSS** SDS had 23-12 FD & 443-241 yd edges but 5 TO's. NM got a TD on their 2nd poss then Stein, making his 1st start, had a 51 yd option run set up a TD, 14-0 after 1Q. NM added a 25 yd FG, 17-0. SDS got 2 TD's, 17-14 at half. SDS missed three 3Q scoring chances before a SDS WR caught a pass at the NM 29 & was down before he fumbled (as replay showed). The refs did not blow the whistle & even Urlacher, who ret'd it 71 yds for a TD, thought the play should have been ruled dead. SDS got a TD pass with :23 left but NM rec'd the onsides kick & hung on.

**AT COLORADO ST +6 17-10 WIN** 6-8 inches of snow were cleared off the field & it snowed during the 1H. CSU got a FG early, 3-0. CSU drove to the SDS 14 but a FG try ended in a bad snap. The Aztecs drove 67 yds for a TD with :59 left. CSU fmbl'd & SDS got a 42 yd FG on the final play of the half. CSU drove 60 yds for a TD, 10-10. CSU drove to the SDS 29 but punted & the Aztecs drove 84 yds & hit a 40 yd TD pass, 17-10 with 11:05 to go. SDS got an int but a 22 yd FG att ended in a bad snap. CSU's final drive got to the SDS 17 but a 4th & 10 pass fell inc with :47 left. CSU finished w/ a 275-202 yd edge.

**AT UTAH +6' 16-38 LOSS** Misleading final. SDS had 4 TO's and Utah had 0. All of SDS's 1st five 1H poss went into Utah terr. They punted, settled for 42 & 32 yd FG's, missed a 43 yd FG and got a 75 yd TD pass for 13 pts. Utah got a fluke play for their 1st TD as a WR fmbl'd & SDS pounced on it but the ball popped in the air & Smith raced 54 yds for a TD. Utah added 67 and 80 yd TD drives, 21-13 at half. SDS fmbl'd at the Utah 37 then settled for a 30 yd FG & trailed 21-16 despite 7 poss in Utah terr. Utah got a FG, 24-16 w/ 11:30 to go. Hawley fmbl'd & Utah rec'd for a TD. Utah got an int on the next play at the SDS 30 & on 3rd & 12 Anderson got a 32 yd TD run w/ 1:21 left.

**BYU +6' 7-30 LOSS** Another tough loss for SDS as they had an 18-16 FD edge but 5 TO's were their downfall. They led 7-0 but BYU drove 61 yds for a TD. After 3 TO's in 3 plays, BYU took over at the SDS 8 but settled for a 23 yd FG. SDS missed a 50 yd FG & BYU nailed a FG on the final play of the half, 13-7. BYU got a 24 yd fmbl ret for a TD & added a 42 yd FG, 23-7. BYU later drove 84 yds for a clinching TD.

**AT UNLV -13' 37-7 WIN** I used a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep and 4★ Late Phone Play on the Aztecs. UNLV was w/o their starting QB & 3 OL. SDS got a safety & an 87 yd TD pass. UNLV's only TD was set up by a blk'd punt, 9-7. SDS went 74 & 82 yds for TD's, 23-7 at half. The Aztecs missed a 42 yd FG but drove 34 yds after UNLV was SOD and 81 yds for TD's 37-7 & SDS cruised.

**WYOMING +1' 39-7 WIN** SDS drove 80 yds for a TD & then missed a FG. A 50 yd TD pass tied it. WY had a snap over the P's head for a safety. SDS was int'd on its own 44 but WY fmbl'd going into the EZ. SDS drove 80 yds for a TD w/ 1:41 left, 15-7. SDS drove 8 yds for a 3Q TD foll a fmbl and then added a TD & FG, 32-7. In the 2H WY was SOD at the SDS 28, 50, their own 36 & the SDS 13. SDS had a 73 yd int ret for a TD. SDS had an 18-9 FD edge w/ 4:34 left in the 3Q & a 32-7 lead but each team finished w/21 FD's.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

1999 was not the type of season expected for the Aztecs as the team's record did not live up to their overall talent. The Aztecs had arguably one of the most talented teams in the Mountain West Conference but one year after going to the Las Vegas Bowl, they finished just 5-6. As usual they had played a tough non-conference slate including consecutive road trips versus Big 10, PAC 10 and Big 12 schools but a 3 point loss to USC, a one point loss to Air Force and a 3 point loss to N Mexico cost them a shot at a bowl. Four of their 5 wins were by 28 or more points, showing they were much more talented than their final record indicated. Their defense finished #16 nationally overall in Claude Gilbert's final season as defensive coordinator. At one point they went 14Q's without allowing an offensive TD. Showing their talent they landed 11 players on the 1st or 2nd teams of the Mt West, more than any other school. The graduation losses are heavy from last year's senior dominated group (the defense loses 9 starters) and Ted Tollner said, "overall we have more positions up for grabs than probably any time since we've been here." The Aztecs take on one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the country again this year including 4 bowl caliber teams to open up the season including 3 from the PAC 10. Overall San Diego St faces six 1999 bowl teams and two teams that finished with 12-1 records in 1998. The offense returns five starters and 14 of the 22 man 2 deep. I look for QB Hawley to have a much better year and RB Ned is very capable. The big question on the offense is the O-line which must replace 4 starters. The defense was decimated with just 2 returning starters. Aztec games may go from defensive struggles to offensive shootouts. I usually like to go with an team that underachieved (like they did in '99) to surprise the next year but the schedule and graduation losses have me calling for a second straight losing season.


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| RB | Justin Green 6-1 220 PS#34 |
| QB | Jon Stoner 6-2 190 PS#28 |
| OL | Steve Nevarez 6-4 280 PS#36 |
| LB | Dylan Robles 6-1 225 PS#52JC |
| RB | Jason Van 5-10 185 PS#122 |
| OL | David Moreno 6-2 290 PS#91JC |
| DB | Garret Pavelko 6-0 195 PS#108JC |
| QB | Danny Armstrong 6-1 190 PS#94 |
| WR | Josh Dean 6-2 195 PS#124 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JACK HAWLEY SR.** 6-2 215 *PS#13JUCO. 2756 yds (58%), 21-8 ratio at JC in 98. 9 sts here in 99, 1942 yds (54.5%), 15-10 ratio.* ***Jon Stoner*** *is PS#28.*

**RB LARRY NED SR.** 5-11 210 *5 sts in 98, 786 yds (4.9). 5 sts in 99, 894 yds (5.5), 13 rec (12.4),* ***2nd Tm Mt West.*** *Justin Green is PS#34.*

**HB Jason Stone Jr.** 6-5 210 *PS#144JC. Big. 67 rec at JC in 99. Bill Hammett (6-2 210 Sr) PS#196, 3 rec (12.0) ly. Deric Martin (6-1 185 Jr) had 2 rec ly.*

**WR Derrick Lewis Sr.** 6-2 195 *PS#257JC ly. 4.4 speed. 2 sts, 26 rec super 21.2 ypc here in 99. Greg "JR" Tolver (6-1 205 So) had 2 sts, 9 rec as true.*

**WR SEAN PIERCE SR.** 5-9 175 *PS#180. 13 rec in 97 & 98 (inj). 8 sts in 99, 21 rec (10.6). Craig Mitchell (5-9 170 Jr) was PS#175JC & signed at USC in 99.*

**TE GRAY McNEILL SR.** 6-1 250 *3 rec in 97. 6 sts in 98, 4 rec (11.8). 9 sts in 99, 22 rec (12.9).* ***1st Tm Mt West.*** *Raleigh Fletcher (6-4 260 rFr) PS#92TE.*

**C Zach LaMonda Jr.** 6-1 300 *PS#191OL in 97. 10 gms as 2nd string in 98. 11 gms as 2nd string in 99. David Mayhew (6-2 280 Jr) PS#281JC, in for spg.*

**RG Jonathan Ingram So.** 6-2 290 *PS#336 in 98. 11 gms as 2nd string in 99. Chris Williams (6-5 305 Sr) 2 gms in 97. 2nd string in 98 & 99 with 156 snaps ly*

**LG Raul Gomez So.** 6-2 290 *PS#213 in 98. +10 lbs. Sikoti Uipi (6-2 300 Jr) is PS#334, JC in for fall. Brendan Rosen (6-3 280 rFr) PS#185.*

**RT David Moreno Jr.** 6-2 290 *PS#91JC, in for fall. Steve Nevarez is PS#36! Chester Pitts (6-4 305 Jr) 6 games in 99. Brendan Darby (6-7 285 rFr).*

**LT MIKE HOUGHTON JR.** 6-5 310 *4 gms in 98, 2nd string. 11 sts at LT in 99, good size. Joe Blunt (6-6 300 rFr) PS#294OL. Mike Kracalik is PS#253.*

**K NATE TANDBERG** 5-9 180 *PS#17K in 96. 13 of 27 FG's as rFr, long 50. 10 of 17 FG's in 98, long 40. 13 of 20 FG's in 99, long of 45. Groza semifinalist.*

**DE Josh Allen Jr.** 6-3 270 *PS#53 in 98. Inj in 99. Amon Arnold (6-4 255 So) 4 tkls as rFr. #1 out of spg. Ryan Iafa (6-4 260 So) PS#249.*

**DT George Heather Sr.** 6-5 300 *PS#195JC, huge. 5 tkls, 1 tfl here in 99. Sakimo Randall (6-3 275 Jr) 1 tkl ly.* **Marcus Levi** *(6-3 270 Fr) is PS#157.*

**DT JEROME HAYWOOD JR.** 5-9 280 *PS#314. 12 sts as true in 98, 34 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 35 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl.* ***2nd tm MW.*** *Jared Ritter (6-4 255 So) PS#201DL.*

**DE Akbar Gbaja-Biamila Sr.** 6-5 270 *DNQ in 97. 2 sts in 99, 14 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl. Andrew Brigham (6-4 260 Jr) PS#207DL in 98, JC in 98 & 99. In for spg.*

**OLB Dylan Robles Jr.** 6-1 225 *PS#52JC in for spg. Ross Marchbanks (6-2 230 Sr) PS#234LB in 97 & plebe at Army. Stephan Larsen (6-1 210 So) PS#176.*

**MLB Brian Berg Sr.** 6-0 240 *PS#199JC ly, 2 sts, 23 tkls, 1 pbu here. Mac Cleary (6-1 230 Sr) PS#166LB, 13 tkls in 98. 2 sts in 99, 15 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl.*

**OLB Rodney Allen So.** 6-1 230 *PS#160LB in 98. 6 gms as rFr, 4 tkls. Darrell Barclay (6-1 235 Jr) PS#265JC in for spg. Beau Trickey (6-1 235 rFr).*

**CB Ricky Sharpe So.** 6-1 190 *PS#260. 1 st as rFr, 16 tkls, 2 pbu. Greg Taylor (5-7 165 Sr) 85 tkls at JC in 98, susp here ly. Josh Dean is PS#124WR.*

**CB Bishop Miller Sr.** 5-10 180 *PS#313. 3 int's at JC in 98. 1 st here ly, 24 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. James Samuel (5-10 200 rFr). DeAngelo Nedd (5-11 205 rFr) PS#216.*

**SS Jay Kos Jr.** 6-3 205 *PS#269JC. Size & speed. Will Demps (5-11 210 Jr) 2 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Stan Bogard (5-11 200 Sr) 1 st, 19 tkls ly.*

**FS Brian Russell Sr.** 6-2 205 *2 QB sts at Penn in 96. 12 sts at QB in 98 & 99, 1752 yds pass, 3 sts at SS in 99, 21 tkls, 2 pbu. Garret Pavelko (6-0 195 Jr) PS#108JC.*

**P JUSTIN SISCO SR.** 6-1 200 *PS#37JC, 41.7 avg at JC in 98. 56 punts here in 99, 37.5 avg & net of 32.4. Jamie Ashley (6-2 215 Fr).*

# SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score SDST | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Aztecs are 15-7 SU at home since 1996, but did suffer 1 & 3 pt home losses last year. SDSU is 5-1-1 ATS vs current Big 12 Teams. San Diego St is 3-7-1 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more road games. The Aztecs are 9-5-1 ATS L7Y as a double digit favorite. |
| Aug. 31 | Arizona St (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Aztecs are 11-2 ATS in their 1st lined home game since 1987. There have been no meetings between these 2 tms since at least '76. |
| Sep. 9 | Illinois | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | San Diego St is 1-5 ATS in the regular season L/6 vs the Big 10. Last year the Illini pulled a 38-10 upset over SDSU as a 3.5 pt home dog. |
| Sep. 16 | at Arizona | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SDSU has dropped 7 straight road openers ATS. Marshall Faulk's alma mater is 6-15 ATS in non-conf away games S/'87. |
| Sep. 23 | at Oregon St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Aztecs are 6-10 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since 1988. SDSU is 6-13 ATS their last 19 tries vs PAC 10 teams. |
| Sep. 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | at Wyoming | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | San Diego St is 7-2 ATS in their first conference away game. SDSU has covered just 2 of 8 games vs Wyoming. |
| Oct. 14 | Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Aztecs are 13-22-1 ATS at home vs conference foes since 1991. SDSU is 7-4 ATS in this series since 1986. |
| Oct. 21 | at BYU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Aztecs are 6-4 ATS in sandwiched road games. SDSU is 0-5 SU and 1-4 ATS vs BYU since 1993. |
| Oct. 28 | Colorado St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The road team is 4-1 ATS in this series. Aztecs are 4-0-1 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1992. |
| Nov. 4 | at New Mexico | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 7-2 ATS the L/9 in this series & the dog is 7-0 ATS the L/7. SDSU is 5-2 SU but 1-6 ATS L/7Y vs the Lobos. |
| Nov. 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 18 | at Air Force | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Aztecs are 6-2 ATS their L/8 games vs the Fighting Falcons. Prior to this season SDSU was 3-7 ATS the week after a bye. |
| Nov. 25 | UNLV | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SDSU is 2-1 SU, 1-2 ATS in this short series. Aztecs are 2-6 ATS in home finales, but won convincingly LY. |
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| Straight Up | 6-6 | 4-7 | 8-4 | 8-3 | 5-7 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 43-37 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 6-5 | 6-6 | 6-5 | 6-6 | 4-6-1 | 6-4 | 38-39-1 |
| Home Fav | 2-3 | 2-2 | 2-4 | 5-1 | 2-2 | 1-1-1 | 0-1 | 14-14-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 5-6 |
| Away Fav | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 7-7 |
| Away Dog | 1-2 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 3-3 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 12-12 |
| Favorite | 3-4 | 2-3 | 4-4 | 6-4 | 3-2 | 2-2-1 | 1-2 | 21-21-1 |
| Dog | 1-3 | 4-2 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 3-4 | 2-4 | 5-2 | 17-18 |
| Grass | 3-5 | 6-4 | 4-6 | 6-4 | 6-4 | 3-6-1 | 5-3 | 33-32-1 |
| Artificial | 1-2 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 5-7 |
| vs Conf | 3-5 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-3-1 | 4-3 | 26-27-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 12-12 |
| Off SU Win | 2-4 | 2-2 | 4-4 | 3-4 | 2-3 | 2-3-1 | 2-2 | 17-22-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-3 | 3-3 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 3-3 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 17-16 |

## Coach: TED TOLLNER (Career 63-52)
### *Tollner's records AT SAN DIEGO STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7th Year at San Diego State | | 12-11-1 | Home Favorite |
| 37-32 | Straight Up | 5-5 | Home Underdog |
| 34-32-1 | Vs The Spread | 6-6 | Away Favorite |
| 15-13 | Off A S/U Loss | 11-10 | Away Underdog |
| 23-22-1 | Vs Conf | 11-10 | Vs Non-Conf |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | Harbor | NL | Hardin-Simmons | 28-7 | W |
| 69 | Pasadena | NL | Boston University | 28-7 | W |
| 86 | Holiday | +7' | Iowa | 38-39 | W |
| 91 | Freedom | -2' | Tulsa | 17-28 | L |
| 98 | Las Vegas | +7 | N Carolina | 13-20 | T |

# SAN DIEGO ST (5-6)

CONFERENCE: **MT. WEST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 5*** **Returning: 31 (15,12,4)**
**DEFENSE: 2** **Lost: 26 (11,15,0)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 24.7 | 20 | 176 | 4.4 | 206 | 52.9 | 15.5 | -4 | 1999 | 6 | 20.5 | 16 | 108 | 2.8 | 197 | 57.5 | 14.8 |
| 5* | 20.3 | 18 | 192 | 4.4 | 146 | 52.9 | 16.7 | 0 | 1998 | 5 | 20.3 | 18 | 137 | 3.5 | 188 | 56.4 | 16.0 |
| 6 | 21.4 | 17 | 113 | 3.1 | 220 | 51.8 | 15.5 | -4 | 1997 | 8 | 27.8 | 20 | 155 | 3.6 | 224 | 58.5 | 13.6 |
| 8* | 38.9 | 24 | 172 | 4.3 | 303 | 65.3 | 12.2 | +8 | 1996 | 8 | 27.5 | 23 | 171 | 4.2 | 282 | 59.8 | 16.5 |
| 7* | 33.4 | 24 | 203 | 5.0 | 279 | 62.1 | 14.4 | +9 | 1995 | 6 | 23.6 | 24 | 159 | 4.3 | 301 | 59.5 | 19.5 |
| 3 | 30.2 | 22 | 112 | 3.0 | 295 | 62.7 | 13.5 | -2 | 1994 | 5 | 30.8 | 23 | 185 | 4.1 | 258 | 58.3 | 14.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| S Florida | 20 | 37-229 | 6.2 | 16-32 | 185 | 0 | | 14 | 31-36 | 1.2 | 18-35 | 183 | 6 | +1 |
| at Illinois | 15 | 35-80 | 2.3 | 17-40 | 179 | 4 | | 19 | 39-143 | 3.7 | 16-26 | 230 | 3 | +2 |
| at USC | 16 | 31-74 | 2.4 | 19-36 | 174 | 4 | | 15 | 42-96 | 2.3 | 16-24 | 188 | 2 | -4 |
| at Kansas | 28 | 49-229 | 4.7 | 19-25 | 343 | 0 | | 12 | 26-0 | 0.0 | 13-25 | 181 | 3 | 0 |
| Air Force | 17 | 33-149 | 4.5 | 14-25 | 202 | 0 | | 24 | 68-309 | 4.5 | 8-15 | 94 | 1 | -1 |
| New Mexico | 23 | 40-168 | 4.2 | 27-46 | 275 | 4 | | 12 | 31-84 | 2.7 | 19-34 | 157 | 2 | -2 |
| at Colorado St | 13 | 38-135 | 3.6 | 8-15 | 67 | 0 | | 17 | 43-102 | 2.4 | 15-27 | 173 | 0 | +3 |
| at Utah | 21 | 44-303 | 6.9 | 12-29 | 194 | 2 | | 18 | 38-152 | 4.0 | 18-26 | 288 | 1 | -4 |
| BYU | 18 | 34-49 | 1.4 | 18-36 | 192 | 7 | | 16 | 27-33 | 1.2 | 22-34 | 262 | 3 | -3 |
| at UNLV | 25 | 50-274 | 5.5 | 12-24 | 227 | 1 | | 10 | 37-77 | 2.1 | 10-20 | 138 | 2 | +1 |
| Wyoming | 21 | 50-246 | 4.9 | 13-23 | 232 | 3 | | 21 | 43-156 | 3.6 | 25-47 | 267 | 3 | +3 |
| TOTALS | 217 | 441-1936 | 4.4 | 175-331 | 2270 | 25 | | 178 | 425-1188 | 2.8 | 180-313 | 2161 | 26 | -4 |
| AVERAGES | 19.7 | 40-176 | 4.4 | 16-30.1 | 206 | 2.3 | | 16.2 | 39-108 | 2.8 | 16-28 | 196 | 2.4 | -0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| California | +5' | 33-9 | W |
| at Oklahoma | +15 | 22-38 | L |
| at BYU | +3 | 19-31 | L |
| Nevada | NL | 30-27 | – |
| at Utah | +5 | 24-21 | W |
| Fresno St | -2' | 48-24 | W |
| San Jose St | -24 | 49-20 | W |
| at UTEP | -15 | 45-16 | W |
| N Mexico | -11' | 38-29 | L |
| Wyoming | -7 | 31-34 | L |
| at Hawaii | -9 | 49-10 | W |
| Colorado St | -2' | 13-24 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Idaho | -13 | 40-21 | W |
| at California | +3 | 37-42 | L |
| Oklahoma | -6 | 51-31 | W |
| Hawaii | -31 | 56-8 | W |
| at N Mexico | -6' | 48-42 | L |
| at Colorado St | -3' | 18-27 | L |
| at San Jose St | -20' | 49-20 | W |
| Wyoming | -2 | 28-24 | W |
| at UNLV | -28 | 42-44 | L |
| Fresno St | -14 | 31-21 | L |
| Air Force | -1 | 28-23 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Navy | -4' | 45-31 | W |
| at Washington | +23' | 3-36 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +9' | 10-36 | L |
| at Air Force | +7 | 18-24 | W |
| at Arizona | +12 | 28-31 | W |
| N Mexico | -4 | 21-36 | L |
| UNLV | -7 | 20-17 | L |
| at Hawaii | -6' | 10-3 | W |
| at Wyoming | +14 | 17-41 | L |
| San Jose St | -14 | 48-21 | W |
| at Fresno St | +3' | 20-19 | W |
| Colorado St | +14' | 17-38 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wisconsin | +10 | 14-26 | L |
| at USC | +19' | 6-35 | L |
| Arizona | +16 | 16-35 | L |
| at Tulsa | +10 | 24-14 | W |
| Hawaii | -22 | 35-13 | T |
| at N Mexico | -5 | 36-33 | L |
| Utah | +2' | 21-20 | W |
| at BYU | +10 | 0-13 | L |
| Fresno St | -1 | 10-0 | W |
| at San Jose St | -4' | 34-6 | W |
| UTEP | -13' | 34-29 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| S Florida | NL | 41-12 | – |
| at Illinois | -3' | 10-38 | L |
| at USC | +24 | 21-24 | W |
| at Kansas | +1 | 41-13 | W |
| Air Force | +2 | 22-23 | W |
| New Mexico | -15 | 21-24 | L |
| at Colorado St | +6 | 17-10 | W |
| at Utah | +6' | 16-38 | L |
| BYU | +6' | 7-30 | L |
| at UNLV | -13' | 37-7 | W |
| Wyoming | +1' | 39-7 | W |

# SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 98 Baldwin played 3 QB's during the year and two of them returned last season. Chris Kasteler, a JC transfer, had 5 starts in 98 and started all 10 last year, throwing for 2,239 yards (55%) with a 13-15 ratio. He departs. Marcus Arroyo (6-1 190 So) had 4 starts as a true frosh and redshirted last season. He completed 54.5% in 98 and is my favorite to win the starter's job. Brennan Crooks (6-1 163 Jr) is the most mobile of the group. He threw for over 2,000 yards in high school but only played 2 games at JC in 98 due to injury. He threw for 251 yards here last year with 70 yards rushing as the backup QB. Clint Carlson (6-2 206 Jr) spent 96 & 97 on a Mormon mission and threw for 2000 yards at JC in 98 and redshirted here last season. He has a gambling style and likes to take chances. Ryan Sorahan (6-3 215 rFr) was PS #54 QB in 99 and signed at Cal last year but transferred. He is the strongest and best sized QB and also rates a solid shot at the starting job. Kasteler did not have tremendous statistics last year and this year's group should come close, if not top them.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Deonce Whitaker was the leading rusher in 98 and returned last year and was among the top 6 in the NCAA in 4 different categories after 4 weeks of play. He rushed for 627 yards in those 4 games which put him on pace for a 1,725 yard season. Unfortunately Whitaker sprained his ankle vs Tulsa and was not the same the rest of the year, missing the majority of three games and having just 149 yards in the last three. With Whitaker hopefully healthy this year (he did miss the spring still recovering), this should be one of the more improved RB positions in the WAC. Darian Morton averaged 8.4 ypc rushing in JC in 98 and had 203 yards (6.3) here in 99 including 105 yards vs Stanford. Roger Ratliff (5-9 185 Jr) had 143 yards rushing in 2 years and is the unit's only loss. Patrick Battle (5-11 239 Jr) had 51 yards rushing last season after moving from LB. Jarmar Julien (5-11 203 Jr) was PS #278 RB in 98 and had 4 starts at FS in 99 with 21 tackles. He moves to RB to add depth along with a pair of true frosh.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Spartans had to replace three of four starters from this unit. They're in much better shape this year as almost everyone is back and they also bring in 3 JC WR's who Baldwin says will add much needed speed to the group. They lose their top WR Steven Pulley, who led the team with 54 rec's (14.3) despite missing 3 games due to injury, and he was 2nd Team WAC. Also gone is WR Eric Ruhle (2 sts, 7 rec). I list the two deep below. Two of this year's JC transfers were in for spring including Davis (listed below) and Edell Shepherd (6-1 159 Jr). Charles Pauley averaged 21.4 ypc in two years at JC and enrolls in the fall and I expect more out of last year's top JC recruit Kenny Nears. This group is more experienced, deeper, has added speed and should be solidly improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Spartans O-line showed steady improvement after allowing 40+ sacks in 94 & 95 they gave up just 37, 28 and 27 the next 3 years. The Spartans were wiped out by graduation and injuries last year after having a veteran offensive front in 98. They had 0 returning starters in 99 and lost 3 players on the 2 deep to injury. DL Tim Provost moved to the RT in August and had 3 weeks to learn his new position. Chris Fe'esago did well in his first year at LT, winning 2nd team WAC honors. This year they must replace RG Roger Neadeau (8 sts) and backup C Chris Evans. Four starters return and Baldwin brings in 4 solid JUCO transfers to compete for time. Last year's inexperienced group gave up 39 sacks and this should be one of the most improved offensive lines in the NCAA.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Rush defense has been a concern for SJS for a long time. In the last 5 years, the Spartans have allowed over 5.0 ypc rushing 4 times with the only exception being 97 when they allowed just 4.1. Last year I commented on how SJS put little pressure on opposing QB's with just 17 sacks and gave up the most rush attempts in the NCAA (606). They had 4 starters returning plus some solid JUCO transfers but really made little progress netting just 25 sacks and allowing 5.2 ypc rushing and 243 ypg. The losses are heavy this year. Gone are DT Abdul-Salam Noah (10 sts, 44 tkls, 10 tfl), DE Samson Sherrod (7 sts, 27 tkls, 8 tfl), DE James Ditch (6 sts, 23 tkls, 6 tfl) and NG Steve Kapphahn (6 sts, 28 tkls, 5 tfl). Luckily for this year's team, injuries hurt this group and many players gained experience. Baldwin went the JUCO route here as well. Unfortunately most of the recruits were not in for the spring although I list the majority of them in the 2 deep below. There is a spattering of talent and experience here and just like last year, I feel this group can only get stronger. It should show improvement provided the JUCO's have the impact expected.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Spartans had a veteran unit returning last year with all 3 starters back but one of those starters, Alphonso Moran, quit the team prior to the season. This year they must replace their top 3 OLB's in Ron-Jon Acuna (10 sts, 50 tkls), Floyd Johnson (7 sts, 53 tkls) and Jeff Wucinich (42 tkls, 7 tfl). MLB Josh Parry is the only member of the defensive front 7 that returns and he has 30 starts to his credit. I expect DE Marshall Blount to move to a LB slot. JUCO transfer Larry Dawson is intriguing at his 284 lbs and he was active at JC last year with 84 tackles and 6 tfl. Last year Parry was the only one of the returning starters who held on to his job so this unit is just as experienced and I'll call it improved.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The strength of the Spartans defense in 98 was a veteran secondary that finished #29 in my pass efficiency defense rankings. Unfortunately last year all 4 starters departed and the Spartans plummeted to #102 in the rankings while allowing 57.3% with a 20-6 ratio. Many players started during the season as Baldwin tried to get the right combination and five players return with experience. The only losses are FS Solomon Wilson (6 sts, 26 tkls, 1 pbu) and CB Chris Lawson (7 sts, 41 tkls, 4 pbu). Not only do they have the returnees but they also get 3 JUCO transfers, one of whom I project as a starter in Larry Thompson. Rick Lavender started at N Arizona and had 11 pbu's in 98 and I project that he will fill in the other open slot. This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the NCAA and one that will make a good rise up the rankings in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Spartans' highest finish in my special teams ranking prior to last season was #69 back in 97. Last year this unit had an exceptional, year finishing #9 in the country thanks to the solid leg of Tim Morgan. Morgan averaged 44.0 on his punts with a super net of 39.9. Additionally SJS allowed just 19.1 per kick return with a solid +4 in the TD/blk category. Morgan handled the P, KO's and FG's and he departs. Baldwin had a scholarship K on the roster in Nick Gilliam who had a solid high school career and then signed PS#13K this year in John Wall who is a **RARE VHT** for the Spartans!! All of the top returnmen are back and Deonce Whitaker should continue to shine as one of the nation's top KR's. This is still a solid group but I think it will be very difficult for them to finish in the top 10 for a 2nd straight year while breaking in new kicking specialists.

RB Deonce Whitaker avg'd 157 ypg rushing before injury in 1999.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Deonce Whitaker** | **137** | **822** | **53** | **769** | **10** | **5.6** |
| **Darian Morton** | **32** | **205** | **2** | **203** | **1** | **6.3** |
| **Casey LeBlanc** | **27** | **176** | **4** | **172** | **3** | **6.4** |
| Roger Ratliff | 29 | 122 | 6 | 116 | 0 | 4.0 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Chris Kasteler | 350 | 193 | 55.1 | 2239 | 13 | 15 |
| **Brennan Crooks** | **28** | **14** | **50.0** | **251** | **3** | **3** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Steven Pulley | | 54 | 772 | 14.3 | 5 | 54 |
| **Waking Bailey** | | **35** | **420** | **12.0** | **2** | **41** |
| **Casey LeBlanc** | | **35** | **418** | **11.9** | **2** | **34** |
| **Shawn Green** | | **20** | **273** | **13.6** | **0** | **33** |
| **Sean Brewer** | | **20** | **152** | **7.6** | **3** | **18** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Tim Morgan | 57 | 2510 | 44.0 | - | 39.9 | 0 | 13 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Tim Morgan | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-6 | 0-0 | 4-9 | 44 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Josh Parry** | **94** | **1** | **3** | **0** | **0** |
| **Dorae Lewis** | **53** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| Floyd Johnson | 53 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ron-Jon Acuna | 50 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| **Travis Seaton** | **46** | **0** | **1** | **3** | **0** |
| Abdul Noah | 44 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeff Wucinich | 42 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Chris Lawson | 41 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| **Ron Ockimey** | **36** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| **Marshall Blount** | **31** | **3** | **1** | **2** | **0** |
| **Luke LaHerran** | **29** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| Steve Kapphahn | 28 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Samson Sherrod | 27 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Waking Bailey** | **21** | **222** | **10.6** | **1** | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Deonce Whitaker** | **14** | **396** | **28.3** | **1** | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT LSU +27' 21-29 WIN** SJS had a 387-347 yd edge. LSU's 1st 2 poss ended in TO's but SJS had a 48 yd FG blk'd. LSU got a 63 yd TD drive & a 50 yd int ret for a TD. Foll another int LSU added a 20 yd FG, 17-0. Kasteler for SJS was just 5 of 19 in the 1H with 4 int's. SJS got a big 80 yd TD run by Whitaker with 4:03 left 2Q, 17-7. Davey replaced Nall & guided LSU 75 yds to a TD to open the 3Q. SJS got 80 & 55 yd TD drives, 23-21. LSU then went 91 yds for a TD late 4Q (xpng) & SJS was SOD at the LSU 33 & missed out on pulling a major early season upset.

**AT COLORADO +24 35-63 LOSS** CU QB Moschetti passed for a school record 465 yds. CU had 767 yds offense for another school record. 42-15 at the half. CU had TD's on their 1st 4 poss. CU led 63-22 & SJS got 2 garbage TD's & most of their 507 yds were vs the backups. Despite the 28 pt margin, this game was not as close as the final score indicated as the Big 12's Buffs were simply dominant overall.

**ST MARY'S NL 38-3** - SM was a big drop in class after taking on SEC & Big 12 teams & it showed. Whitaker came into this ranked #10 in Div IA rushing yds but improved his rank here with 203 yds on the ground. He ret'd the opening KO 71 yds for a TD. SJS scored on its 1st 4 poss. SM fmbl'd at the SJS 7. SJS went 93 yds for a TD. SM hit a 22 yd FG & trailed 28-3 at half. SJS finished with a 467-331 yd edge.

**TULSA -4 34-10 WIN** Whitaker became the 1st in school history to rush for over 100 yds in 5 consec games despite UT's defense stacked to stop the run. SJS hit 21 of 28 passes for 295 yds. UT rec'd a fmbl on the 29 but settled for a FG. After SJS missed a scoring chance, UT got a 79 yd TD drive, 10-0. SJS tied it after 1Q & led 17-10 at half. SJS led 24-10 & UT blew 3 scoring chances in the 3Q. They were int'd at the 7, had a 42 yd FG blk'd & were SOD at the 11. SJS tacked on a 39 yd FG & a 30 yd TD run in the 4Q.

**AT STANFORD +19 44-39 WIN** SJS pulled its 2nd consecutive upset over SU, despite not having RB Whitaker. SU QB Husak inj & Borchard hit 19 of 37 for 313 yds while SJS QB Kasteler threw for 368. SJS had 65 & 79 yd drives for TD's, 14-3. SU hit a FG & blk'd a punt for a safety & drove 65 yds for a TD, 15-14. SU was int'd in the EZ. SJS got a 44 yd FG with 2:13 left. At half SJS had 250-210 yd & 16-11 FD edges. SJS got an 84 yd 3Q TD drive & SU a 79 yd TD drive. SJS ret'd a fmbl 37 yds for a TD, 31-22. SU got a 55 yd TD drive & added a FG to take the lead. SJS drove 83 yds for a TD, 37-32 (2 ptng). SJS got a 54 yd TD pass w/2:33 left. SU got a 59 yd drive for a TD but SJS rec'd the onsides kick & held on.

**AT TCU +5' 0-42 LOSS** TCU RB Tomlinson rushed for 300 yds while Whitaker left with a sprained ankle after just 5 carries. SJS got its 1st FD with 10:48 left in the 2Q, 35-0 at half. SJS had two 2H chances to avert the shutout end in TO's in Horned Frog territory. TCU finished with a 527-246 yd edge.

**AT RICE +10 7-49 LOSS** This was an unusual atmosphere with it being played at 10:00 am for TV. Only 10,213 were on hand in the 70,000 seat stadium. This game was all Rice as they rushed 81 times for 413 yds, had 30-13 FD & 35:47-24:13 time of poss edges. Rice had 10 poss and they did not punt!! SJS managed just 164 yds & trailed 42-0 before getting a 3Q TD. Temp's soared over 90º in drenching humidity.

**SMU CANCELLED**

**AT UTEP +6' 26-42 LOSS** UTEP QB Perez was inj'd & Stuckey hit 19 of 28 for 215 yds. SJS RB Whitaker got his 1st start in 5 games. UTEP got a 23 yd int ret for a TD. Whitaker keyed a TD drive w/ 47 yds rushing, 7-7. UTEP then scored TD's on their next 3 poss, 28-7. A short pass to Whitaker went 73 yds, 28-14 at half. On 3rd & 20 UTEP got a 31 yd pass which kept alive a TD drive, 35-14. SJS's Bailey ret'd a punt 81 yds for a TD with 7:35 to go & SJS added a TD with 3:50 left. UTEP got a TD & had 456-315 yd & 23-14 FD edges.

**HAWAII -2' 41-62 LOSS** Don't be deceived by the final score. This one was all Hawaii. SJS had just 25 yds offense in the 1H and despite totaling 41 pts for the game, had 0 offensive pts thru 3Q's. UH led 29-7 & SJS's only score was a 29 yd fmbl ret for a TD. UH led **42-7 in the 4Q** but the 2 teams would combine for 61 pts in the final stanza as UH played all of its backups & SJS tried 5 onside kicks.

**AT FRESNO ST +16 12-63 LOSS** Fresno needed a win to clinch a bowl bid & a co-WAC Title. Despite just coming back from a long 4★ *Plays* trip to Hawaii, FSU dominated. Volek hit 22 of 30 for 311 yds & FSU amassed 351 yds rush & 344 pass. SJS had just 195 yds through 3Q's. FSU led 21-0 after 1Q, 35-6 at half, 49-6 after 3Q's & got a 94 yd run by Armstrong, 63-6 before SJS got a garbage.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

The Spartans were a powerhouse when playing in the Big West back in the late 80's and early 90's. Since compiling a 7-4 record in 1992, and playing increasingly tougher schedules, SJS has not won more than 4 games in a season in the last 7 years. Dave Baldwin enters his 4th year as the head man here. In the first year he was 4-4 SU in WAC play and then 3-5 in 1998. Last year SJS was cheated out of a home game, one of only 3 versus WAC opponents, when the SMU game was postponed and eventually cancelled. They were just 1-5 in the conference with perhaps the youngest team in the country with just 7 returning starters. A high note on the year was their upset of Rose Bowl participant Stanford on the road giving them 2 straight upsets over the Cardinal. The Spartans do not duck competition and face Nebraska, Stanford and USC this season. The Spartans were 2-2 last season when RB Deonce Whitaker was injured and the Spartans struggled to establish a running game after that. He was among the top backs in the country at the time of injury and a healthy season could mean a much improved offense especially with a stronger offensive line. The defense has been at the bottom of the NCAA for years, allowing an average of 36.1 ppg over the last 6 years. They lose 6 of 7 starters from the front 7 but bring in a ton of JUCO transfers. After switching to the "Flex" defense last year, they now return to a more traditional 4-3 under the tutelage of Dave Arslanian who was the head coach at Utah St the last 2 years. They will be a tougher stop unit. San Jose can pull some upsets and that makes them a dangerous foe and if Whitaker is back 100% healthy, they are the most improved team in the WAC. The schedule is not kind in conference play as most of the winnable games are on the road and they have 7 road tilts all together. They will be more competitive but with the tough schedule I cannot see a winning season.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| K | John Wall 5-9 165 PS#13 | |
| WR | Charles Pauley 5-9 150 PS#71JC | |
| OL | Jelani Hawkins 6-4 283 PS#240JC | |
| OL | Bill Berg 6-2 242 PS#253JC | |
| DB | Larry Thompson 6-0 184 PS#273JC | |
| LB | Heath Farwell 6-0 203 PS#251 | |
| DL | Bill Mateialona 6-3 269 PS#295JC | |
| DL | Damon Tolson 6-5 295 PS#442DL | |
| DL | Anthony Koons 6-0 255 PS#447JC | |
| RB | Rashaad Murry 5-8 195 PS#456 | |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Marcus Arroyo So.** 6-1 190 *PS#208 in 98. 4 sts as true, 364 yds (54.5%). 1-2 ratio. Brennan Crooks (6-1 163 Jr) mobile JC trans LY, 32 total yds.*

**RB DEONCE WHITAKER SR.** 5-6 175 *PS#85 in 97. 719 yds (5.4) in 98. 627 yds in 1st 4 gms ly til inj, 769 yds (5.6). Darian Morton (5-6 183 Sr) 203 yds (6.3) ly.*

**WR SHAWN GREEN SR.** 6-2 193 *6 sts in 97 & 98, 22 rec. 9 sts in 99, 20 rec (13.6). Kenny Nears (6-0 182 Sr) PS#92JC, 8 rec (10.4) here in 99.*

**WR CASEY LEBLANC JR.** 5-10 192 *PS#228. 6 sts in 98, 23 rec (16.1). 4 sts in 99, 35 rec (11.9). 172 yds rush, Rashied Davis (5-9 155 Jr) is JC trans.*

**WR Waking Bailey Sr.** 5-9 181 *PS#139DB. 9 sts as true, 34 rec (11.2). 4 sts in 98, 23 rec (15.6). 2 sts in 99, 35 rec (12.0). Charles Pauley is PS#71JC.*

**TE SEAN BREWER SR.** 6-4 255 *JC trans in 98, 7 rec. 10 sts in 99, 20 rec (7.6). Jesse Rogers (6-3 248 Sr) was JC ly. Josh Richards (6-2 221 rFr).*

**C BRUNO CONTRERAS JR.** 6-2 283 *Lettered in 98 at G & C. 10 sts in 99 at C. Bill Berg (6-2 263 Jr) PS#253JC, in for spring. George Campos (6-2 256 Jr) JC.*

**RG Jose Gomez Jr.** 6-2 314 *PS#357 in 97. 11 gms as 2nd string as rFr. Knee inj in 99, limited time. Jelani Hawkins (6-4 283 Jr) PS#242JC.*

**LG JEREMY DOMINGUEZ SR.** 6-3 331 *PS#183JC in 99. 10 sts here in 99, biggest OL recruit ever here. Edrick Contreras (6-1 305 Fr) PS#367.*

**RT TIM PROVOST SO.** 6-6 281 *DL in 98. Moved to RG in Aug 99, 10 sts (inj), 2nd yr on OL. Joel Tautuaa (6-4 355 Jr) PS#450JC in for spg.*

**LT CHRIS FE'ESAGO JR.** 6-3 332 *LG in 4 gms. RT in 7 in 98 w/4 sts. 10 sts at LT in 99, **2nd tm WAC**. Scott Vandygrift (6-5 295 So) PS#303, 10 gms in 99.*

**K John Wall Fr.** 5-10 165 ***PS#13! Hit 6 of 7 from 50+ in HS in 99.*** *Nick Gilliam (5-8 177 So) 12 of 18 FG's in HS in 98. 4 from 50+, long of 58.*

**DE Chris Tandy Sr.** 6-3 238 *PS#293JC. 4.67 speed! 7 tkls in 99, 2 sks. Anthony Koons (6-2 255 Jr) PS#447JC, 12 sks, 22 tfl at JC. Bryan Harward is JC.*

**DT Edgar Nava Sr.** 6-1 272 *PS#166OL. 1 st in 98 til inj. Not 100% ly. **Damurius Richardson** (5-11 271) 72 tkls, 15 sks at JC. Daniel Mauga (6-2 256 Jr) 2 sks.*

**DT Bryan Yeager Sr.** 6-2 265 *32 tkls at Rut in 96. **11 sts** in 97, 64 tkls, 3 tfl. 4 sts ly, 17 tkls. John Hammer (6-5 278 Sr) 23 tkls in 98. **Damon Tolson** is PS#237.*

**DE Bill Mateialona Jr.** 6-3 269 *PS#295JC. 15 sks at JC ly. Kevin Michaelis (6-4 249 Sr), 3 tkls in 98. TE ly. Tim Mathewson (6-3 239 Jr) 2 sts in 99, 9 tkls, 3 sks.*

**OLB Ron Ockimey Sr.** 6-1 203 *JC trans in 99. 3 sts here, 36 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Zack Rance (5-11 206 So) was S in 99, 11 tkls. Moved to OLB in spg.*

**MLB JOSH PARRY SR.** 6-2 243 *PS#280DB. 9 sts in 97, 62 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts in 98, 76 tkls, 6 pbu. 10 sts in 99, 94 tkls, 4 tfl. Larry Dawson (6-0 284 Jr) is JC trans.*

**OLB Marshall Blount Sr.** 6-1 200 *PS#187JC. 5 sts here at DE in 99, 31 tkls, 3 sks. Luke LaHerran (6-0 220 Jr) 29 tkls at MLB in 99. Steve Nash (6-2 215 rFr).*

**CB DORAE LEWIS SR.** 5-8 173 *10 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 1 pbu. Anwar Johnson (5-9 182 Jr). 18 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu in 98. 11 tkls ly. Jermain Cooper (5-9 169 Jr) JC.*

**CB Rick Lavender Jr.** 6-0 176 *Good size. 22 tkls, **11 pbu** at N Ariz in 98. In for spg. Kevin Boyer (5-8 152 So) 2 sts, 5 tkls ly. Willie Adams (5-10 169 Jr) JUCO.*

**SS TRAVIS SEATON SR.** 5-10 180 *PS#359. 1 st, 16 tkls, 4 pbu in 97. 23 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 10 sts, 46 tkls, 2 pbu in 99. Carlos Koustas (5-9 190 So) 3 sts, 18 tkls at CB ly.*

**FS Larry Thompson Jr.** 6-0 184 *PS#273JC. 5 int in 99 at JC. Kenny Sanchez (5-9 171 Sr), 4 tkls in 97 & 98, scout tm QB. 2 sts, 26 tkls, 2 int, 1 pbu in 99.*

**P Bryce Partridge rFr.** 6-2 178 *Listed #1 in spring. Matthew Witcher (6-2 180 Fr) 41.2 avg in HS ly. Nick Gilliam avg'd 42.2 punts as Sr in HS.*

# SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

San Jose, California
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score SJST | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Spartans face five 1999 bowl teams this year and two teams that played BCS games. |
| Sep. 2 | at Nebraska | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Spartans covered 9 of 15 artificial turf games since 1992. SJS is 7-14 ATS as a dog of 20 points or more. |
| Sep. 9 | at Stanford | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | San Jose St is 3-1 ATS vs the Pac 10 the L/3 seasons. SJS has won 2 in a row SU & 5 straight ATS vs Baldwin's former team, 9-2 ATS L/11. |
| Sep. 16 | Southern Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Spartans are 3-7 SU in "NL" games - total pts are SJS 290-291. The SSU Thunderbird finished 8-3 SU last year in Div 1AA. |
| Sep. 23 | at USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending above results, SJS is 9-5 ATS L/14 September games. USC is 1 of 6 teams on SJS' 2000 docket that had a winning SU record LY. |
| Sep. 30 | Rice | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite a 0-2 mark LY, SJS is 6-3 ATS vs option oriented teams (pending Neb). SJS is 6-8 ATS at home vs conference foes the L/4 years. |
| Oct. 7 | at SMU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This will be the first ever meeting for these two schools. LY's game was cancelled. San Jose St is 3-6 ATS their last 9 October encounters. |
| Oct. 14 | UTEP (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY's meeting was the 1st in the series not decided by 7 or less. Spartans are 11-9 (55%) ATS in sandwiched home games. |
| Oct. 21 | at Nevada | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | There have been 13 series meetings & Nev holds a 7-5-2 SU victory margin. Coming into this season, teams were 15-28 ATS prior to travelling to Hawaii. |
| Oct. 28 | at Hawaii | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Spartans are 3-1 SU & ATS vs UH, but did fall last season. SJS has scored 38 or more points in all four meetings. |
| Nov. 4 | TCU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY's meeting was the first time these two schools ever met. Pending possible earlier results, SJS is 4-6 ATS L/10 as an away dog. |
| Nov. 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 18 | at Tulsa | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | San Jose St is 2-5 SU and 3-2 ATS in road finales. LY's meeting was the first ever game for these two schools. |
| Nov. 25 | Fresno St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Spartans have been playing football since 1893 & are 32-29-3 SU vs FSU. The SU winner is 3-0 ATS L/3Y in Spartan home finales. |
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## STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (30,456)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 2-9 | 3-8 | 3-8 | 3-9 | 4-7 | 4-8 | 3-7 | 22-56 |
| ATS | 4-4 | 4-5 | 4-5 | 5-7 | 7-4 | 6-6 | 3-6 | 33-37 |
| Home Fav | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 3-6 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 9-8 |
| Away Fav | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| Away Dog | 2-2 | 3-3 | 1-3 | 3-4 | 5-1 | 3-3 | 2-5 | 19-21 |
| Favorite | 2-2 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 5-8 |
| Dog | 2-2 | 4-4 | 3-3 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 5-5 | 2-5 | 28-29 |
| Grass | 2-3 | 3-5 | 4-5 | 4-5 | 4-4 | 5-4 | 3-5 | 25-31 |
| Artificial | 2-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 8-6 |
| vs Conf | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 3-6 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 1-5 | 14-20 |
| vs Non-Conf | 4-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 19-17 |
| Off SU Win | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 0-4 | 2-1 | 6-11 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-3 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 5-4 | 4-3 | 5-2 | 0-4 | 22-23 |

## Coach: DAVE BALDWIN (Career 20-34)
### *Baldwin's records AT SAN JOSE STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at San Jose State | | 1-2 | Home Favorite |
| 11-22 | Straight Up | 4-5 | Home Underdog |
| 16-16 | Vs The Spread | 1-0 | Away Favorite |
| 9-9 | Off A S/U Loss | 10-9 | Away Underdog |
| 11-5 | Vs WAC | 5-5 | Vs Non-WAC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | Pasadena | NL | Memphis | 9-28 | L |
| 81 | California | NL | Toledo | 25-27 | L |
| 86 | California | NL | Miami (Oh) | 37-7 | W |
| 87 | California | NL | E Michigan | 27-30 | L |
| 90 | California | NL | C Michigan | 48-24 | W |

# SAN JOSE ST (3-7)

*CONFERENCE:* **WAC**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 8**
**DEFENSE: 5**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 35 (18,17,0)**
**Lost: 17 (4,12,1)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2* | 25.8 | 20 | 119 | 3.6 | 249 | 54.5 | 14.3 | -10 | 1999 | 6 | 40.2 | 25 | 243 | 5.2 | 235 | 57.3 | 11.9 |
| 8* | 22.8 | 17 | 132 | 3.8 | 203 | 53.1 | 14.7 | +4 | 1998 | 7 | 32.1 | 23 | 259 | 5.1 | 171 | 51.9 | 13.4 |
| 5 | 20.5 | 19 | 135 | 3.4 | 205 | 46.7 | 16.6 | -4 | 1997 | 5 | 35.2 | 21 | 185 | 4.1 | 219 | 50.2 | 11.5 |
| 4* | 20.1 | 21 | 112 | 3.2 | 263 | 51.8 | 20.4 | -1 | 1996 | 5 | 40.7 | 24 | 230 | 5.4 | 270 | 59.8 | 13.4 |
| 5 | 24.6 | 22 | 149 | 3.8 | 244 | 57.1 | 16.0 | +6 | 1995 | 6 | 34.3 | 24 | 208 | 5.1 | 287 | 61.0 | 14.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at LSU | 16 | 38-189 | 5.0 | 21-39 | 188 | 7 | 18 | 35-190 | 5.4 | 12-25 | 157 | 2 | 0 |
| at Colorado | 29 | 35-224 | 6.4 | 25-40 | 283 | 0 | 35 | 46-293 | 6.4 | 27-37 | 474 | 0 | -1 |
| St Mary's | 27 | 46-237 | 5.2 | 19-32 | 230 | 5 | 18 | 42-117 | 2.8 | 10-23 | 114 | 6 | +2 |
| Tulsa | 24 | 37-180 | 4.9 | 21-30 | 295 | 1 | 14 | 31-75 | 2.4 | 16-34 | 200 | 2 | -1 |
| at Stanford | 29 | 46-118 | 2.6 | 24-43 | 368 | 12 | 23 | 35-162 | 4.6 | 19-38 | 313 | 3 | +1 |
| at TCU | 14 | 29-74 | 2.6 | 17-43 | 172 | 1 | 24 | 54-418 | 7.7 | 7-16 | 109 | 1 | 0 |
| at Rice | 13 | 20-23 | 1.2 | 21-30 | 141 | 1 | 30 | 81-413 | 5.1 | 4-6 | 65 | 0 | -3 |
| at UTEP | 14 | 32-90 | 2.8 | 14-36 | 225 | 2 | 23 | 46-241 | 5.2 | 19-28 | 215 | 7 | -3 |
| Hawaii | 21 | 18-(-37) | -2.1 | 29-53 | 379 | 7 | 33 | 42-174 | 4.1 | 27-48 | 371 | 4 | -4 |
| at Fresno St | 15 | 30-96 | 3.2 | 16-34 | 209 | 3 | 32 | 52-351 | 6.8 | 23-31 | 334 | 0 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 202 | 331-1194 | 3.6 | 207-380 | 2490 | 30 | 250 | 464-2434 | 5.2 | 164-286 | 2352 | 22 | -10 |
| AVERAGES | 20.2 | 33-119 | 3.6 | 21-38 | 249 | 3.0 | 25.0 | 46-243 | 5.2 | 16-29 | 235 | 2.2 | -1.0 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stanford | +15' | 33-47 | W |
| at USC | +35 | 7-45 | L |
| N Illinois | +1' | 17-18 | W |
| at California | +23 | 7-40 | L |
| Utah St | -1 | 32-30 | W |
| UNLV | NL | 52-14 | – |
| at San Diego St | +23 | 20-49 | L |
| Pacific | -4' | 30-32 | L |
| at Arkansas St | -5 | 7-21 | L |
| at N Mexico St | +5 | 38-37 | W |
| at Nevada | NL | 28-45 | – |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Air Force | +22 | 0-45 | L |
| California | +24 | 25-45 | W |
| at Stanford | +27 | 2-25 | W |
| UTEP | +1 | 26-25 | W |
| at Washington St | +27 | 10-52 | L |
| Wyoming | +22' | 22-45 | L |
| at Fresno St | +20 | 18-28 | W |
| at Colorado St | +20 | 13-36 | L |
| San Diego St | +20' | 20-49 | L |
| at Hawaii | +5 | 38-17 | W |
| at Washington | +37 | 10-53 | L |
| UNLV | -7 | 31-28 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Stanford | +30 | 12-28 | W |
| Wisconsin | +16' | 10-56 | L |
| at Wyoming | +29 | 10-30 | W |
| at Oregon St | +18 | 12-26 | W |
| Colorado St | +21' | 20-55 | L |
| at UTEP | +3 | 10-7 | W |
| Air Force | +15 | 25-22 | W |
| Fresno St | +8 | 12-53 | L |
| at San Diego St | +14 | 21-48 | L |
| Hawaii | +1' | 38-14 | W |
| at UNLV | +9' | 55-48 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Stanford | +15' | 35-23 | W |
| Idaho | -9' | 12-17 | L |
| at Oregon | +24 | 3-58 | L |
| N Mexico | +7 | 37-20 | W |
| at Virginia | +28 | 14-52 | L |
| Rice | +6' | 20-17 | W |
| at UTEP | +6 | 21-28 | L |
| at BYU | +18 | 43-46 | W |
| Utah | +7 | 17-49 | L |
| at Hawaii | -7' | 45-17 | W |
| San Diego St | +4' | 6-34 | L |
| at Fresno St | +14 | 21-24 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at LSU | +27' | 21-29 | W |
| at Colorado | +24 | 35-63 | L |
| St Mary's | NL | 38-3 | - |
| Tulsa | -4 | 34-10 | W |
| at Stanford | +19 | 44-39 | W |
| at TCU | +5' | 0-42 | L |
| at Rice | +10 | 7-49 | L |
| SMU | | Cancelled | |
| at UTEP | +6' | 26-42 | L |
| Hawaii | -2' | 41-62 | L |
| at Fresno St | +16 | 12-63 | L |

# SMU MUSTANGS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 98 SMU began the year with Chris Sanders starting at QB until Josh McCown took over in 5 games as a true frosh throwing for 619 yards (46.5%) with a 7-8 ratio. Last year he split time at QB at the start of the year with HT true frosh Kelan Luker (6-1 200 So, PS#74). The offense struggled early as McCown and Luker combined for 3 TD's and 10 int's in the first 5 games until Cavan took over as OC and simplified the system. McCown was given the job full-time beginning in week 5 and over the last 5 games McCown had a super 9-3 ratio and at one point set a school record with 19 straight completions. He is back and should be much improved in his third year as a starter. Luker is also back and is pressing for the job as he hit 20 of 28 for 310 yards in the spring game (mostly vs 2nd string def). Cavan brought in JUCO QB David Page (6-1 185) who was PS #115 QB in 98 and originally signed at Cal. He threw for 570 yards and 10 TD's in one game at JC last year. This is a fairly deep group and I look for solid improvement in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - While they did not resemble the "Pony Express" days (Dickerson/James), SMU's rush attack from 1996-98 was its strongest in the post Death Penalty era as they avg'd over 4 ypc and 175 ypg. Last year those numbers slipped to 119 ypg and just 3.1 ypc. Cavan had liked to use a 2 back system. Last year they had to replace Kelsey Adams who had 802 yards rushing in 98 but returned leading rusher Rodnick Phillips who was off a solid season with 1,115 yards (4.7) in 98. Playing behind an inexperienced line and hampered by injury, his numbers dropped to 503 yards (3.4). A pair of true frosh saw significant action. Kris Briggs (PS#99) rushed for 522 yards (5.1) and led the team in rushing. Johnnie Freeman (6-1 185 So) had 279 yards rushing. This year they switch to the one back offense that S Miss has used. I am a little concerned as there is not much depth and no HT true frosh signees but some of the newcomers will play immediately, just like last year. This is not an overwhelming group but one that should top last year's numbers.

**RECEIVERS** - Mike Cavan signed a great class of WR's in 99 with 3 HT true frosh. Two of them ended the year as starters and the starting TE was a sophomore. Chris Cunningham and Cody Cardwell improved as the season went on, were the top 2 WR's and should improve with a spring and a full season now under their belts. They have the speed to stretch defenses. The only losses to this unit are WR Damond Blueitt who was the leading returning receiver in 99 and had just 17 rec's to finish #3 on the team and WR Tony Newsome (12 rec, 4 sts). Not listed at TE in the 2 deep below is John Hampton (6-2 235 So, PS#149) who was the biggest surprise of the spring. This was one of the youngest receiving corps in the country last year and I look for them to continue to improve as the talent level is solid.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year when I wrote the magazine the Mustangs' offensive front appeared to be one of the strengths of the team as they had 4 starters returning. Over the summer, two starters and two backups were lost to injuries and the team was hit hard by injuries during the season. They were able to start the same lineup in only 3 of their 10 games and were shuffling players throughout the season. The upside, of course, is that many of the younger players have gained experienced. This year they must replace C Austin Adami (10 sts, 2nd tm WAC) and RG Bill Holder (10 sts, 2 yr st'r). There is a slim chance that Jerry Chavira (6-5 295 Sr) may be able to return. He had 12 starts and was HM WAC in 98 but missed most of last year with a back injury. Also RT Trey Bandy, who had 12 starts in 98, missed last year and was denied a 6th year of eligibility. Due to the injuries last season, five returning players gained starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. They do have a VHT rFr to plug in at LT as well as a UCLA transfer. This unit should be much more stable and solidly improved in the year 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Mustangs had to replace 4 players from the front line and returned just one starter to the group. This year they lose a good one in DE Luke Johnson (10 sts, 1st tm WAC) who led the WAC with 11.5 sacks and added 7 tfl along with 74 tackles. Everyone else returns plus starting OLB Kevin Aldridge moves into Johnson's DE slot. I list the 2 deep below and no less than 7 players have starting experience in the group. It's tough to replace a talent like Johnson but overall this unit has more experience and has a surprisingly large number of HT's and could be even stronger this year.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Mustangs had to replace one starter and one part-time starter to graduation but then lost an emerging star, Vic Viloria, prior to the season. That left them with 1.5 returning starters. This year they must replace MLB Jason Simonton (10 sts, #1 tkl'r, 1st tm WAC), OLB Roy Coats (1 st, 16 tkls) and OLB Kevin Aldridge who moves to DE. They get back Viloria who missed the first 6 games in 98 as a true frosh but started the last five and finished with 43 tackles. Basically 3 players return with starting experience and I expect Viloria to contend for 1st team WAC honors this year, however I'll call the unit a little weaker this season with the loss of their top LB.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - SMU moved up in my pass defense efficiency rankings for 4 straight years finishing at #47 in 98. Last year they had to replace their top 3 CB's but had 2 starters returning. They slid to #93 allowing 61.4% with a 16-10 ratio. This year they must replace FS Tracy Hart (10 sts, 5 int, 10 pbu, 1st tm WAC) and SS Raymon Brown (10 sts, 75 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu). Seven players who earned starting experience last year return including all of their top CB's. One of their top defenders last year was CB Kevin Garrett who started all 10 as a rFr and Cavan brings in five more true frosh this year to compete for time. The loss of a 1st team WAC player is difficult but this unit under-performed last year and I look for them to move up in the pass defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Mustangs usually do fairly well in this category ranking #45, #25, #51, #65 and #48 over the last 5 years. Colin Vadheim returns for his 3rd year as P but they do lose top KR Rodnick Phillips. Chris Cunningham was a super returnman in HS and averaged a nifty 33.9 on KR's last year and should do well as a full-time starter. He also led the team in PR's. K Adam Walterscheid has a strong leg and will battle Jacob Crowley (5-11 200 Jr) who is a transfer from Texas A&M and missed on his only attempt last year. SMU also blocks a lot of kicks and over the last 18 games has 6, including 3 last year. It should be another solid finish for the Mustangs in my special teams rankings.

OL James McCarthy hopes to be a leader on a healthier OL in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kris Briggs** | 102 | 530 | 8 | 522 | 6 | 5.1 |
| Rodnick Phillips | 150 | 560 | 57 | 503 | 3 | 3.4 |
| **Johnnie Freeman** | 32 | 291 | 12 | 279 | 2 | 8.7 |
| **Josh McCown** | 69 | 204 | 213 | -9 | 1 | -0.1 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| **Josh McCown** | 234 | 125 | 53.4 | 1434 | 11 | 10 |
| **Kelan Luker** | 56 | 22 | 39.3 | 270 | 1 | 3 |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| **Chris Cunningham** | | 39 | 570 | 14.6 | 5 | 73 |
| **Cody Cardwell** | | 31 | 469 | 15.1 | 3 | 57 |
| Damond Blueitt | | 17 | 170 | 10.0 | 2 | 28 |
| Rodnick Phillips | | 16 | 114 | 7.1 | 0 | 18 |
| Tony Newsome | | 12 | 148 | 12.3 | 0 | 44 |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| **Colin Vadheim** | 60 | 2347 | 39.1 | - | 35.3 | 1 | 13 |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| **Adam Walterscheld** | 1-2 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 3-7 | 47 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jason Simonton | 125 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 0 |
| **Kevin Garrett** | 81 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Raymon Brown | 75 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 |
| Luke Johnson | 74 | 11.5 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Tracy Hart | 69 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 5 |
| **James Orr** | 47 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| **Justin Williams** | 45 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Kevin Aldridge** | 40 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| **Johnson Patman** | 37 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Markus Pratt** | 34 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Chase Schavrda** | 29 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| **Lute Croy** | 28 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Billy Jack Williams** | 26 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Chris Cunningham** | 25 | 224 | 9.0 | 0 |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| Rodnick Phillips | 10 | 238 | 23.8 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**ARKANSAS +14 0-26 LOSS** 51,019, the largest crowd to see SMU at the Cotton Bowl since 1978. UA had just a 15-13 FD edge. SMU had 35 yds rushing on 37 carries & hit 14 of 35 passes. UA had 28, 70, 53 & 63 yd TD plays. UA led 19-0 at half & 26-0 after 3Q's. Stoerner hit just 12 of 29. UA limited SMU to just 6 snaps beyond midfield.

**AT TULANE +3' 19-53 LOSS** TU blk'd punt for a TD. SMU mishandled the KO & started at their own one & TU notched a safety. Ramsey hit a 60 yd pass to the 6 & TU got a TD, 16-0. TU added a 26 yd TD pass with 7:18 to go in the 1Q. SMU got a 33 yd TD pass. TU got a TD & SMU got a 61 yd TD run, 29-12 at half. TU drove 80 yds for a 3Q TD. TU's Converse ripped off a 53 yd TD run, 46-19 after 3Q's. TU had a 539-414 yd edge.

**HAWAII -14 0-20 LOSS** UH got a 2 play, 81 yd TD drive. SMU was SOD at the UH 20 . On the 4th poss SMU switched to backup true frosh QB Luker after McCown hit 5 of 7. Luker hit just 11 of 27. Late in the half SMU fmbl'd in UH terr. UH got a 50 yd FG on the final play of the half, 10-0. In the 3Q SMU had a 70 yd TD run called back on holding. SMU ret'd an int 28 yds for a TD but it was called back on an offsides pen. UH got a 4Q 42 yd FG & a 13 yd TD pass. UH had a 394-231 yd edge and SMU had the ball for 36:22.

**AT KANSAS +8 9-27 LOSS** A sparse HC crowd (24,700). KU used 1st time starter Dylen Smith at QB. KU lost its top 3 RB's. KU had an early 29 yd FG blk'd & SMU got an 76 yd TD drive, 6-0 (xpng). SMU nailed a 27 yd FG. Later they forced KU to punt when THE key play happened. P Pelfanio threw a surprise pass for a KU FD. Then on 3rd & 10 from the 26 Smith hit a TD pass, 9-7. KU drove 61 yds for a TD with 5:19 left, 13-9. KU's defense held SMU to just 47 yds rush & went to a zone coverage in the 2H which confused McCown. KU had a 26-14 FD edge & got two 2H TD's to ice it.

**AT UTEP +9' 28-42 LOSS** UTEP got an 80 yd TD run by Smith. SMU drove 45 yds to tie with the help of a 55 yd KR. SMU led 14-7 after 1Q. UTEP drove 71 yds for a TD then after an int got a 14 yd TD pass from Stuckey. UTEP led 28-14 at the half & 35-14 after 3Q's. SMU conv on 3rd & 15 to set up a TD & blk'd a punt to set up a TD, 35-28. UTEP got a 52 yd int ret for a TD & the cover with under 1:00 left.

**FRESNO ST +14' 24-14 WIN** I used SMU as the Thurs Night Play on my PPH. It was a very small crowd for the Cotton Bowl. FSU faked a punt on its own 26 & was stopped & SMU drove for a TD. SMU added a 37 yd TD drive foll a fmbl. FSU drove 80 yds for a TD but SMU got a 64 yd TD drive, 21-7 at half. SMU had a 13-6 FD edge in the 1H. FSU got an 83 yd TD pass in the 3Q. SMU missed a 39 yd FG but got a 37 yd FG with 6:02 left. FSU was SOD at the SMU 27 with 3:37 left & SMU pulled the outright upset on National TV.

**AT SAN JOSE ST CANCELLED**

**RICE +10' 27-2 WIN** SMU had a 29 yd FG blk'd. Rice drove but missed a 49 yd FG. SMU then drove 68 yds in 12 plays for a TD in the 2Q. SMU had a bad snap on a punt result in a safety. SMU added a 60 yd, 9 play drive for a TD with 2:08 left, 13-2. SMU had a drive kept alive on a 3rd & 17 pers foul & went 57 yds in 12 plays for a TD in the 3Q. It was raining & it bogged down the Rice option offense in the 1H. SMU got a blk'd punt ret for a TD in the 4Q. Rice had 2 solid drives end on an int & SOD. Rice got 76 of their rushing yards on a final drive to the SMU 2 but they ended up with 1 more FD & 1 more total yd than SMU. SMU's def played well but was aided by the weather.

**CAL ST N'RIDGE NL 58-16** - It was the final home game for SMU at the Cotton Bowl & disappointingly only about 3,000 fans showed up in the 68,252 seat stadium. SMU jumped out to a 10-0 lead but CSN got a 25 yd TD pass, 10-6 after 1Q. SMU added a TD in the 2Q and CSN settled for a FG, 17-9 at half. SMU dominated the 2H, as the Mustangs got 3 TD's including Briggs' 51 yd run. Briggs had 4 TD's overall on the day. SMU added a 73 yd TD pass & 34 yd TD run to lead 51-9. CSN got a TD but SMU ret'd the KO 90 yds for a TD to close the scoring. For you history buffs, SMU's 1st game in the Cotton Bowl was a 27-0 win over Indiana in 1930 so they started & ended their run in this historic stadium with lopsided wins. SMU won 9 of their last 14 games played in this venue.

**AT TULSA -3' 28-14 WIN** SMU was even more dominating than the final score indicates. Throughout the first 3Q's, SMU had a 316-53 yd edge & led 28-0. Tulsa had just 1 FD in the 1H. SMU went 69 yds on their 1st poss for a TD & then 47 & 51 yd passes set up additional TD's in the 1H. Tulsa did the majority of their damage in the 4Q racking up 151 yds & 2 TD's vs the SMU backups.

**AT TCU +11 0-21 LOSS** I used a 3★ College Totals Selection on Under 48. Defense dominated as there were only 8 combined FD's at half. SMU had 4 TO's but TCU missed FG's of 47 and 34 & settled for 30 & 37 yd FG's despite great field position, 6-0. TCU drove 80 & 46 yds for TD's on its 1st 2 poss of the 3Q & SMU never really threatened. There were only 4 more FD's & the Under was an easy winner.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Mike Cavan has done a solid job in his first 3 years in the WAC having finished with a .500 or better conference record each season. Cavan just needs to come out of the gate stronger as his teams are just 2-14 SU in the 1H of the season. However, they are an outstanding 13-4 SU down the stretch. They nearly made a bowl game in '99 after starting out 0-5. The defense got stronger as they allowed 33.6 ppg in the first 5 games and just 11.5 ppg in the 4 game winning streak. SMU should be energized at home this year as they move to their newly enlarged on-campus stadium. In their season finale only 3,000 fans showed up. Cavan is excited saying it gives the team a chance to defend its home turf in front of a raucous crowd (unlike the Cotton Bowl). After SMU's 0-2 start, Cavan assumed the OC duties and simplified the offense. They lost the next 3, but then rebounded with 4 wins prior to being shutout in their season finale. SMU hired OC Larry Kueck who was fired from S Miss just prior to their bowl. This will be their third offensive system in 4 years (perhaps a reason for slow starts). Another reason for slow starts was their youth as the majority of the points were scored by freshmen. The O-line appeared to be a strength in 99, but lost 4 players including 2 starters in August. After averaging 7 ppg in the first 4 games, they scored 27.5 ppg in the last 6. With 9 starters back on offense and more of a passing attack they should be much more potent. The defense has 8 starters returning and gets 98 star Vic Viloria back. With very few senior starters, they will flirt with a winning record and will be among the favorites for the WAC title in 2001.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DB | Rico Harris 6-2 185 | PS#104 |
| DB | Derron Brown 5-10 195 | PS#166 |
| LB | Deprimethon Lee 6-1 235 | PS#192 |
| QB | David Page 6-1 185 | PS#329JC |
| DB | Jarrian James 6-0 200 | PS#296 |
| RB | Keylon Kincade 5-11 180 | PS#450 |
| WR | Trent Joeckel 6-0 178 | PS#290 |
| WR | Matt Rushbrook 5-10 175 | PS#290 |
| OL | Townsend Hargis 6-4 280 | PS#435 |
| OL | Scott Kilpatrick 6-3 285 | PS#435 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JOSH McCOWN JR.** 6-4 215 *PS#174 in 98, 5 sts as true, 619 yds (47%), 7-8 ratio, 212 rush. 10 sts ly, 1434 yds (53%), 11-10 ratio. Kelan Luker (6-1 200 So) PS#74.*

**RB Kris Briggs So.** 5-11 210 *PS#99, 522 yds (5.1) as true. Powerful. Johnnie Freeman (6-1 185 So) PS#279, 279 yds (8.7) as true. Jeff Woods (5-8 195 Sr) 5 sts.*

**WR Marcus Carter rFr.** 6-1 190 *PS#70WR in 99. Bryan McDearman (5-11 205 Jr) 1 st in 99, 6 rec (14.2). 10 rec in spg game. Trent Joeckel is PS#290.*

**WR CHRIS CUNNINGHAM SO.** 5-8 175 *PS#43 in 99. 6 sts as true, #1 w/39 rec (14.6), 461 return yds. Brandon Wetsel (6-2 195 So) PS#266. Ryan Riddle (6-1 185 rFr).*

**WR CODY CARDWELL SO.** 5-10 170 *PS#86 in 99. 5 sts, 31 rec (15.1) as true. Steve O'Neill (5-11 215) trans from Air Force. Was QB ly & moves to WR.*

**TE MICHAEL BROWN JR.** 6-1 250 *5 sts as true in 98, 6 rec (13.3). 6 sts in 99, 5 rec (17.8). David Ellen (6-2 255 So) was PS#60LB, 1 rec (5.0) as rFr.*

**C RICHARD NICHOLS SR.** 6-3 270 *PS#324OL. 2nd string in 97 & lettered. 4 sts at C & 4 sts at G in 99. Steve Raindl (6-3 265 rFr). Will McKinney (6-6 250 Jr) PS#153.*

**RG Jeff Erxleben Sr.** 6-5 300 *PS#241. 2 sts at LT as rFr, 3 sts in 98. 5 sts in 99 (3 at LG, 1 at RG, 1 at LT). Danny Murphy (6-5 280 So) PS#130, 4 sts at OG.*

**LG JAMES McCARTHY JR.** 6-3 280 *5 sts as rFr in 98. 8 sts in 99 (4 at LT, 4 at LG). Jeff Henderson (6-4 255 So). Aaron Ladd (6-4 280 Sr) PS#121TE, UCLA trans.*

**RT JOEY SLATEN JR.** 6-6 305 *11 gms as 2nd string in 98. 5 sts at LG in 99, 2 letters. Judson Davis (6-5 280 So) PS#195. Missed 99 w/torn ACL.*

**LT Sterling Harris rFr.** 6-6 280 *PS#47 in 99. Kevin Gober (6-5 260 Jr) PS#379OL. 8 gms in 98, 10 gms in 99. Jerry Chavira (6-5 295 Sr) 12 sts in 98. Inj' d ly.*

**K ADAM WALTERSCHEID JR.** 5-11 195 *Hit 52 & 51 yd FG's in HS. Did KO's here as true. Hit 3 of 7 in 99, long 47. Jacob Crowley (5-11 200 Jr) is TX A&M trans.*

**DE KEVIN ALDRIDGE JR.** 6-1 260 *PS#49. 4 sts as true, 49 tkls, 5 tfl. 7 sts at OLB in 99, 40 tkls, 2 tfl. Chase Schavrda (6-2 255 Sr) PS#273, 8 sts ly, 68 tkls, 16 tfl, 3Y.*

**DT Warrie Birdwell So.** 6-2 250 *PS#54 in 99. 2 sts as true, 23 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl. Thornton Chandler (6-2 255 So) PS#99 in 99, 5 tkls as true frosh.*

**DT LUTE CROY SO.** 6-2 290 *PS#74DL in 98. 10 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Chris Post (6-3 265 Jr) 1 st, 19 tkls, 2 tfl. John D Blagg (6-1 265 rFr) PS#89TE.*

**DE MARKUS PRATT JR.** 6-0 255 *PS#335, 2 sts as true, 9 tkls, 2 tfl. 5 sts in 99, 34 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl. Johnson Patman (6-2 240 Jr) 5 sts in 99, 37 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl.*

**OLB Justin Williams So.** 6-0 205 *PS#316. 3 sts as true, 45 tkls, 2 tfl. Devonric Johnson (6-0 215 So) PS#310, 13 tkls as true. Deprimethon Lee is PS#192.*

**MLB VIC VILORIA SO.** 5-10 225 *PS#94LB. Started L/5 as true in 98 (miss 1st 6 inj), 43 tkls, 1 tfl. RS in 99. Corey Riley (6-0 240 Jr) was PS#239LB.*

**OLB BILLY JACK WILLIAMS SO.** 6-2 190 *6 sts at OLB as rFr, 26 tkls, 2 tfl. Khalid Beard (6-1 205 So) was PS#105LB, 4 tkls as true. John Hughes (5-10 205 Jr).*

**CB JAMES ORR SO.** 5-10 170 *7 sts as true in 99, 47 tkls, 8 pbu. Courtney Richardson (5-9 175 Sr) 1 st, 12 tkls, 2 yrs. Jarrian James PS#296.*

**CB KEVIN GARRETT SO.** 5-10 190 *10 sts as rFr in 99, 81 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, 4 tfl. WAC Frosh Def POY. Jonas Rutledge (5-10 170 rFr) PS#388, Rusty Simpson (5-9 155 Jr).*

**SS Tommy Dorsey Jr.** 5-9 190 *9 tkls as true, 3 blk punts. 2 sts at NB in 99, 20 tkls, 1 pbu. Shane O'Neill (5-9 195 Jr) trans from AF, 2 sts here, 13 tkls, 1 pbu.*

**FS Leroy Price rFr.** 6-2 190 *PS#260DB in 99. Brent Briggs (5-9 160 So) PS#178WR, 2 sts as true, 9 tkls. Rico Harris (6-2 185 Fr) is PS#104.*

**P COLIN VADHEIM SR.** 6-1 180 *Transferred from Air Force. 77 punts here in 98, 42.1 avg. 60 punts in 99, 39.1 avg. Nets of 36.1 & 35.3 L/2 yrs.*

# SMU MUSTANGS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score SMU | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SMU was shut out in consecutive home games for the 1st time in 39 years last season, vs Arkansas & Hawaii.<br>Mustangs are 9-4 ATS L/4Y as a home underdog.<br>SMU is 6-13 ATS L/20 favorite roles, but are 5-2 L/2Y.<br>Ponies are 2-14 SU in the 1H of the season under Cavan.<br>SMU is 13-4 SU in the 2H of the season under Cavan. |
| Sep. 2 | Kansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mustangs are 3-7 ATS L/10 vs current Big 12 teams.<br>This will be SMU's first ever game at Gerald Ford Stadium, an on campus site. |
| Sep. 9 | at UTEP | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Southern Methodist is 5-3-1 ATS their L/9 road openers.<br>SMU is 5-9-1 ATS in conf road games since joining the WAC. |
| Sep. 16 | at N Carolina St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ponies are 1-6 ATS the L/2Y vs non-WAC opposition.<br>SMU is 6-13-1 SU all time vs ACC schools, won last meeting vs NCS 35-14 in '68. |
| Sep. 23 | Tulane | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might apply here: SMU is 6-3 ATS L/9 as a non-conf home dog.<br>Or this may apply: SMU is 4-17-1 ATS as a HF since 1984. |
| Sep. 30 | at Houston | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | If favored here, note that SMU is 3-0 ATS L/2Y as an AF.<br>SMU has won the 3 gms mentioned above by a combined 80-25 score. |
| Oct. 7 | San Jose St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Did not play LY due to an electrical malfunction at SJS's stadium.<br>This will be the first ever meeting for these two schools. |
| Oct. 14 | at Hawaii | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SMU is 21-31 ATS in October the L/16 seasons.<br>Road team is 2-0 SU & ATS in this short series, posting a shutout each time. |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | Nevada (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Coming into this season SMU was 2-10 ATS as a HF in the post-Death Penalty era.<br>Could apply here: Ponies are 0-11-1 ATS as a DD home favorite since 1984. |
| Nov. 4 | at Rice | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mustangs are 7-14-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1994.<br>SMU is 9-3 SU L/12 November games, 5-6 ATS in that span. |
| Nov. 11 | Tulsa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending earlier results SMU is 10-5 ATS at home vs the WAC s/96.<br>SMU is 4-1 both SU & ATS L/5 versus Tulsa. |
| Nov. 18 | at Fresno St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ponies are 6-2 ATS L/8Y in their final away game.<br>Mention this ad & deduct $23 off our Post Season Package!! Call 1-800-654-3448. |
| Nov. 25 | TCU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mustangs are 0-6 ATS L/6 lined home finales.<br>The favorite is 4-8-1 ATS L/13 meetings of these Texas alphabet schools. |
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## STADIUM: GERALD J. FORD (32,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 2-7-2 | 1-9-1 | 1-10 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 5-7 | 4-6 | 24-50-3 |
| ATS | 7-4 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 5-6-1 | 3-6 | 33-42-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 2-8 |
| Home Dog | 2-3 | 1-1 | 1-4 | 3-0 | 4-0 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 13-12 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 4-3 |
| Away Dog | 5-1 | 3-4 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 1-2-1 | 0-4 | 14-18-1 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 6-11 |
| Dog | 7-4 | 4-5 | 4-6 | 4-3 | 5-2 | 1-5-1 | 2-5 | 27-30-1 |
| Grass | 3-0 | 1-0 | 3-5 | 4-5 | 5-5 | 4-6 | 2-3 | 22-24 |
| Artificial | 4-4 | 3-7 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-0-1 | 1-3 | 11-18-1 |
| vs Conf | 3-4 | 2-5 | 2-5 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 4-3-1 | 3-3 | 22-28-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 4-0 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 11-14 |
| Off SU Win | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 2-4 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 8-12 |
| Off SU Loss | 5-2 | 3-5 | 3-6 | 2-4 | 3-1 | 4-3 | 1-4 | 21-25 |

## Coach: MIKE CAVAN (Career 82-67-2)
### *Cavan's records AT SMU*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at SMU | | 2-3 | Home Favorite |
| 15-18 | Straight Up | 6-4 | Home Underdog |
| 13-18-1 | Vs The Spread | 3-2 | Away Favorite |
| 8-8 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-8-1 | Away Underdog |
| 11-10-1 | Vs WAC | 2-8 | Vs Non-WAC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | Bluebonnet | NL | Oklahoma | 28-27 | W |
| 80 | Holiday | -1 | BYU | 45-46 | L |
| 82 | Cotton | E | Pittsburgh | 7-3 | W |
| 83 | Sun | -4 | Alabama | 7-28 | L |
| 84 | Aloha | +1' | Notre Dame | 27-20 | W |

# SMU (4-6)

CONFERENCE: **WAC**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 46 (18,26,2)**
**Lost: 15 (8,7,0)**

## SMU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 19.3 | 16 | 119 | 3.1 | 179 | 51.0 | 15.4 | -4 | 1999 | 5 | 23.5 | 19 | 114 | 3.0 | 247 | 61.4 | 15.4 |
| 8 | 18.8 | 16 | 166 | 4.0 | 139 | 51.8 | 16.2 | -3 | 1998 | 6 | 20.7 | 15 | 138 | 3.4 | 160 | 50.8 | 14.8 |
| 6* | 22.5 | 16 | 200 | 4.5 | 111 | 46.7 | 13.9 | +14 | 1997 | 6 | 21.6 | 18 | 144 | 3.5 | 186 | 56.0 | 15.3 |
| 8* | 22.4 | 18 | 160 | 4.0 | 185 | 51.5 | 15.4 | +3 | 1996 | 8 | 24.3 | 22 | 197 | 4.1 | 194 | 58.9 | 16.1 |
| 5* | 12.0 | 15 | 87 | 2.6 | 193 | 52.8 | 23.4 | -12 | 1995 | 7 | 32.0 | 23 | 266 | 5.3 | 188 | 55.3 | 14.2 |
| 10* | 17.9 | 21 | 132 | 3.2 | 206 | 53.6 | 18.9 | +13 | 1994 | 8 | 31.2 | 22 | 224 | 5.2 | 202 | 59.8 | 13.7 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Arkansas | 13 | 37-35 | 0.9 | 14-35 | 140 | 5 | 15 | 35-122 | 3.5 | 13-32 | 251 | 3 | 0 |
| at Tulane | 19 | 30-181 | 6.0 | 16-39 | 233 | 4 | 26 | 42-135 | 3.2 | 32-52 | 404 | 1 | -1 |
| Hawaii | 15 | 47-81 | 1.7 | 16-34 | 150 | 3 | 18 | 19-72 | 3.8 | 24-41 | 322 | 0 | 0 |
| at Kansas | 14 | 34-47 | 1.4 | 16-31 | 221 | 2 | 26 | 46-143 | 3.1 | 20-35 | 241 | 0 | +2 |
| at UTEP | 22 | 44-204 | 4.6 | 13-32 | 184 | 2 | 26 | 43-150 | 3.5 | 26-35 | 333 | 4 | -4 |
| Fresno St | 18 | 58-194 | 3.3 | 11-20 | 157 | 2 | 16 | 23-65 | 2.8 | 26-37 | 299 | 0 | +2 |
| Rice | 17 | 39-87 | 2.2 | 18-25 | 197 | 2 | 18 | 57-225 | 3.9 | 4-10 | 60 | 0 | +2 |
| Cal St Northridge | 20 | 35-275 | 7.9 | 9-21 | 160 | 1 | 18 | 35-24 | 0.7 | 31-43 | 296 | 6 | -1 |
| at Tulsa | 18 | 40-54 | 1.4 | 24-29 | 300 | 5 | 14 | 25-37 | 1.5 | 20-34 | 167 | 6 | 0 |
| at TCU | 7 | 25-31 | 1.2 | 12-26 | 50 | 4 | 15 | 53-166 | 3.1 | 9-15 | 99 | 3 | -4 |
| TOTALS | 163 | 389-1189 | 3.1 | 149-292 | 1792 | 30 | 192 | 378-1139 | 3.0 | 205-334 | 2472 | 23 | -4 |
| AVERAGES | 16.3 | 39-119 | 3.1 | 15-29.2 | 179 | 3.0 | 19.2 | 38-114 | 3.0 | 21-33 | 247 | 2.3 | -0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arkansas | +8 | 17-14 | W |
| Navy | -13 | 2-33 | L |
| at Oklahoma | +30' | 10-24 | W |
| at Wisconsin | +22 | 0-42 | L |
| Texas | +22 | 10-35 | L |
| at Texas A&M | +32 | 17-20 | W |
| at Houston | +2 | 15-38 | L |
| Rice | +5 | 24-34 | L |
| at TCU | +15 | 16-19 | W |
| Baylor | +16 | 7-48 | L |
| Texas Tech | +19 | 14-45 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tulsa | +1 | 17-10 | W |
| at Arkansas | +12 | 23-10 | W |
| Utah | +5 | 17-21 | W |
| at Navy | +1 | 17-19 | L |
| at BYU | +14' | 3-31 | L |
| Missouri | -2' | 26-27 | L |
| at Rice | -1 | 17-35 | L |
| N Mexico | +2 | 52-31 | W |
| at Wyoming | +14' | 17-59 | L |
| at UTEP | -7 | 30-0 | W |
| TCU | -7' | 27-24 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Mississippi | +5 | 15-23 | L |
| Arkansas | +6' | 31-9 | W |
| Navy | E | 16-46 | L |
| BYU | +11 | 16-19 | W |
| at N Mexico | +6 | 15-22 | L |
| at Utah | +8 | 20-19 | W |
| Wyoming | +6 | 22-17 | W |
| Rice | +5 | 24-6 | W |
| UTEP | -19 | 28-14 | L |
| at Tulsa | -7' | 42-41 | L |
| at TCU | -11' | 18-21 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Rice | +6 | 17-23 | T |
| Tulane | +7 | 21-31 | L |
| at Arkansas | +9 | 17-44 | L |
| Mississippi | +5' | 41-48 | L |
| at Hawaii | -7' | 28-0 | W |
| at Wyoming | +9' | 7-12 | W |
| TCU | -3 | 10-6 | W |
| UNLV | -21 | 10-7 | L |
| at Air Force | +20 | 7-31 | L |
| Tulsa | -9' | 33-3 | W |
| Colorado St | +3' | 10-32 | L |
| at Navy | -3' | 24-11 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arkansas | +14 | 0-26 | L |
| at Tulane | +3' | 19-53 | L |
| Hawaii | -14 | 0-20 | L |
| at Kansas | +8 | 9-27 | L |
| at UTEP | +9' | 28-42 | L |
| Fresno St | +14' | 24-14 | W |
| at San Jose St | | Cancelled | |
| Rice | +10' | 27-2 | W |
| Cal St N'ridge | NL | 58-16 | – |
| at Tulsa | -3' | 28-14 | W |
| at TCU | +11 | 0-21 | L |

# S CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year SC had to replace senior starting QB Anthony Wright but had an experienced Phil Petty returning (PS#45). Petty had thrown for 642 yards (49.1%) with a 7-5 ratio in 98. Playing behind perhaps the weakest offensive line in the NCAA (due to injuries and suspensions), Petty struggled at the start of last year. In the first four games he hit just 35 of 83 passes (42%) with a 1-7 ratio before being injured vs Miss St. SC played no less than SIX QB's during the year. Mikal Goodman (6-3 185 So) was PS#183 and is more of the option type QB that Holtz prefers. Goodman threw for 572 yards (49.2%) with a 3-1 ratio and rushed for 152 yards starting three games. Surprisingly against Arkansas, Holtz went to senior walk-on Kevin Sides as his starter. Sides threw for 79 yards (30%) with an 0-4 ratio and had 2 starts. Kyle Crabb (6-4 228 Jr) was PS#61 and had 54 yards passing but moved to TE. Josh Rogers (6-3 215 Sr) was PS#201JC last year, and he also saw action. WR Carlos Spikes also moved to the QB position and hit 1 of 3 passes. Petty returned for the final 2 games and hit 30 of 63 for 331 yards and 0 int's. Eric Kimrey (6-1 208 Jr) was PS #111 QB and is a walk-on who was #2 in the spring. Holtz signed 2 HT QB's this year. Dondrial Pinkins has a powerful arm (70+ yds) and also rushed for 950 yards and 19 TD's as a high school senior. He could step right into the starter's spot. Also in the mix is Jarrod Reese (6-3 210 Jr) who was PS #29 and originally signed at Oklahoma. Reese threw for 1,460 yards at JUCO last year. Petty looks like the clear front-runner, but I like the added talent this year and whoever starts will clearly surpass last year's poor numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Prior to last season leading rusher Troy Hambrick was kicked off the team and frosh dominated this position. Derek Watson got off to a great start with 118 yards vs NC State in the opener but then battled injuries most of the year. He finished as the team's leading rusher but with just 394 yards. Andrew Pinnock (PS#13) began the year at FB and moved to TB getting some starts and finishing with 261 yards (3.6) despite missing 3 games. Ryan Brewer (5-10 205 So) was Mr. Football in Ohio in 98 and had 163 yards rushing as a true frosh with 318 return yards but worked out at WR in the spring. Jacob Bush (5-11 248 Sr) was PS#98 and had 70 yards rushing but was lost for the year with a torn ACL this spring. Holtz signed three true frosh RB's and JUCO Corey Alexander (5-9 178), all of whom could compete. They are switching to a one back set this year. This is a much more experienced backfield than last year that is loaded with talent, and should be one of the most improved in the country.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Gamecocks had to replace their leading receiver but had plenty of talent returning. This year they lose 2 starters in WR Kerry Hood (16 rec, 17.9) and TE Trey Pennington (10 sts, 5 rec). He does have an excellent group of WR's on hand and with the stability in the offensive line his QB's should be able to get the ball down the field more often. They should have a huge increase in receptions with the new offense and Holtz has moved some talented RB's in to help the WR depth as 3 or 4 will play at once. Holtz does not throw much to his TE's as they are used mostly for blocking. At TE they bring in QB Kyle Crabb (PS #61) who could end up in the two deep. Holtz has no less than 5 VHT's in the receiving corps plus a top notch JUCO and they should be one of the most underrated groups in the country and solidly improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This was the biggest trouble spot in 99 for SC. By midseason only 1 of the 7 core offensive linemen that Holtz had counted on was available to the team due to injuries or suspensions. At midseason true frosh DT Langston Moore even moved to the offensive side and became the starter the next week. Sixteen different players saw action in this unit in 99. Overall three players who were on the defensive line at midseason ended up starting on the O-line by the end of the year. Nine players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. They must replace G Kevin Rivers (3 sts), T Kevin Johnson (2 sts) and LG Langston Moore (7 sts) who moved back to the defense. This should be a vastly improved O-line and cannot possibly be hit with as many injuries as the 99 corps. Holtz was displeased with the C play in the spring as there were a large amount of botched snaps but that should be corrected by the fall. This unit could go from a weakness to a strength on the offense.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Gamecocks make a switch this year from a 4-3 to a 3-4 defense and lose only 1 starter in DE Matt Marsters (9 sts, 47 tkls, 3 tfl). In Cleveland Pinkney and Cecil Caldwell, the Gamecocks have a pair of NFL caliber DL and Holtz went as far as calling Caldwell a "great football player." Caldwell needs to graduate over the summer in order to be eligible for his 5th year but appears on track. They also move in starting LG Langston Moore from the offense. Holtz signed 3 HT true frosh this year and they also have Travis Lewis (6-0 270 Jr), a transfer from E Tennessee St. This looks like one of the stronger D-lines in the SEC as long as Caldwell gains eligibility.

**LINEBACKERS** - LB Kenneth Harney, who was the leading returning tackler with 91 stops, missed spring practice after offseason shoulder surgery, but should be ready for the fall. The Gamecocks returned all 3 starters to this unit last year but one (Andre Offing) lost his starting job and ended up with just 11 tackles. This year they must replace OLB John Abraham (10 sts, 2nd tm SEC, 11 tfl, tm MVP, #1DC of NYJ) and ILB Corey Atkins (11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 9 tfl). They are shifting defenses this year going with 4 LB's, one of which is called a WS. Holtz has a very deep group of LB's and I actually list a 3 deep below with 10 of the 12 players being HT's and 7 have starting experience. This is a deep and talented group and even with the loss of 2 outstanding players, should come close to last year's standards.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The 98 secondary was hit hard by injuries and after finishing #12 in my pass defense rankings in 97 they plummeted to #88 allowing a poor 19-5 ratio. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but did get back 97 starter Arturo Freeman (#5DC of MIA) from injury. They moved up to #45 in my rankings allowing 56.1% with a 13-8 ratio. This year they lose 2 starters in SS Ray Green (10 sts, 66 tkls, 2 int) and CB/S Freeman (8 sts, 34 tkls). The S position was very banged up at the start of last year and this year's squad will hopefully be more healthy. I list the two deep below and it is made up completely of HT's. They also move RB Antione Nesmith (7 sts) to FS and he adjusted extremely well in the spring. This unit looks stronger once again.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This unit traditionally ranked near the bottom during Brad Scott's tenure but in his final year they ranked #28. Last year this was a problem area for Holtz. Not only did the offensive turnovers give the defense poor field position but the special teams absolutely doomed them. A strong finish to the season gave them a net punting of just 34.0 and they were -2 in the TD/block category and finished #86 overall. They look to be solid in the return game with Ryan Brewer and Jamie Price both back but they must find both a new P and K. KO man Marcus McBeth did a solid job last year and SC allowed just 19 ypr but he is no longer on the roster. The FG K's combined to hit 10 of 18 and this has been a problem area the last 2 years and they will have an inexperienced walk-on handling the chores again. Hopefully the new K will perform at or above that level. Despite breaking in the new specialists, I'll call for this unit to have a stronger finish in the rankings this season.

QB Phil Petty drives a much healthier Gamecock offense in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Derek Watson** | 111 | 464 | 70 | 394 | 0 | 3.5 |
| **Andrew Pinnock** | 73 | 276 | 15 | 261 | 3 | 3.6 |
| **Ryan Brewer** | 35 | 167 | 4 | 163 | 0 | 4.7 |
| Boo Williams | 27 | 109 | 13 | 96 | 0 | 3.6 |
| **Mikal Goodman** | 53 | 152 | 143 | 9 | 0 | 0.2 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Phil Petty** | 146 | 65 | 44.5 | 803 | 1 | 7 |
| **Mikal Goodman** | 65 | 32 | 49.2 | 572 | 3 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jermale Kelly** | 24 | 366 | 15.3 | 1 | 39 |
| Kerry Hood | 16 | 287 | 17.9 | 1 | 78 |
| **Antione Nesmith** | 15 | 200 | 13.3 | 0 | 47 |
| **Brian Scott** | 9 | 188 | 20.9 | 0 | 41 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Courtney Leavitt | 63 | 2540 | 40.3 | - | - | 2 | 11 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Steve Florio | 4-6 | 2-3 | 3-6 | 0-1 | 9-16 | 43 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Corey Atkins | 104 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| **Kenny Harney** | 91 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| **Sheldon Brown** | 71 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 |
| Ray Green | 66 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| **Kalimba Edwards** | 64 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| John Abraham | 60 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Rashad Faison** | 52 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Matt Marsters | 47 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| **Cleveland Pinkney** | 44 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cecil Caldwell** | 39 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| **Kevin House** | 35 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Arturo Freeman | 34 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| **Marco Hutchinson** | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ryan Brewer** | 14 | 143 | 10.2 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bo Williams | 8 | 187 | 23.4 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT NC STATE +7' 0-10 LOSS** High winds & torrential rain. NCS had just 6 FD's & 96 total yds & Bamette was held to 18 yds passing. NCS did not get its 1st FD until late 1H. SC fmbl'd at the NCS 29, lost an int at the NCS 20, fmbl'd a FG snap, fmbl'd at their own 12 to give NCS a FG, fmbl'd at the NCS 20, was SOD at the NCS 32, had a punt blk'd for a TD, missed a 50 yd FG by a foot & was SOD at the NCS 32 to get stunningly shut out in a game that they statistically dominated.

**AT GEORGIA +14' 9-24 LOSS** GA had 70 & 68 yd drives for TD's in the 1H & had a 210-99 yd edge and SC had 2 TO's, 14-0. GA got a 33 yd FG to open the 3Q. SC drove for a 28 yd FG in the 3Q. GA got a 52 yd TD drive with 11:49 left. SC drove 28 yds for a TD with 3:00 left but a bad snap caused a missed XP costing them the cover. GA ran out the clock.

**E CAROLINA -1 3-21 LOSS** Things looked solid early for SC & they finished with a 20-15 FD edge & a 302-274 yd edge. They drove but settled for a 34 yd FG to open. The game really turned when EC rec'd a muffed punt in the EZ for a TD, 7-3. EC got 3Q & 4Q TD's. SC had a 4-1 TO deficit.

**AT MISS ST +13' 0-17 LOSS** Misleading final. SC had 20-9 FD & 296-181 yd edges. MS led 3-0 after 1Q. MS ret'd an int 52 yds for a TD with :21 left in half, 10-0. SC drove 61 yds in 15 plays to open the 3Q but was SOD. MS got a 27 yd TD pass on 3rd & 14, 17-0. SC lost QB Petty. Crabb fired an int in MS terr. SC started drives at their 17, 1 and 3 in the 2H. SC's final drive got to the MS 25, but they ran out of time.

**MISSISSIPPI +6' 10-36 LOSS** SC was playing an all frosh backfield & managed just 16 yds rushing. UM settled for an early 19 yd FG but then got a 43 yd run by McAllister to set up a TD & ret'd a fmbl for a TD, 17-0. SC drove 51 yds for a TD on 4th & inches but UM got a 93 yd drive for a TD with just :20 left. At half UM had a 249-94 yd edge. Each team opened the 3Q with FG's. UM rec'd a fmbl & McAllister got a 31 yd TD run, 34-10. A bad snap out of the shotgun resulted in a 4Q safety for UM to close the scoring.

**KENTUCKY +8 10-30 LOSS** UK hit a short FG on their 1st poss. SC rec'd a fmbl at the UK 21 & nailed a 42 yd FG, 3-3. UK drove for a 32 yd FG & then got a 5 yd fmbl ret for a TD & 27 yd rec for a TD, 20-3 at half. UK drove 31 yds foll a fmbl for a TD & added a 27 yd FG on its next poss, 30-3. SC got a 78 yd pass to Hood, 30-10 with 8:57 left. SC missed a 41 yd FG & got no closer. UK did have a 24-9 FD edge.

**AT ARKANSAS +22' 14-48 LOSS** Holtz shockingly started walk-on QB Sides who had just 1 comp & 2 int's in his first 10 passes. UA scored on their 1st 4 poss (2 set up by int's), 31-7 at half. SC did not make a FD until they trailed by 17. The 1st 3:30 of the 2H was a comedy of errors as there were 6 TO's on 10 plays. The Hogs got the best of it with a 36 yd fmbl ret for a TD. It was 45-7 after 3Q's & SC trailing 48-7 got a late garbage TD.

**VANDERBILT +4' 10-11 WIN** Teams combined for just 21 FD's & 352 yds. VU missed a 45 yd FG. Late 1H VU got an int at the SC 11 which set up a 21 yd FG. SC blk'd a punt 1 play before half to set up a 29 yd FG. VU missed a 47 yd FG in the 3Q. SC got a 43 yd FG foll an int & VU fmbl'd the KO for a safety. VU drove 90 yds on 6 of their 11 FD's & got a TD & 2 pt conv with 7:16 left, 11-8. SC had a 3rd & 7 from the VU 27 but dropped a wide open TD pass & they missed a 46 yd FG. VU took an intentional safety on the final play.

**AT TENNESSEE +33' 7-30 WIN** UT took its opening drive 62 yds for a TD and the offense, which had 413 yds, got 213 on just 4 plays. Lewis' 70 yd TD run made it 14-0 in the 2Q & the Vols added 33 & 47 yd FG's, 20-0 at half. SC was SOD at the UT 27 & missed a 42 yd FG in the 3Q. UT got a 51 yd FG & a 72 yd pass set up a 1 yd TD, 30-0. SC took over with under 1:00 left & got a 68 yd garbage TD drive.

**FLORIDA +27 3-20 WIN** SC had a 164-161 yard passing edge as UF gave Palmer his 1st start & he hit just 5 of 19 in the 1Q. SC got an early int at the UF 13 but missed a FG. UF missed a 41 yd FG but made a 46 yd'r. UF drove 57 yds for a TD & SC got a 32 yd FG, 10-3. Just before half SC drove 80 yds. On 3rd & 4 a TD was called back on a chop block & SC missed a 50 yd FG. UF drove 39 yds for a TD & SC missed a 3rd FG. UF then drove 68 yds for a 29 yd FG to end the scoring.

**CLEMSON +14 21-31 WIN** QB Dantzler started for CU. CU missed a 23 yd FG but SC settled for 20 & 24 yd FG's at the end of 2 long drives, 6-0 early 2Q. CU drove 79 & 60 yds for TD's. SC drove 71 yds for a TD with 1:21 left, 14-12. CU nailed a 24 yd FG on the half's final play, 17-12. CU drove 63 yds for a TD & SC foll a PR drove 31 yds for a TD, 24-18. SC rec'd a fmbl & had a 1st & goal at the 1 but settled for a 29 yd FG, 24-21 with 8:44 left. CU drove 66 yds for a TD.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Everything that could go wrong, went wrong for Lou Holtz in his first season and the Gamecocks became the first SEC team to go 0-11 in one season. In the first 4 games of the Holtz era, SC outfirstdowned their opponents 63-51, but suffered some bad breaks (see Game By Game Results). Injuries to the offensive line and to the starting QB sent the season on a downward spiral. The Gamecocks ended up playing 6 QB's and nearly 3 times as many offensive linemen and now have the nation's longest losing streak at 21 games. A tough schedule also hurt them as SC faced no less than NINE bowl opponents, and the only 2 teams that did not make it to a bowl were Vanderbilt and NC State and both missed out on a bowl by a single game. The non-conf slate is a little softer this year and the losing streak should be snapped in the opener and the team should gain confidence early with their first 4 games at home. I really like the skill position players available here and with a much improved offensive front SC could TRIPLE their offensive output of last year which was a paltry 7.9 ppg. Holtz is actually moving to a spread pass offense with 3 WR's and says he is committed to it at least until the second week but I get the feeling that is the way they will go all season. The defense does lose a couple of NFL DC's but as long as DE Caldwell qualifies, they will be tough once again. Last year they allowed just 308 total ypg but gave up 25.6 ppg because the offense put them in perilous spots. They only lose 5 lettermen from that unit and have my #22 rated defense coming into the year. They will make huge strides in the ppg allowed as the offense will not leave them playing on a short field. Outside of their division they must play Alabama and Clemson on the road but a probable 3-1 start should have them a confident bunch for the rest of the season. Despite a tough SEC slate they are among the most improved teams in the country and it should show up in the win/loss column.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Dondrial Pinkins 6-3 215 PS#25 |
| QB | Rod Wilson 6-3 203 PS#29 |
| RB | Jamacia Jackson 6-2 195 PS#58 |
| DL | Preston Thorne 6-0 265 PS#54 |
| RB | Gonzie Gray 6-0 180 PS#80 |
| LB | Brian Brownlee 6-3 230 PS#87 |
| DL | Carl Smalls 6-2 255 PS#86 |
| OL | Jason Harris 6-6 340 PS#102 |
| OL | Nick Johnson 6-5 320 PS#113 |
| DB | Rachiem Monroe 5-9 175 PS#91 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB PHIL PETTY JR.** 6-3 205 *PS#45. 6 sts in 2 yrs, 1445 yds (46.5%), 8-12 ratio, 153 rush. Dondrial Pinkins is PS#25. Jarrod Reese (6-3 210 Jr) PS#29 at Okla in 97.*

**RB DEREK WATSON SO.** 6-1 205 *PS#10. 394 yds (3.5), 10 rec (5.5) as true. Andrew Pinnock (6-0 242 So) PS#13, 2 sts as true, 261 yds (3.6) miss 3 w/acad.*

**WR James Adkisson Jr.** 6-4 210 *PS#129JC. 59 rec (23.3) at JC ly, in for spring. Willis Ham (6-3 205 So) PS#15WR in 98. Corey Alexander (5-9 178 Jr) JC in for spg.*

**WR JERMALE KELLY SR.** 6-2 208 *PS#9. 6 sts in 97, 43 rec (14.4). 9 sts in 98, 44 rec (12.6). 11 sts in 99, 24 rec (15.3). Ryan Brewer (5-10 205 So) PS#86RB, 230 yds in 99.*

**WR Brian Scott Jr.** 6-4 212 *PS#4 in 97. 9 rec (20.9) in 99, +20 lbs. Carlos Spikes (6-0 190 Jr) PS#21 in 97, 3 rec (9.7) in 98. 6 rec in 99 & action at QB.*

**TE Jason Capers Fr.** 6-3 242 *PS#17TE in 99. Thomas Hill (6-3 239 Jr) 6 tkls at DT L/2Y. Rod Trafford (6-4 249 Jr) PS#129QB, 3 rec (4.7) in 99.*

**C PHILIP JONES JR.** 6-2 287 *PS#89. 10 sts as rFr at G. 8 sts at C in 99. Jonathan Ragans (6-2 277 So) PS#136OL in 98. 1 start, 7 gms in 99.*

**RG LARRELL JOHNSON JR.** 6-1 294 *PS#158LB. 4 sts, 15 tkls as true on DL. 3 sts on OL in 99, 10 gms. Tim Bell (6-1 299 Sr) PS#11JC, 5 sts here in 99 at both C & G.*

**LG CEDRIC WILLIAMS SO.** 6-3 290 *PS#305DL. 10 sts at OT as rFr after move from DL in spg. Jeff Barnes (6-4 250 rFr) PS#193. Dennis Thomas (6-1 273 Sr) 1 st in 99.*

**RT MELVIN PAIGE JR.** 6-5 303 *PS#39. 9 sts at RT as rFr. 7 sts in 99. Shane Hall (6-6 290 So) PS#123 in 99, 2 sts at OG as true & lettered.*

**LT TRAVELLE WHARTON FR.** 6-4 295 *PS#244. In for spg. Watts Sanderson (6-5 281 So) PS#253DL, 2 sts in 99. Scott Browne (6-2 275 Sr) PS#101, 3 sts in 2 yrs.*

**K Ryan Kistler Jr.** 5-11 168 *Battling for K job in spring. John Harr (5-10 175 So) is soccer player. Tyeler Dean was PS#38K in 98.*

**OLB KALIMBA EDWARDS JR.** 6-6 258 *PS#169. 21 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 11 sts in 99, 64 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl. Rod Thomas (6-1 218 So) PS#287LB, 11 tkls ly. James Belk (6-2 230 rFr) PS#92.*

**DE Anthony Overstreet Sr.** 6-2 264 *PS#59. 14 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl in 99. Willie Sams (6-5 270 Sr) PS#330JC in 99. John Stamper (6-4 255 Jr) PS#104, 2 sts, 48 tkls, 5 tfl in 98.*

**NG CLEVELAND PINKNEY SR.** 6-2 285 *PS#2JC, 9 sts here in 99, 44 tkls, 5 tfl, 4 hurries. Langston Moore (6-1 267 So) PS#143, 7 sts at LG as true, moves to DL.*

**DE CECIL CALDWELL SR.** 6-1 270 *PS#27. 8 sts as true, 12 tfl. 9 sts in 98, 49 tkls, 5 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 12 tfl. Holtz says "great football player." Dennis Quinn (6-4 249) PS#142, 4 tfl ly.*

**ILB KENNY HARNEY JR.** 6-2 239 *PS#18, 3 sts, 4 tfl as true. 10 sts in 99, 91 tkls, 6 tfl. Shannon Wadley (6-1 228 Jr) PS#88, 23 tkls in 98. Darion Hutcherson (5-11 237 Jr) PS#59, 2 sts in 98.*

**ILB Marco Hutchinson Sr.** 6-0 242 *PS#65. 4 sts, 12 tkls as true. 21 tkls ly. Andre Offing (6-1 241 Sr) PS#59TE. 10 sts, 89 tkls, 4 tfl in 99. 11 tkls ly. Franky McCullum (6-2 238) PS#67.*

**WS Willie Offord Jr.** 6-1 207 *PS#76. 7 sts at FS in 96, 30 tkls. 12 tkls at SS in 99. O'Rondai Cox (5-11 177 Jr) PS#216. 6 tkls in 98, inj ly. Pat Fleming (6-1 210 So) PS#58.*

**CB KEVIN HOUSE JR.** 5-11 170 *PS#127WR. 24 tkls as rFr. 35 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu in 99. Andre Goodman (5-10 180 Jr) PS#119WR, 4.31 speed. 2 sts, 8 tkls, 1 tfl in 2 yrs.*

**CB SHELDON BROWN JR.** 5-9 187 *PS#172DB, 9 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu as true. 11 sts at FS in 99, 71 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. Brian Elam (6-0 175 So) PS#109DB, 6 tkls as true.*

**SS RASHAD FAISON SO.** 5-9 188 *PS#55, 6 sts as rFr at DB, 52 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl, 4 pbu. Jonathan Martin (5-10 209 So) PS#56RB inj'd 1st 2 yrs, moved to DB.*

**FS Antione Nesmith Jr.** 6-0 209 *PS#142DB. 4 sts as true, 188 rush, 7 rec. 9 sts in 99, 85 yds rush, 200 yds rec. Nate Gary (5-11 210 So) PS#33RB in 98.*

**P Tyeler Dean So.** 5-9 189 *PS#38K in 98. Had 9 punts as rFr with a 38.3 average. Was All S Carolina as both P and K in high school.*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score SC | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | S Carolina is 4-11 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. USC is 6-12 ATS L/18 as a HD, but won their L/3 in that role LY. S Carolina has played Clemson every year since 1909!!! With a 1-5 mark at ND & a 4-6 mark here last year, Lou Holtz is 5-11 ATS L/16 after a SU loss. |
| Sep. 2 | New Mexico St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Lou Holtz is 34-24-1 ATS as a home fav with ND & USC. Gamecocks are 5-2 SU but 3-3 ATS in home openers. |
| Sep. 9 | Georgia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | USC failed to cover LY by 1/2 pt & missed an xp in the final 3:00. The home team is 5-1 ATS the L/6 in this series. |
| Sep. 16 | E Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: SC is 5-2 ATS the L/7 as a DD favorite. Pending earlier results SC is 4-16 ATS in Sept since '95. |
| Sep. 23 | Mississippi St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 6-2 ATS in this series, 5-1 L/6. Holtz was 5-2 at ND & 3-2 here LY as a HD for a 8-4 mark in that role. |
| Sep. 30 | at Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | USC is 4-0 ATS in their rd opener when they start the season w/ 3 (+) hm gms. They are 5-3 ATS overall in their road opener. |
| Oct. 7 | at Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Gamecocks are 6-3 ATS in their 2nd straight road game. The visitor is 7-1 ATS in this series. |
| Oct. 14 | Arkansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | S Carolina is 11-3 ATS L/14 sandwiched home games. The home team has covered 5 of the L/7 series meetings. |
| Oct. 21 | at Vanderbilt | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Gamecocks are 7-1 ATS the last 8 meetings with Vandy. A dropped TD pass was the difference in SC's 1 pt loss to VU LY. |
| Oct. 28 | Tennessee | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Coming into this season, USC was 14-8 ATS in October S/95. Holtz is 5-9 ATS his L/14 games prior to a bye. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: SC is 1-11 SU in November the last 5 years. |
| Nov. 11 | at Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | S Carolina is 9-4 ATS after a bye, Holtz is 10-4 ATS his L/14. SC is 4-0 ATS as a dog of 27+, including 2 covers here at The Swamp. |
| Nov. 18 | at Clemson | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Somewhat suprisingly for a big rivalry, this game has been decided by 3 points or less only three times since 1985. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,250)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 6-5 | 4-6-1 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 1-10 | 0-11 | 26-50-1 |
| ATS | 6-5 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 8-2 | 5-6 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 38-38 |
| Home Fav | 3-1 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 0-1 | 11-10 |
| Home Dog | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 3-2 | 9-13 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 4-3 |
| Away Dog | 1-2 | 3-1 | 0-3 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 1-4 | 12-12 |
| Favorite | 3-2 | 3-2 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 3-2 | 0-4 | 0-1 | 15-13 |
| Dog | 3-3 | 4-2 | 1-5 | 5-1 | 1-4 | 3-4 | 4-6 | 21-25 |
| Grass | 6-3 | 6-4 | 5-6 | 7-2 | 5-6 | 3-7 | 4-7 | 36-35 |
| Artificial | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-3 |
| vs SEC | 4-4 | 5-3 | 3-5 | 7-1 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 29-27 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 9-11 |
| Off SU Win | 0-4 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 4-1 | 3-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 12-12 |
| Off SU Loss | 5-1 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 4-1 | 2-3 | 3-6 | 4-6 | 23-22 |

## Coach: LOU HOLTZ (Career 216-106-7)
### *Holtz's records AT SOUTH CAROLINA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at S Carolina | | 0-1 | Home Favorite |
| 0-11 | Straight Up | 3-2 | Home Underdog |
| 4-7 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 4-6 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-4 | Away Underdog |
| 3-5 | Vs SEC | 1-2 | Vs Non-SEC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | Gator | +10 | Pittsburgh | 9-37 | L |
| 84 | Gator | +1 | Oklahoma St | 14-21 | L |
| 87 | Gator | -3' | LSU | 13-30 | L |
| 88 | Liberty | +3 | Indiana | 10-34 | L |
| 94 | Carquest | +2 | W Virginia | 24-21 | W |

# S CAROLINA (0-11)

CONFERENCE: **SEC** EAST

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 8*** **Returning: 53 (27,25,1)**
**DEFENSE: 7** **Lost: 19 (11,5,3)**

"Gamecocks"

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 7.9 | 13 | 90 | 2.3 | 139 | 41.9 | 28.9 | -4 | 1999 | 7 | 25.3 | 16 | 146 | 3.9 | 162 | 56.1 | 12.2 |
| 7* | 18.8 | 21 | 124 | 3.3 | 231 | 51.9 | 18.9 | -13 | 1998 | 5 | 30.0 | 20 | 179 | 4.5 | 218 | 59.4 | 13.2 |
| 7* | 23.5 | 18 | 124 | 3.1 | 204 | 52.4 | 14.0 | +8 | 1997 | 7 | 25.4 | 17 | 132 | 4.0 | 212 | 52.3 | 13.6 |
| 5 | 22.3 | 19 | 179 | 4.0 | 176 | 53.0 | 15.9 | +5 | 1996 | 6 | 21.6 | 17 | 150 | 4.2 | 164 | 44.8 | 14.5 |
| 7* | 36.5 | 23 | 122 | 3.7 | 307 | 67.1 | 11.8 | -2 | 1995 | 6 | 35.7 | 21 | 195 | 4.8 | 224 | 60.3 | 11.7 |
| 7* | 25.0 | 21 | 132 | 3.5 | 219 | 62.1 | 14.1 | +11 | 1994 | 6 | 23.0 | 17 | 145 | 3.9 | 210 | 54.2 | 15.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at N Carolina St | 11 | 53-153 | 2.9 | 5-18 | 79 | 5 | | 6 | 38-78 | 2.1 | 3-7 | 18 | 2 | -2 |
| at Georgia | 12 | 30-46 | 1.5 | 12-28 | 172 | 4 | | 21 | 43-180 | 4.2 | 21-38 | 251 | 0 | -1 |
| E Carolina | 20 | 41-129 | 3.1 | 14-35 | 173 | 3 | | 15 | 40-192 | 4.8 | 10-21 | 82 | 2 | -3 |
| at Mississippi St | 20 | 50-116 | 2.3 | 13-28 | 180 | 2 | | 9 | 31-88 | 2.8 | 9-16 | 93 | 3 | -2 |
| Mississippi | 10 | 36-16 | 0.4 | 8-15 | 147 | 4 | | 18 | 43-248 | 5.8 | 13-16 | 145 | 2 | -1 |
| Kentucky | 9 | 30-55 | 1.8 | 7-19 | 178 | 5 | | 24 | 39-74 | 1.9 | 23-35 | 263 | 4 | -1 |
| at Arkansas | 14 | 41-102 | 2.5 | 10-31 | 78 | 4 | | 20 | 37-171 | 4.6 | 14-19 | 175 | 2 | 0 |
| Vanderbilt | 10 | 36-95 | 2.6 | 9-22 | 68 | 2 | | 11 | 33-86 | 2.6 | 9-19 | 103 | 2 | +1 |
| at Tennessee | 11 | 42-103 | 2.5 | 8-17 | 122 | 3 | | 17 | 36-176 | 4.9 | 12-24 | 237 | 1 | +2 |
| Florida | 11 | 35-87 | 2.5 | 15-32 | 164 | 5 | | 18 | 34-139 | 4.1 | 15-33 | 161 | 1 | +1 |
| Clemson | 18 | 40-85 | 2.1 | 15-32 | 167 | 6 | | 20 | 38-176 | 4.6 | 14-27 | 249 | 2 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 146 | 434-987 | 2.3 | 116-277 | 1528 | 43 | | 179 | 412-1608 | 3.9 | 143-255 | 1777 | 21 | -4 |
| AVERAGES | 13.3 | 39-90 | 2.3 | 11-25 | 139 | 3.8 | | 16.3 | 37-146 | 3.9 | 13-23 | 162 | 2.0 | -0.4 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Georgia | +3 | 23-42 | L |
| at Arkansas | +2 | 21-51 | L |
| Louisiana Tech | -19 | 68-21 | W |
| Kentucky | -12' | 30-35 | L |
| LSU | +8' | 20-20 | W |
| Kent | -34 | 77-14 | W |
| at Mississippi St | E | 65-39 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -17' | 52-14 | W |
| at Tennessee | +18 | 21-56 | L |
| Florida | +20 | 7-63 | L |
| Clemson | +4 | 17-38 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| C Florida | NL | 33-14 | – |
| Georgia | +3' | 23-14 | W |
| E Carolina | +1 | 7-23 | L |
| Mississippi St | -1' | 10-14 | L |
| at Auburn | +19 | 24-28 | W |
| at Kentucky | -7 | 25-14 | W |
| Arkansas | -5 | 23-17 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -3' | 27-0 | W |
| Tennessee | +18 | 14-31 | W |
| at Florida | +35 | 25-52 | W |
| at Clemson | +4' | 34-31 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| C Florida | -19 | 33-31 | L |
| at Georgia | +6 | 15-31 | L |
| at E Carolina | E | 26-0 | W |
| at Mississippi St | -3 | 17-37 | L |
| Auburn | +7' | 6-23 | L |
| Kentucky | -1' | 38-24 | W |
| at Arkansas | -1' | 39-13 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -12 | 35-3 | W |
| at Tennessee | +21' | 7-22 | W |
| Florida | +17 | 21-48 | L |
| Clemson | +1 | 21-47 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ball St | -19' | 38-20 | L |
| Georgia | +5 | 3-17 | L |
| Marshall | -5 | 21-24 | L |
| Mississippi St | -2' | 0-38 | L |
| at Mississippi | +9' | 28-30 | W |
| at Kentucky | +14 | 28-33 | W |
| Arkansas | +7 | 28-41 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | -6' | 14-17 | L |
| Tennessee | +17 | 14-49 | L |
| at Florida | +31' | 14-33 | W |
| at Clemson | +5' | 19-28 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Carolina St | +7' | 0-10 | L |
| at Georgia | +14' | 9-24 | L |
| E Carolina | -1 | 3-21 | L |
| at Mississippi St | +13' | 0-17 | L |
| Mississippi | +6' | 10-36 | L |
| Kentucky | +8 | 10-30 | L |
| at Arkansas | +22' | 14-48 | L |
| Vanderbilt | +4' | 10-11 | W |
| at Tennessee | +33' | 7-30 | W |
| Florida | +27 | 3-20 | W |
| Clemson | +14 | 21-31 | W |

# S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year the Golden Eagles had to replace Lee Roberts who was a 3 year starter that threw for close to 7,000 yards. It appeared that Cable Davis, a JC transfer in 98 who redshirted, had the starting job in his grasp throughout most of the offseason. Two days prior to the opener Jeff Kelly was awarded the starting job and had a solid season throwing for 2,187 yards (57.2%) with a 21-12 ratio. Davis quit the team after 5 games and threw for 213 yards. They were forced to take the redshirt off Bobby Garner (6-2 198 So, PS#103). Garner played one game vs LL and hit 1 of 3 passes for 18 yards, wasting his redshirt season. Brian Balazik (6-1 198 Jr, PS#214) had 3 passes in 6 games as the #2QB in 97 and played in one game in 99 due to injury and he departs. Micky D'Angelo and Zac White are among this year's top 10 recruits and it would not surprise me to see one play while Garner uses his redshirt, but if Kelly goes down, Garner would be the man. This unit is much more experienced than it was at this time last year, and I look for solid improvement.

**RUNNING BACKS** - For the second straight year the top 2 RB's both return. Derrick Nix (PS#58) had a great frosh season rushing for 1,302 yards despite starting in just 7 games. Last year he started all 12 and his numbers dropped a bit. After averaging 5.1 ypc in 98, he averaged just 4.1 in 99 and despite 17 more rush attempts, finished with 1,109 yards. Dawayne Woods (5-9 194 Jr) had 441 yards in 98 but missed 3 games last year due to injury and finished with just 279 yards (4.9). Kelby Nance (6-0 234 Sr) has 240 yards in 3 years. Steven Griffin (5-9 185 rFr) was PS#179RB. With everyone back and the fact that their 98 numbers were a little stronger, I look for improved numbers in 2000 even with the new offensive coordinator being a passing game enthusiast.

**RECEIVERS** - For the last 2 years SM has had its most potent WR combo ever in Sherrod Gideon (#6DC of NO) and Todd Pinkston (#5DC of PHI). The 2 combined for 2,252 yards receiving in 98 and 1,585 yards last year with 18 TD's. Pinkston caught a CUSA high 11 TD's, the second highest total in school history. Unfortunately, both depart. The top TE's are back so that position is solid and both are HT's. There is some talent at the WR position, but I do not see a Gideon or a Pinkston in the two deep I list below. Naturally, with the loss of 2 very talented players, this unit looks weaker this season.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The S Miss offensive line was an inexperienced group last year having to replace 4 starters and they ended the season with 3 freshmen starters, all of whom made the CUSA frosh team. This year they must replace RT Brian Bell (5 sts) and RG Shederick Blackmon (10 sts, 1st tm CUSA). All 5 of my projected 1st stringers below have starting experience and Bower gets back Ernie Moore who was a projected starter that left the team prior to the 99 season, as well as a JUCO and a top notch true frosh. Naturally this year's group is far more experienced than last year and perhaps the line's inexperience was a major reason that SM's rushing numbers dropped off. The unit also allowed 33 sacks which was up from 22 the previous year. Look for this group to be vastly improved in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - S Miss had their entire defensive line returning last year and it included their star DE Adalius Thomas who was 1st team CUSA over the last 3 years and 2nd team All American last year. He was the #6 DC of BAL and was by far the best DL that SM has had with dominating performances over four years. The good news for the defensive line is that basically everyone else returns. It is a talented group with some solid newcomers, including a pair of JUCO's, one who redshirted last year and the other who will join the team in the fall. The SM defense allowed just 2.4 ypc rushing, their best total of the 90's, while Thomas had nearly 1/3 of the team's sacks. While this is still a top notch defensive line, they need someone to step in and fill Thomas' large shoes. Even with the plethora of returning talent, I'll call this unit a notch weaker in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year SM had a veteran LB corps with 2 returning starters, although this year 2 depart. Gone are SLB Ty Trahan (9 sts, 2nd tm CUSA, 11.5 tfl) and MLB TJ Slaughter (12 sts, #1 tkl'r L/2Y, amazing 26.5 tfl, #3DC of JAX). Bower signed 2 HT true frosh who I plug into the 2 deep below, and there is plenty of talent available in the group. They lose 3 backups from last year in MLB Royal Bell (1 st, 31 tkls), OLB Marvin Brown (18 tkls, 4 tfl) and LB Michael Villalonga (11 tkls, 1 tfl). This group is less experienced than last year's solid group and looks weaker.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - SM's lowest ranking in my pass efficiency defense ratings in the past six years has been #41. They finished #5 in 97 but had to replace 3 starters and dropped to #31 in 98. Last year two starters were lost and 4 players overall with starting experience. They finished #28 allowing 51.9% and only 9 TD's with 16 int's. This year it is a more veteran group. The only losses are CB Terrance Parrish (12 sts, 2nd tm CUSA, 3 int, 8 pbu) and backup SS Larry Taylor (10 tkls). Leo Barnes was 1st tm CUSA and Bower adds a solid JUCO transfer this year. This is a more experienced group and should finish in the top 20 of my pass defense rankings this season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Coach Bower usually does a great job here and in fact, they finished #10 in my special teams rankings in 97 and a solid 23rd in 98. Last year, despite having all the key members returning, they fell in the rankings all the way down to #80. The key culprit was a -4 in the TD/blk category. This year they must replace P Jamie Purser who averaged a solid 41.7. Their top returnman is back in Shawn Mills and he averaged a nifty 14.5 on PR's. FG man Brant Hanna also returns after hitting 12 of 19 with a long of 48. I feel that they will show solid improvement in the TD/blk category this year, but with having to break in a new punter, getting back into the upper half of the rankings this season would be an accomplishment.

With an offensive fix Derrick Nix & Co are my picks to win the CUSA title.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Derrick Nix** | 272 | 1158 | 49 | 1109 | 8 | 4.1 |
| **Dawayne Woods** | 57 | 289 | 10 | 279 | 2 | 4.9 |
| Brandon Francis | 15 | 71 | 0 | 71 | 0 | 4.7 |
| **Kelby Nance** | 17 | 32 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 1.8 |
| **Jeff Kelly** | 59 | 184 | 223 | -39 | 1 | -0.7 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Jeff Kelly** | 290 | 166 | 57.2 | 2187 | 21 | 12 |
| Cable Davis | 37 | 13 | 35.1 | 213 | 2 | 3 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Todd Pinkston | | 52 | 1026 | 19.7 | 11 | 57 |
| Sherrod Gideon | | 43 | 559 | 13.0 | 7 | 49 |
| **Shawn Mills** | | 24 | 259 | 10.8 | 0 | 40 |
| **Dannye Fowler** | | 23 | 233 | 10.1 | 2 | 28 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Jamie Purser | 62 | 2583 | 41.7 | - | - | 0 | 16 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Brant Hanna** | 8-9 | 1-1 | 3-7 | 0-2 | 12-19 | 48 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TJ Slaughter | 142 | 4 | 23 | 3 | 0 |
| **Chad Williams** | 114 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| **Leo Barnes** | 110 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Adalius Thomas | 75 | 10 | 16 | 3 | 0 |
| Ty Trahan | 63 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| **Roy Magee** | 59 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 1 |
| **Cedric Scott** | 58 | 4 | 15 | 3 | 0 |
| **Raymond Walls** | 57 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| Terrance Parrish | 56 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| **Daleroy Stewart** | 55 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| **DeQuincy Scott** | 42 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Gerald Mumford** | 35 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Joey Pinkston** | 34 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Shawn Mills** | | 21 | 304 | 14.5 | 0 |
| KICK RETURNS | | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Shawn Mills** | | 17 | 334 | 19.6 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**TULANE -10 48-14 WIN** It was 106° on the field. SM wore black jerseys to show they were better conditioned. I used a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on SM. SM led 24-7 at half with TU's only score coming on a 23 yd drive foll a TO. SM extended it to 34-7 in the 3Q & TU had just 115 yds off. SM finished with a 483-269 yd edge.

**NORTHWESTERN ST NL 40-6 -** NSU had a 336-288 yd edge but SM got 200 ret yds on blk'd FG's, xp's & fmbl's. A 48 yd blk'd FG was ret'd for a TD in the 2Q & Thomas ret'd a fmbl 64 yds, 31-0 at half. SM cruised despite WR Gideon & S Barnes both being susp.

**AT NEBRASKA +26' 13-20 WIN** SM had 15-8 FD & 293-185 yd edges. The teams combined for 11 TO's. NU got a 16 yd fmbl ret for a TD. SM drove 45 yds for a TD foll a NU fmbl. NU drove 46 yds for a TD, 12-7 (2 ptng) at half. NU fmbl'd on the 1st play of the 3Q & SM got a TD. NU got a 28 yd int ret for a TD. In the 4Q NU fmbl'd but SM was int'd. Foll an NU punt, SM was int'd & the Huskers held on in a sloppy game.

**AT TEXAS A&M +11 6-23 LOSS** A&M's 1st drive went 76 yds in 18 plays and was kept alive when P Lechler mishandled the punt at his own 24 but ran for a 22 yd gain. SM missed a FG foll a fmbl rec. A&M hit a 28 yd FG & then Kitchens banged in a **62 yd FG.** A&M made it 16-0 with a 41 yd int ret for a TD. SM blk'd a punt & got a 54 yd TD pass, 16-6. A&M had a FG blk'd foll an int but ret'd an int 26 yds for a TD to cover.

**AT E CAROLINA -2 39-22 WIN** SM beat their first ranked team since 1990 (EC was #16). SM got a 27 yd FG but EC drove 80 yds for a TD, got a safety on a fmbl and drove 58 yds for a TD foll the free kick, 15-3. SM drove 70 & 77 yds for TD's on its next 2 poss, 16-15. EC fmbl'd at the 29 & SM drove 64 yds for a FG, 19-15. SM opened the 3Q with a 66 yd TD drive, 25-15. EC had a drive kept alive by a rough the K but the 15 play drive ended in a blk'd 29 yd FG. EC then went 80 yds for a TD, 25-22. The key play happened after EC got 2 FD's to midfield with 3:40 left. On 4th & 3 Garrard's pass was int'd & ret'd 60 yds for a TD. EC fmbl'd the next snap & SM got a 3 play, 39 yd drive for a TD with 1:42 left. EC fmbl'd at the SM 23 on their last drive.

**ARMY -24' 24-0 LOSS** SM held the NCAA's top rushing team to 172 yds. SM led 14-0 at half. SM settled for a 3Q FG & an int ended another drive. SM got a 4Q TD & Army never really threatened. SM had a 351-202 yd edge.

**CINCINNATI -17' 28-20 LOSS** SM had the wind at their backs in the 1Q & drove 57 yds for a TD. UC fmbl'd & SM got a 49 yd TD pass. Early 2Q UC had a 41 yd FG blk'd. SM drove for a TD. Late 2Q UC had a TD called back and then SM blk'd UC's 39 yd FG, 21-0. At the half SM had a 249-167 yd edge. SM got a 41 yd TD pass, 20-0 & UC's offense gained 362 yds after that. They got a TD late 3Q & added two 4Q TD's the latter with 2:02 left. Kenner hit 35 of 59 for 407 yds with the attempts & completions both being school records. UC's final Hail Mary was incomplete.

**AT ALABAMA +1' 14-35 LOSS** UA did not have RB Alexander or QB Zow. Bama took its opening drive 61 yds for a TD & got a 22 yd FG after a TO. Early 2Q SM drove 79 yds for a TD. Bama got a 33 yd FG. Bama turned it over at the SM 35 with 3:03 left but UA got a 41 yd int ret for a TD, 20-7. The Tide got an int ret to the 8 & on 4th & goal got a 1 yd TD run. Bama ret'd a punt 65 yds for a TD, 35-7 after 3Q's. SM got a 2 play TD drive midway thru the 4Q & was held to -13 yds rushing. Bama had just 267 yds offense but was dominant.

**AT MEMPHIS -5 20-5 WIN** UM was without their top 2 WR's & also RB Arnold had just 3 carries w/ a sprained ankle. SM had a 229-78 yd edge in the 1H. They drove 67 yds for a TD & then on 3rd & 12 got a 57 yd TD pass to complete an 83 yd drive. SM missed a 43 yd FG & had a punt blk'd for a UM safety & led 14-2 at half. SM drove 49 yds for a 48 yd FG & then UM drove 70 yds for a 27 yd FG. SM drove 68 yds for a 28 yd FG early 4Q but, then was SOD at the UM 7 at the end of a 55 yd drive. UM got to midfield but was int'd & SM ran out the clock, finishing w/a 415-227 yd edge.

**LOUISIANA-LFT -37 48-0 WIN** SM was forced to burn a redshirt on QB Garner after backup Davis quit the team during the week. In the 1H SM had a 299-54 yd edge & scored on all 5 of their poss, 34-0. SM got two 3Q TD's. The 4Q was all SM backups & LL was stopped 3 times inside the SM 20 being SOD twice & throwing an int. Garner did play & led a scoring drive. LL was held to -26 yds rushing.

**AT LOUISVILLE -5 30-27 LOSS** UL had a loud sold out home crowd. UL dominated the 1H with a 344-130 yd edge. It was 3-0 UL when SM got a 53 yd int ret & led 7-3 early 2Q with SM having 0 FD's. Each team got a long TD drive & UL added a 94 yd KR for a TD & 70 yd TD pass, 24-14. SM got a 29 yd FG with :38 left. UL got a 45 yd FG foll an int but SM drove 65 yds for a TD, 27-24. SM missed a 42 yd FG but after a UL fmbl, nailed a 40 yd'r. SM completed a 26 yd pass on a fake punt to the UL 9. SM ran 3 plays into the line & nailed a 27 yd FG with 1:07 left. UL was SOD as the Golden Eagles held on for the hard fought road win.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

SM finished ranked the highest it has ever been in the final Top 25 at #13 in USA Today/ESPN. That was despite the fact that they finished 82nd in the NCAA in total offense at 333.1 ypg. Bower cleaned house on that side of the ball including firing OC Kueck prior to the Liberty Bowl game. SM added OC Chris Klenakis who held that spot at Nevada last year. He is more pass oriented and you can expect the run/pass ratio to change somewhat. Despite Nevada's 3-8 record in 1999 they still avg'd 470 ypg and Bower feels his signing will help them be a much stronger offensive team. He inherits a veteran backfield and offensive line but must find some wideouts. They should be more potent. SM always fields a tough defense but does lose some excellent players from the front 7 and will be a little weaker on that side of the ball, but still very tough. SM is now 21-2 SU in CUSA's four seasons in conference play but amazingly have won only 2 outright titles. They open the season with the usual hellacious non-conference slate and have road trips to Tennessee, Alabama and Oklahoma St. They also draw the toughest schedule in CUSA with 4 road trips out of 7 games and they do not play Army (one of the weaker teams). Even though this team has just 4 home games and a killer schedule, they get THE key game of their season, East Carolina, at home. That should mean another undefeated CUSA season and title.


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| | |
|---|---|
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| LB | Joseph Scott 6-3 235 PS#86 |
| QB | Micky D'Angelo 6-3 225 PS#67 |
| OL | Jeremy Parquet 6-6 315 PS#108 |
| OL | Myron Powe 6-5 315 PS#156 |
| RB | Timothy Blackwell 5-10 185 PS#216 |
| OL | Travis Barber 6-4 300 PS#235 |
| DB | Pierre Hutchins 5-10 175 PS#174 |
| QB | Zac White 6-5 215 PS#137 |
| OL | Addaryl Edwards 6-3 290 PS#264 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JEFF KELLY JR.** 6-2 199 *PS#50 in 97. 12 sts in 99, 2187 yds (57.2%). 21-12 ratio, 184 yds rush. Bobby Garner (6-2 198 So) PS#103.*

**RB DERRICK NIX JR.** 6-2 226 *PS#58RB. 7 sts, 1302 yds (5.1) as true. 1109 yds (4.1) in 99. Dawayne Woods (5-9 194) PS#41, 720 yds (4.8), 2 yrs.*

**WR Shawn Mills Sr.** 6-1 179 *PS#285JC. 2 sts, 24 rec (10.8), 21 PR's (14.5). HS Track champ. Kenneth Johnson is PS#220 & 9th best time in 55M in US.*

**WR John Floyd So.** 6-4 205 *Speedy (4.5 in 40). 2 sts in 99, 7 rec (9.9). LeRoy Handy (6-1 195 So) PS#199WR in 98. 1 rec for 66 yds in 99.*

**WR DANNYE FOWLER JR.** 5-10 175 *4 rec in 98 (14.0). 10 sts in 99, 23 rec (10.1). Antonio Gray (5-11 185 Jr) was PS#233 DB, 6 gms, no rec LY.*

**TE BUCK MICIOTTO SO.** 6-3 265 *PS#45TE in 98, 12 sts as rFr, 3 rec (8.3). CUSA Frosh Tm. Orlando Dantzler (6-3 265 Jr) was PS#42DL.*

**C ZEB LANDERS SO.** 6-3 286 *PS#286OL. 2nd string as true but RS. 12 sts in 99, 729 snaps, CUSA frosh team. Jim Hicks (6-4 269 rFr).*

**RG Tre Chambers Jr.** 6-4 284 *PS#289. 2nd string in 98, 7 gms, 7 gms, 227 snaps ly, 3 sts. Ernie Moore (6-6 245 Jr) PS#88DL. 2 sts at TE in 98.*

**LG BILLY CLAY SR.** 6-4 270 *PS#100JC. 12 sts here in 99, 737 plays, trimmed 20 lbs. Dennis Evans (6-2 275 Jr) PS#325JC & RS ly.*

**RT TORRIN TUCKER SO.** 6-6 315 *7 sts as rFr, 417 snaps. CUSA frosh tm. Adam Gardner (6-3 292 rFr). Nathan Grace (6-6 344 Jr) JC ly.*

**LT JEREMY BRIDGES SO.** 6-5 305 *PS#219. 11 sts as rFr, 772 snaps, CUSA frosh team. Jeremy Parquet is PS#108. Jason Jimenez (6-7 292).*

**K BRANT HANNA JR.** 6-2 205 *PS#38K. Handled KO's in 98, only 39 returns on 67 KO's. Hit 12 of 19 FG's in 99, long of 48. 31-33 on xp's.*

**DE CEDRIC SCOTT SR.** 6-5 278 *12 sts in 98, 70 tkls, **9.5 sks**. 12 sts ly, **1st team CUSA**, 58 tkls, 4 sks, 15 tfl. Deric Scott (6-2 262) PS#67TE; 46 tkls, 8 tfl, 2Y.*

**NT DEQUINCY SCOTT SR.** 6-1 265 *12 sts as rFr, 5 tfl. 11 sts in 97, 48 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts ly, 42 tkls, 5 tfl. Gerald Mumford PS#345, 38 tkls, 4 tfl in 98, 35 tkls, 6 tfl ly.*

**DT DALEROY STEWART SR.** 6-4 305 *PS#117. 28 tkls in 98. 10 sts, 55 tkls, 14 tfl in 99. John Nix (6-3 290) 12 sts in 97, 5 tfl. 10 sts in 98, 51 tkls, 5.5 tfl, 3 sts ly, 7 tfl.*

**DE Marchene Hatchett Jr.** 6-2 241 *10 sks at JC in 98, RS here ly. Rashun Jones (6-4 275 Jr) PS#188DL in 97. JC ly. Terrell Paul (6-3 222 rFr) was PS#299LB.*

**OLB Chris Langston So.** 6-2 218 *1 st in 99, 31 tkls. +19 lbs. Joseph Scott is PS#86LB. Anthony Chapman (5-11 225 Sr) 17 tkls, 2 sks in 98, 12 tkls in 99.*

**MLB ROY MAGEE JR.** 6-2 220 *PS#246DB in 97. 2 sts as rFr in 98, 58 tkls, 9 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 59 tkls, 12 tfl at OLB. Skylor Magee (6-2 240) is PS#79LB.*

**OLB Zaid Houston Sr.** 6-2 230 *9 tkls as rFr. 16 tkls in 98. 3 sts ly, 31 tkls, 3 tfl. Joe Henley (6-0 220 So) PS#241, 14 tkls, 2 tfl. Chris Vaughn PS#194.*

**CB RAYMOND WALLS SR.** 5-11 175 *5 sts in 98, 10 rec (12.7) at WR. 12 sts, 57 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu. Daryon Brutley (6-0 185 Jr) 26 tkls, 5 pbu in 98, 31 tkls, 6 pbu ly.*

**CB Keon Moore Sr.** 6-0 195 *6 tkls in 98, 21 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu in 99. Carmus Haynes (5-10 170 Jr) PS#333JC. Corey Yates had 10 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu ly.*

**SS LEO BARNES SR.** 6-1 202 *PS#159. 11 sts in 98, 54 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. 11 sts in 99. 1st tm CUSA, 110 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. Byron Gill had 22 tkls, 4 pbu in 99.*

**FS CHAD WILLIAMS JR.** 5-10 200 *PS#151RB, 19 tkls, as true. 12 sts in 98. #2 w/114 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Joey Pinkston (6-0 185) PS#78JC, 1 st, 34 tkls, 2 tfl.*

**P Mark Haulman So.** 6-0 175 *2 punts in 99, 37.0 avg. Hit 6-7 XP's when he replaced Hanna (inj) vs LL. Clifton Davidson (5-7 153 rFr).*

# S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

Hattiesburg, Mississippi
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score SM | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only four ranked opponents have visited Hattiesburg. Golden Eagles are 0-5 SU & ATS vs Texas A&M. Visiting team is 7-2-1 ATS L/10 vs East Carolina. |
| Sep. 2 | at Tennessee | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Golden Eagles are 7-2 ATS L/9 lined season openers. S Mississippi is 23-12 ATS L/35 September games. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | at Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the UT result, SM is 2-6 ATS L/3Y as an away dog. Eagles are 14-7 ATS L/21 vs SEC teams, also pending UT result. |
| Sep. 23 | at Oklahoma St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Including bowls, SM is 0-8 SU, 2-6 ATS vs current Big 12 schools. Eagles are 11-6 ATS on artificial turf since 1992. |
| Sep. 30 | Memphis | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | S Miss is 23-9 ATS L/32 & 10-2 ATS L/3Y as a home favorite. Eagles have covered 8 in a row vs UM & are 10-1 ATS L/11 in the series. |
| Oct. 7 | South Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Eagles are one of 5 1A opponents for S Florida this year. USF will be joining CUSA next year, so this could become a rivalry. |
| Oct. 14 | at Tulane | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | S Mississippi is 7-3 ATS L/10Y vs Tulane. Eagles are 3-8-2 ATS prior to a bye since 1986. |
| Oct. 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | at Houston | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Under Bower, the Eagles are 5-2 ATS after a bye week. Pending earlier results SM is 35-22-1 ATS vs CUSA teams L/10Y. |
| Nov. 4 | Louisville (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SM is 16-5 ATS the L/21 in sandwiched home games. Brett Favre's alma mater is 10-3 ATS L/13 vs Louisville. |
| Nov. 11 | at Alabama-Birm | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Golden Eagles are 7-3-1 ATS L/3Y as away chalk. Posting identical 2-1 records L/3Y, SM is 6-3 ATS in the final 3 gms of the year. |
| Nov. 18 | at Cincinnati | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SM has covered at a 61% rate in their 2nd straight road game (11-7). S Miss is 3-1 SU but 1-3 ATS vs the Bearcats. |
| Nov. 25 | E Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Pending earlier results SM is 7-2 ATS L/3Y after a SU loss. S Miss is 8-4-1 ATS in lined season finales. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: M.M. ROBERTS STADIUM (33,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 2-8-1 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 8-3 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 45-31-1 |
| ATS | 4-6 | 6-4 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 8-2-1 | 6-5 | 5-5 | 40-33-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-3 | 3-0 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 4-0 | 2-2 | 17-9 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-3 | 0-2 | 3-0-1 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 9-9-1 |
| Away Dog | 4-2 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 4-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 14-13 |
| Favorite | 0-4 | 4-0 | 3-5 | 2-4 | 7-0-1 | 6-2 | 4-3 | 26-18-1 |
| Dog | 4-2 | 2-4 | 2-1 | 4-1 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 14-15 |
| Grass | 2-6 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 6-4 | 6-2-1 | 5-4 | 4-5 | 32-28-1 |
| Artificial | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 8-5 |
| vs Conf | 3-2 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 3-3 | 5-0-1 | 4-3 | 3-3 | 23-15-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-4 | 3-3 | 3-3 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 17-18 |
| Off SU Win | 1-1 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 5-3 | 4-2-1 | 4-2 | 2-4 | 19-18-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-4 | 4-1 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 16-12 |

## Coach: JEFF BOWER (Career 59-43-1)
### *Bower's records AT S MISSISSIPPI*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10th Year at S Mississippi | | 21-9 | Home Favorite |
| 59-43-1 | Straight Up | 2-3 | Home Underdog |
| 53-40-2 | Vs The Spread | 10-11-2 | Away Favorite |
| 23-14 | Off A S/U Loss | 20-18 | Away Underdog |
| 15-9-1 | Vs Conf | 10-8 | Vs Non-Conf |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 88 | Independence | +1 | UTEP | 38-18 | W |
| 90 | All American | -1 | N Carolina St | 27-31 | L |
| 97 | Liberty | -10 | Pittsburgh | 41-7 | W |
| 98 | Humanitarian | -17 | Idaho | 35-42 | L |
| 99 | Liberty | -5' | Colorado St | 23-17 | W |

# S MISSISSIPPI (9-3)

CONFERENCE: **USA**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 50 (19,26,5)**
**Lost: 16 (7,8,1)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 27.8 | 16 | 117 | 3.1 | 204 | 54.4 | 11.6 | +11 | 1999 | 8 | 15.8 | 16 | 87 | 2.4 | 205 | 51.9 | 18.5 |
| 7* | 31.7 | 20 | 144 | 3.9 | 260 | 57.3 | 12.6 | -4 | 1998 | 5 | 19.8 | 18 | 160 | 3.8 | 183 | 55.6 | 17.3 |
| 9* | 28.1 | 18 | 119 | 3.3 | 207 | 56.3 | 11.6 | +8 | 1997 | 6 | 17.5 | 18 | 111 | 3.3 | 206 | 51.3 | 18.1 |
| 9* | 26.1 | 16 | 97 | 2.3 | 187 | 51.4 | 11.1 | +14 | 1996 | 6 | 22.5 | 19 | 97 | 2.8 | 252 | 56.4 | 15.7 |
| 5* | 25.8 | 18 | 129 | 3.3 | 180 | 49.4 | 12.0 | -8 | 1995 | 10 | 21.9 | 19 | 135 | 3.5 | 217 | 51.3 | 16.1 |
| 7 | 25.3 | 19 | 154 | 3.9 | 214 | 54.8 | 14.6 | +6 | 1994 | 7 | 23.7 | 18 | 126 | 3.3 | 216 | 52.0 | 14.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Tulane | 18 | 41-222 | 5.4 | 15-25 | 261 | 0 | 16 | 26-15 | 0.6 | 27-45 | 254 | 3 | +1 |
| NW Louisiana St | 16 | 32-91 | 2.8 | 16-28 | 197 | 3 | 18 | 36-45 | 1.3 | 18-39 | 291 | 3 | +3 |
| at Nebraska | 15 | 34-25 | 0.7 | 23-45 | 268 | 5 | 8 | 41-119 | 2.9 | 6-10 | 66 | 1 | -1 |
| at Texas A&M | 7 | 23-18 | 0.8 | 10-29 | 111 | 4 | 20 | 55-165 | 3.0 | 12-30 | 134 | 4 | -3 |
| at E Carolina | 22 | 56-208 | 3.7 | 14-18 | 171 | 1 | 22 | 32-146 | 4.6 | 17-36 | 249 | 3 | +4 |
| Army | 21 | 41-156 | 3.8 | 17-33 | 195 | 3 | 12 | 52-172 | 3.3 | 2-8 | 30 | 3 | +2 |
| Cincinnati | 17 | 33-115 | 3.5 | 12-17 | 237 | 1 | 27 | 37-122 | 3.3 | 35-59 | 407 | 0 | 0 |
| at Alabama | 16 | 25-(13) | -0.5 | 22-41 | 262 | 9 | 15 | 44-131 | 3.0 | 12-21 | 136 | 2 | -1 |
| at Memphis | 17 | 52-188 | 3.6 | 11-18 | 227 | 3 | 13 | 28-64 | 2.3 | 14-29 | 163 | 2 | +2 |
| Louisiana-Lft | 20 | 44-187 | 4.3 | 13-17 | 225 | 0 | 11 | 27-(26) | -1.0 | 19-32 | 154 | 7 | +1 |
| at Louisville | 16 | 41-148 | 3.6 | 15-32 | 165 | 3 | 17 | 25-53 | 2.1 | 24-42 | 345 | 3 | +2 |
| Colorado St (Bowl) | 11 | 34-62 | 1.8 | 13-30 | 125 | 2 | 15 | 32-40 | 1.3 | 20-46 | 228 | 1 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 196 | 456-1407 | 3.1 | 181-333 | 2444 | 34 | 194 | 435-1046 | 2.4 | 206-397 | 2457 | 32 | +11 |
| AVERAGES | 16.3 | 38-117 | 3.1 | 15-28 | 204 | 2.8 | 16.2 | 36-87 | 2.4 | 17-33 | 205 | 2.7 | 0.9 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Illinois | -15 | 45-13 | W |
| † Alabama | +13 | 20-24 | W |
| at Utah St | -20 | 24-21 | L |
| at Indiana | +2 | 26-27 | W |
| Tulane | -17 | 45-0 | W |
| Louisville | -8 | 25-21 | L |
| at Cincinnati | -4 | 13-16 | L |
| E Carolina | -4' | 34-36 | L |
| at Tennessee | +26 | 0-42 | L |
| at Memphis | -4 | 17-9 | W |
| at SW Louisiana | -5' | 35-32 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Georgia | +10' | 11-7 | W |
| at Alabama | +10' | 10-20 | W |
| Utah St | -13' | 31-24 | L |
| SW Louisiana | -10 | 52-27 | W |
| at Louisville | +3' | 24-7 | W |
| at E Carolina | +7 | 28-7 | W |
| Memphis | -15' | 16-0 | W |
| at Tulane | -12 | 31-28 | L |
| Cincinnati | -11 | 21-17 | L |
| at Houston | -7 | 49-56 | L |
| at Florida St | +28 | 14-54 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Florida | +25 | 6-21 | W |
| at Illinois | -4 | 24-7 | W |
| Nevada | -14 | 35-19 | W |
| at Alabama | +6' | 13-27 | L |
| Louisville | -14 | 42-24 | W |
| at E Carolina | -10 | 23-13 | T |
| Tulane | -7 | 34-13 | W |
| at Cincinnati | -3' | 24-17 | W |
| at Tennessee | +19 | 20-44 | L |
| Houston | -19' | 33-0 | W |
| at Memphis | -11 | 42-18 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Penn St | +9 | 6-34 | L |
| Texas A&M | +2' | 6-24 | L |
| SW Louisiana | -35 | 55-0 | W |
| at Tulane | +3 | 7-21 | L |
| Louisville | -6 | 56-21 | W |
| at Army | -10 | 37-13 | W |
| E Carolina | -9' | 41-7 | W |
| at Alabama | -3 | 20-30 | L |
| at Houston | -9 | 21-15 | L |
| Memphis | -19 | 45-3 | W |
| at Nevada | -10 | 55-28 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tulane | -10 | 48-14 | W |
| NW Louisiana St | NL | 40-6 | – |
| at Nebraska | +26' | 13-20 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +11 | 6-23 | L |
| at E Carolina | -2 | 39-22 | W |
| Army | -24' | 24-0 | L |
| Cincinnati | -17' | 28-20 | L |
| at Alabama | +1' | 14-35 | L |
| at Memphis | -5 | 20-5 | W |
| Louisiana-Lft | -37 | 48-0 | W |
| at Louisville | -5 | 30-27 | L |

# STANFORD CARDINAL

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 98, Todd Husak's first year as a starter, he set a school record for passing yards in a game beating out such notables as John Elway and Jim Plunkett. He also set a PAC 10 single season record for most consecutive passes without an int (159). After throwing for 3,092 yards (52%) with a 17-7 ratio in 98, Husak (#6DC of WAS) became the first Cardinal QB to be named first team PAC 10 since Elway ('82) in 99. In his senior year he threw for 2,946 yards (56.4%) with an 18-11 ratio. Joe Borchard saw action in 10 games and threw for 753 yards (59.7%) with a super 7-1 ratio and also showed mobility with 176 yards rushing. Randy Fasani (6-4 235 Jr, PS#2) has seen action at LB, TE and on special teams as well as at QB the last couple of years. Borchard appeared to be the heir apparent but if he's a #1 pick in this summer's Major League Baseball draft as expected, he may opt to play baseball. Either way, there's a good possibility that Chris Lewis (6-3 205 rFr, PS#2) will contend for the starting job and perhaps win it. I like the talent in this group but with the loss of an experienced, productive QB like Husak, it looks weaker in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Cardinal is known for their high flying pass attacks but last year's potent offense was sparked partially by a resurgent rushing attack. In 98 Stanford averaged just 76 ypg rushing (2.4) but increased that to 140 ypg last year (3.9). The good news is that everyone returns this season. True frosh Kerry Carter has good size & speed and had 206 yards in the first 4 games. An ankle injury and the season's wear & tear made him a non-factor at the end of the year. With a full year of experience, and an added year's maturity, he should put together a fine sophomore season. Brian Allen took over as the feature back down the stretch and led the team with 608 yards (5.0), garnering 6 starts and also had three 100 yard games. He has breakaway speed. Coy Wire (6-0 215 Jr) is PS#67 and has 621 yards (3.5) with 7 starts in 2 years but moved to SS. Justin Faust (5-11 190 rFr) was PS#101. Casey Moore is a big, fast FB hoping to follow in the footsteps of some outstanding Stanford FB's. I list the FB's below. Added to the mix this year is VHT Brandon Royster who could step in and be the feature back. This is probably one of the more underrated PAC 10 RB corps.

**RECEIVERS** - The good news here for Stanford is that only one starter departs but it was a big loss in Troy Walters (#5 DC of MIN). Walters set a PAC 10 record for receiving yards in the regular season last year (1,456), was the PAC 10 POY and leaves holding the record for most career receptions and yards in the PAC 10. They also lose WR Dave Davis who was #3 with 33 rec in 99 plus #4 rec Tafiti Uso (16 rec). There is still plenty of talent available and I list the 3 deep below including 3 VHT newcomers that redshirted last year in WR Luke Powell (PS#9), TE Darren Naatjes (PS#4) and TE Brett Pierce (PS#9). That is a very solid 3 deep listed below but with the loss of its star, it clearly looks weaker this season.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Cardinal returned 6 of 9 lettermen and had to replace 2 starters but had 3 long time starters back including C Mike McLaughlin. McLaughlin had 46 consecutive starts, was voted 1st team PAC 10 and called the signals on the O-line. He departs as do LT Jeff Cronshagen (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, 1st tm PAC 10) and 2nd string OG Joe Fairchild who lost his starting job last season. Three starters return and Willingham signed the top OL out of high school who I project to be the starter at LT this year. This looks like a quality group and it paved the way in 99 for the most productive Stanford offense ever but with the loss of its top 2 OL, I'll call it a little weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Cardinal defense has been much maligned in the last few years but the strength in 99 was their D-line the "Trench Dogs." Last year they returned 3 of 4 starters to the front wall and chopped their ypc allowed from 4.4 to 3.7 and also contributed heavily to the team's 56 sacks which set a school record. They are in great shape once again this year as 5 of the top 6 return with the only loss being NT Andrew Currie (12 sts, HM PAC 10, 53 tkls, 6 tfl). This is a good sized defensive line and the projected starting 4 average a hefty 284 lbs per man and even the 2nd string averages 283 lbs. They also get a VHT transfer this year in Craig Albrecht who I project as a starter. Five players return with starting experience and this should be one of the PAC 10's stronger D-lines this year.

**LINEBACKERS** - Stanford was very young at LB in 97 but had veteran units in both 98 & 99. Last year they had to replace one starter but moved DE Riall Johnson to OLB so basically they had 3 starters returning. This year the losses are much heavier as they lose their solid ILB combo of Marc Stockbaur and Sharcus Steen. Those two were #1 and #3 on the team in tackles in 99. Riall Johnson led the team with 14 sacks from his OLB spot so that position is solid. There are some young, talented players in the 2 deep that are contending for the ILB spots but clearly this group is less experienced and looks weaker this season.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 95 and 96 the Cardinal finished #16 and #6 in my pass defense rankings, showing that Willingham can produce a top notch secondary. They dropped to #31 in 97 and then in an injury plagued 98 fell to 53rd. Last year they had all 4 starters returning but surprisingly fell even further to #61 while allowing 53.7% with 21 TD's and 17 int's but the big culprit was 288.3 ypg passing. They do have some losses this year in CB Frank Primus (12 sts, 57 tkls, 10 pbu, 5 sks), FS Tim Smith (12 sts, 91 tkls, 6 int, 4 pbu) and CB Chris Johnson (7 sts, 2 int, 7 pbu). Johnson lost his starting job to Ruben Carter at the end of the year so basically two starters return and keep in mind last year FS Tank Williams went down to injury after seven games and Aaron Focht took his place for 5 starts, giving them 5 players with starting experience. RB Coy Wire moved in and will compete at SS. I list the 2 deep below and there are some HT's in the group. While I don't expect them to drop much further in the pass efficiency defense rankings, this year's group is less experienced than the 99 version.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This unit was a strength under Willingham as they ranked 18th, 24th and 11th from 1995-97. In 98 they surprisingly dropped to #100 in my rankings as they had to replace their super KR Dunn. Last year they lost both their K and P and while Mike Biselli did a fine job on FG's and KO's, they still finished a poor #102 in my special teams rankings with the major weakness being net punting, averaging just 30.9. Sean Tolpinrud (6-2 190 Sr) was last in the PAC 10 in punting average and will have to battle a couple of top notch K's in Greg Davis (PS#18) and Eric Johnson (PS#17) to keep his job. Whoever handles the duties should definitely be able to improve upon last year's numbers. They lose their top returnman in Troy Walters but he had an off year in 99 averaging just 18.9 on KR's and 6.9 on PR's. Biselli is solid at K, hitting a super 15 of 19 with a long of 52. I look for significant improvement in the net punting which will improve the special teams rankings this year.

FB Casey Moore scored a TD once every carries in 1999!

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brian Allen | 121 | 674 | 66 | 608 | 4 | 5.0 |
| Kerry Carter | 93 | 344 | 11 | 333 | 7 | 3.6 |
| Coy Wire | 93 | 343 | 20 | 323 | 4 | 3.5 |
| Casey Moore | 25 | 192 | 2 | 190 | 4 | 7.6 |
| Joe Borchard | 11 | 176 | 59 | 117 | 1 | 10.6 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Todd Husak | 342 | 193 | 56.4 | 2946 | 18 | 11 |
| Joe Borchard | 72 | 43 | 59.7 | 753 | 7 | 1 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Troy Walters | | 77 | 1508 | 19.6 | 10 | 98 |
| DeRonnie Pitts | | 64 | 934 | 14.6 | 8 | 41 |
| Dave Davis | | 33 | 566 | 17.2 | 5 | 58 |
| Tafiti Uso | | 16 | 236 | 14.8 | 0 | 43 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Sean Tolpinrud | 68 | 2489 | 36.6 | - | - | 1 | 17 |
| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Mike Biselli | 10-11 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 15-19 | 52 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marc Stockbauer | 95 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Tim Smith | 91 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Sharcus Steen | 90 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chris Johnson | 58 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| Frank Primus | 57 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 1 |
| Andrew Currie | 53 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| **Tank Williams** | 51 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| **Willie Howard** | 46 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| **Riall Johnson** | 42 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **Ruben Carter** | 38 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 2 |
| **Aaron Focht** | 27 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| **Matt Friedrichs** | 27 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Austin Lee** | 26 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Troy Walters | 19 | 131 | 6.9 | 0 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Ryan Wells | 18 | 460 | 25.6 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT TEXAS +10' 17-69 LOSS** UT scored on its 1st 6 poss. A blk'd punt set UT up for a TD, SU was as close as 14-7 but it was 48-7 with :48 left in the half. It was 55-10 after 3Q's & UT outscored SU 14-7 with the backups playing in the 4Q.

**WASHINGTON ST -6' 54-17 WIN** WSU had 366-319 yd & 23-13 FD edges. WSU fmbl'd on the 2nd play & SU got a 32 yd TD drive. SU added an int ret for a TD, blk'd a punt for a TD & 24 & 18 yd TD drives foll fmbl's & got a safety. It was 38-10 at half & the Cardinal flew to an easy win w/ WSU mistakes being the wind beneath their wings.

**AT ARIZONA +13 50-22 WIN** SU had just 52 total yds rushing in the previous 6 meetings. Frosh Carter gained 79 yds & 3 TD's. UA drove 71 yds for a TD & SU settled for a 21 yd FG. UA was int'd & SU went on 84 & 45 yd TD drives. SU got a 20 yd TD drive foll an int & after UA was SOD drove 99 yds for a TD, 30-7. UA got a 74 yd run to open the 3Q, 30-14. UA pulled to 30-22 after 3Q. SU got 65, 75 & 52 yd TD drives & finished with a 3-0 TO edge.

**UCLA +1 42-32 WIN** Husak was inj'd after hitting 6 of 8 for 141 yds in the 1Q. Borchard hit 15 of 19 for 324 yds. UCLA starter Paus was inj'd & Bennett hit 19 of 31. SU led 21-3 at half. SU WR Walters caught a 98 yd TD pass. UCLA ret'd its 1st KO for a TD in 19 yrs. A bad snap ended up a 50 yd gain for SU on a "fake punt" that set up a TD, 35-17. UCLA battled back with a pair of TD's, 35-32. SU converted a key 3 down en route to a clinching TD drive & finished with a 672-355 yd edge.

**SAN JOSE ST -19 39-44 LOSS** SJS pulled its 2nd consecutive upset over SU, despite not having RB Whitaker. Husak was inj'd & Borchard hit 19 of 37 for 313 yds while SJS QB Kasteler threw for 368. SJS had 65 & 79 yd drives for TD's, 14-3. SU hit a FG & blk'd a punt for a safety & drove 65 yds for a TD, 15-14. SU was int'd in the EZ. SJS got a 44 yd FG. At half SJS had 250-210 yd & 16-11 FD edges. SJS got an 84 yd 3Q TD drive & SU a 79 yd TD drive. SJS ret'd a fmbl 37 yds for a TD, 31-22. SU got a 55 yd TD drive & added a FG to take the lead. SJS drove 83 yds for a TD, 37-32 (2 ptng). SJS got a 54 yd TD pass with 2:33 left. SU got a 59 yd drive for a TD but SJS rec'd the onsides kick & held on.

**OREGON ST -8 21-17 LOSS** SU's 1st 2 drives got inside the 5 but ended in fmbl's so they wasted scoring chances. OSU got a 63 yd TD drive, OSU got an int at the SU 32 but fmbl'd at the 6 & OSU was SOD at the SU 1 on their opening 3Q drive. SU drove 94 yds but fmbl'd at the 3 (6 combined redzone trips = 7 pts). SU got a 1 play, 22 yd TD & OSU a 34 yd FG. SU got an 80 yd TD drive, 14-10 then OSU got a 70 yd TD drive, 17-14. SU drove 75 yds for a TD & OSU's final drive ended on an int at the SU 25.

**AT USC +7 35-31 WIN** USC had solid TD drives on their 1st 3 poss, 21-0. SU got an 83 yd 2Q TD drive & USC got a FG foll an int, 24-7 w/ 1:39 left 1H. SU drove 80 yds for a TD w/ :26 left & drove 80 yds in 1:12 to open the 3Q w/ a TD & ret'd an int 30 yds for a TD, 28-24. USC got a 64 yd TD pass but SU drove 55 yds for a TD early 4Q, 35-31. USC dropped 2 potential TD's & missed a 52 yd FG after having a FD at the SU 19. SU was SOD at their own 45 but USC was int'd at the 16. USC had a 587-456 yd edge.

**AT WASHINGTON +3 30-35 LOSS** UW QB Tuiasosopo became the 1st player in NCAA history to rush for 200 yds & pass for 300 yds in the same game. UW piled up a 670-481 yd edge. SU got 2 short TD's sandwiched around 2 UW FG's, 14-6. UW drove 92 yds for a TD (xpng) & SU got a FG, 17-12. SU got a 69 yd TD drive to open the 3Q but UW drove 99 yds for a TD. SU missed a 47 yd FG & UW made a 40 yd'r, 23-22. UW drove 72 yds for a TD early 4Q, 28-23. After an exchange of int's UW drove 88 yds for a TD to clinch it 35-23. SU got a garbage 3 yd TD pass on the final play.

**AT ARIZONA ST +2' 50-30 WIN** ASU had 5 TO's to 0 for SU. SU jumped out to a 21-3 lead. ASU fmbl'd a punt snap & SU got a safety but ASU drove 48 yds for a TD. SU got a 27 yd FG & ASU had a FG blk'd but Hightower ret'd a punt 78 yds for a TD, 26-17 at half. SU drove 70 yds for a TD & ret'd a fmbl for a TD & the backups did the rest.

**CALIFORNIA -10' 31-13 WIN** Cal was starting backup walk-on QB Dalton who hit just 11 of 25 with 2 int's. SU drove 57 yds for a TD but O'Neal ret'd the KO 100 yds. O'Neal got an int in the EZ to thwart an SU drive. SU drove 45 yds for a TD after a fmbl but O'Neal ret'd a punt 58 yds for a TD. SU got a 66 yd TD drive, 21-13 at half. Scoreless 3Q. After a Cal punt SU got a 94 yd TD run by Moore. SU added an 18 yd FG w/8:07 left. Cal ret'd the KO 71 yds but was SOD & Cal's final poss ended with an int with 1:46 left. SU had 18-8 FD & a 410-130 yd edges in the Big Game.

**NOTRE DAME -5' 40-37 LOSS** SU clinched a Rose Bowl bid the previous week. ND gave up a 62 yd pass & a 37 yd fmbl ret for TD's in the 1st 1:30 & fmbl'd the KO. SU was int'd in the EZ & it stayed 14-0. After a ND int, SU got a 31 yd FG. ND got 72, 42 and 67 yd TD drives, 21-20 but SU got a 34 yd FG, 23-21. ND drove 65 yds for a 3Q TD but had a 42 yd FG blk'd. SU got a 38 yd TD pass & then a 38 yd drive for a TD, 37-29. ND tied it with 1:32 left with a TD & 2 pt conv. SU nailed a 22 yd FG with :02 left to win.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

If there's one thing consistent about Coach Willingham's tenure here at Stanford, it has been to expect the unexpected. When preseason expectations are low, the Cardinal does well. When preseason expectations are high, they struggle. Last year they were picked for 8th in the PAC 10 and opened up with a 69-17 loss at Texas. Very little was expected for the 1999 season at that point. When the smoke cleared, Stanford found itself in the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1972 and its 12th Rose Bowl appearance overall. Tyrone Willingham won his second PAC 10 Coach of the Year honor and his team had the fewest penalties in the PAC 10 in 1996, 1998 and again in 1999. The offense set school records with 409 points and 5,138 yards during the regular season and the defense finished #2 in the PAC 10 in sacks with a school record 46. They must replace four 1st Team Pac 10 players on the offensive side of the ball and the QB situation is unsettled heading into the fall. The offense will be less potent. The Cardinal defense is stout up front but shaky in the back 7 and gets my call for the weakest stop unit in the Pac 10. Just like many previous Pac 10 champs, the Rose Bowl team will likely go from the penthouse to the basement of the Pac 10 standings.


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Chris Lewis rFr.** 6-3 205 *PS#2QB in 99. Joe Borchard (6-4 225 Jr) was PS#77 in 97. 1070 yds (53%) 10-2 ratio, 314 rush in 2 yrs, 17 gms.*
**RB KERRY CARTER SO.** 6-2 225 *PS#45 from Canada. 4 sts as true, 333 yds (3.6). Brian Allen (5-10 190) 608 yds (5.0) ly. Brandon Royster is PS#10.*
**FB CASEY MOORE SO.** 6-2 235 *Big & good speed. 10 sts in 99, 190 yds (7.6), 12 rec (11.0). Emory Brock (5-11 215 Sr) 6 sts in 2 yrs, 204 total yds.*
**WR DERONNIE PITTS SR.** 5-11 195 *PS#61. 11 sts in 98, 74 rec (13.7). 12 sts ly, 64 rec (14.6). 2nd tm P10. Jamien McCullum PS#72. Caleb Bowman PS#65.*
**WR Luke Powell** 5-8 165 *PS#9 in 99. Ryan Wells (6-0 190 So) PS#63WR, 5 rec ly. Eddie Gayles (5-8 190 Jr) PS#66RB, 36 yds rush ly.*
**TE RUSSELL STEWART SR.** 6-5 245 *PS#99DL. 11 sts in 98, 12 rec (11.3). 12 sts ly, 10 rec (9.1). Darin Naatjes (6-5 230) PS#4. Brett Pierce (6-4 235) PS#9.*
**C Mike Holman So.** 6-3 290 *PS#215OL, 2nd string as true but 0 letters. Tom Kolich (6-6 245 So) PS#21TE in 98. Moved to C in 99.*
**RG ERIC HEITMANN JR.** 6-4 285 *PS#12. 11 gms as true in 98. 12 sts in 99. HM PAC 10, 2 letters. Damion Tinsley (6-4 285 Jr) PS#230, 2nd string ly.*
**LG ZACK QUACCIA JR.** 6-4 290 *PS#274 in 97. 2nd string in 98, 12 sts in 99, 2 letters. Plays G & C. Edmond O'Neal (6-4 280 rFr) PS#351.*
**RT GREG SCHINDLER SO.** 6-6 300 *PS#39. 11 sts as rFr. Ben Garrison (6-8 285 Sr) PS#105, 2nd string L/2Y, 1 st. Mike Sullivan (6-6 310 rFr) PS#63.*
**LT Kwame Harris Fr.** 6-7 320 *PS#1!! Paul Weinacht (6-5 280 So) PS#68, lettered in 99. Kirk Chambers (6-6 295 Fr) was PS#242 in 97.*
**K MIKE BISELLI JR.** 5-10 180 *PS#18K in 97. KO's in 98. 1st team PAC 10 in 99. Solid on KO's. Hit 15 of 19 FG's with long of 52. 2 punts (43.5).*

**DE SAM BENNER SR.** 6-5 275 *PS#96. 10 sts in 98, 4 tfl, 12 sts ly, 17 tkls, 2 tfl. Matt Leonard (6-4 290 So) PS#11, 12 tkls ly. Drew Caylor (6-6 280 rFr) PS#81.*
**NT Chris Albrecht So.** 6-5 295 *PS#9 & orig at NWestern. Trey Freeman (6-3 312 So) PS#161, huge. Dustin Stimson (6-3 265 rFr) was PS#177 ly.*
**DT WILLIE HOWARD SR.** 6-4 290 *PS#121. 11 sts, 4 tfl in 97. 11 sts, 53 tkls, 15.5 tfl in 98. 12 sts ly, 1st tm P10. 10 sks, 10 tfl! Travis Pfeifer PS#65, had 3 sts in 98.*
**DE AUSTIN LEE JR.** 6-6 275 *PS#6TE. 3 sks, 4 tfl in 98. 7 sts, 26 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl ly. Marcus Hoover (6-4 260) PS#46, 13 tkls in 98, 4 sts, 18 tkls ly.*
**OLB RIALL JOHNSON SR.** 6-3 240 *PS#31. 4 tfl as rFr, 10 sts at DE in 98, 6 sks, 12 tfl. 12 sts at OLB ly, 14 sks, 4 tfl, 2nd tm P10. Scott Giles (6-4 215 Jr) PS#62TE.*
**ILB Brian Gaffney rFr.** 6-1 220 *PS#87LB in 99. Matt Friedrichs (6-0 230 Jr) PS#196LB. 16 tkls as rFr, 1 tfl. 27 tkls, 2 sks in 99 after adding 10 lbs.*
**ILB Mike Burke Jr.** 6-1 220 *PS#26 in 97. 10 tkls as rFr. 4 tkls ly. Anthony Gabriel (6-3 235 Jr) 13 tkls 2 yrs. Jake Covault (6-3 215 rFr) PS#166.*
**CB RUBEN CARTER JR.** 5-8 170 *PS#250. 8 sts in 98, 4 int, 4 pbu. Started L/5 in 99, 38 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu. Jim Johnson (5-10 180 rFr) PS#43. Garry Cobb PS#117.*
**CB Brian Taylor Jr.** 6-0 180 *PS#35. 3 sts as true, 16 tkls, 3 pbu. 12 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu in 99. Ryan Fernandez (5-11 170) PS#91WR, 2 rec as true, 4 pbu ly.*
**SS Aaron Focht Sr.** 5-10 190 *5 sts in 98, 55 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. 5 sts in 99, 27 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. Simba Hodari (6-1 195 Jr) PS#142, 4 sts in 98, 43 tkls.*
**FS TANK WILLIAMS JR.** 6-3 210 *PS#165, 24 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu as true. 7 sts in 99 (inj'd 5), 51 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu, 2 sks. Jason White (6-0 177 So) PS#310.*
**P Eric Johnson rFr.** 5-11 165 *PS#17K in 99. 43.2 avg as Sr in HS. 60% TB's on KO's. Sean Tolpinrud (6-2 190 Sr) 68 punts here in 99, 36.6 avg.*

# STANFORD CARDINAL

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The L/2Y the Cardinal have played 13 gms against teams that have been to a prior year's bowl (7-6 ATS), only 4 this yr. The visitor is 6-2 ATS in the Stanford/Oregon series. Stanford is 0-7 ATS in season openers. |
| Sep. 2 | at Washington St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Stanford is 2-7 ATS as an AF the L/6Y. Cardinal is 1-6 ATS in their first away game. |
| Sep. 9 | San Jose State | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Under Willingham, Stanford is 11-18 ATS on The Farm. Stanford is 3-6 in home openers the last 9 years. |
| Sep. 16 | Texas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Horns are 1 of 4 bowl teams from '99 on Stanford's docket TY. Stanford is 1-6 ATS L/7 prior to a bye week. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | Arizona | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Elway's alma mater is 7-17 ATS L/24 as a home favorite. Stanford is 3-7 ATS vs the Wildcats since 1987. |
| Oct. 7 | at Notre Dame | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cardinal is 9-23-1 ATS in October since 1992. Stanford is 14-8-1 ATS as an away dog the L/6Y. |
| Oct. 14 | at Oregon State | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Stanford is 8-14 ATS off a SU loss the L/4Y. The dog has covered 6 of 7 w/1 OSU win at pick'em in this series. |
| Oct. 21 | USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stanford is 3-10 ATS L/13 when hosting fellow California schools. The road team is 4-2 ATS the L/6 series meetings. |
| Oct. 28 | Washington | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Strange but true: Stanford is 12-2-1 ATS after playing USC. Stanford is 5-13 ATS in their second straight home game. |
| Nov. 4 | at UCLA | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cardinal is 35-15 ATS their L/50 games in November. The visiting team is 14-3-1 ATS in this series since 1982. |
| Nov. 11 | Arizona State | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stanford is 9-20 ATS as home chalk since 1992. Despite winning the L2Y, Stanford is 2-6 ATS vs the Sun Devils. |
| Nov. 18 | at California | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite losing last year, the visitor has covered 7 of 8 in THE BIG GAME. Stanford is an impressive 10-0 ATS in road finales. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: STANFORD STADIUM (85,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 3-7-1 | 7-3-1 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 3-8 | 8-3 | 36-39-2 |
| ATS | 3-8 | 4-6-1 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 32-44-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-5 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 7-17 |
| Home Dog | 1-1 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 7-9 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-7 |
| Away Dog | 2-2 | 2-1-1 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 16-10-1 |
| Favorite | 0-5 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 1-4 | 1-5 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 9-24 |
| Dog | 3-3 | 3-4-1 | 3-1 | 3-3 | 3-2 | 4-5 | 4-2 | 23-20-1 |
| Grass | 2-7 | 2-5-1 | 4-5 | 4-4 | 3-6 | 5-5 | 6-4 | 26-36-1 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 6-8 |
| vs PAC 10 | 2-6 | 3-4-1 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 6-2 | 25-30-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 7-14 |
| Off SU Win | 1-3 | 0-2 | 3-3 | 3-2 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 4-3 | 15-15 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-4 | 3-3 | 2-1 | 1-4 | 1-5 | 4-4 | 2-1 | 15-22 |

## Coach: TYRONE WILLINGHAM (Career 30-27-1)
### *Willingham's records AT STANFORD*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Year at Stanford | | 6-12 | Home Favorite |
| 30-27-1 | Straight Up | 5-6 | Home Underdog |
| 25-30 | Vs The Spread | 2-5 | Away Favorite |
| 10-15 | Off A S/U Loss | 12-7 | Away Underdog |
| 20-20 | Vs PAC 10 | 5-10 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | Aloha | -4' | Georgia Tech | 17-18 | L |
| 92 | Blockbuster | -1 | Penn St | 24-3 | W |
| 95 | Liberty | -3' | E Carolina | 13-19 | L |
| 96 | Sun | +7 | Michigan St | 38-0 | W |
| 99 | Rose | +14 | Wisconsin | 9-17 | W |

# STANFORD (8-4)

CONFERENCE:
**PAC 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7**
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 39 (18,19,2)**
**Lost: 20 (11,9,0)**

## STANFORD'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 34.8 | 21 | 140 | 3.9 | 309 | 56.4 | 12.8 | +10 | 1999 | 10 | 30.3 | 22 | 154 | 3.7 | 288 | 53.7 | 14.6 |
| 5 | 23.7 | 22 | 76 | 2.4 | 320 | 51.3 | 16.7 | +2 | 1998 | 3 | 33.2 | 21 | 181 | 4.4 | 263 | 57.1 | 13.4 |
| 6* | 25.1 | 20 | 110 | 3.0 | 244 | 57.5 | 14.1 | -9 | 1997 | 6 | 28.8 | 20 | 165 | 4.2 | 220 | 55.2 | 13.4 |
| 6 | 20.6 | 18 | 112 | 3.0 | 215 | 60.8 | 15.8 | +7 | 1996 | 7 | 19.1 | 19 | 125 | 3.1 | 217 | 52.2 | 17.9 |
| 5 | 28.7 | 20 | 158 | 3.7 | 224 | 58.2 | 13.3 | +4 | 1995 | 8 | 25.6 | 23 | 180 | 4.2 | 228 | 52.9 | 15.9 |
| 9* | 29.7 | 24 | 141 | 3.7 | 305 | 60.4 | 15.0 | -2 | 1994 | 8 | 32.6 | 22 | 195 | 4.4 | 210 | 59.3 | 12.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Texas | 19 | 38-123 | 3.2 | 19-48 | 271 | 3 | 20 | 39-178 | 4.6 | 20-34 | 380 | 1 | -2 |
| Washington St | 13 | 36-103 | 2.9 | 17-27 | 215 | 0 | 23 | 38-65 | 1.7 | 26-44 | 301 | 8 | +3 |
| at Arizona | 21 | 39-214 | 5.5 | 21-35 | 364 | 0 | 18 | 36-113 | 3.1 | 20-36 | 315 | 7 | +3 |
| UCLA | 24 | 38-207 | 5.4 | 21-27 | 465 | 3 | 22 | 42-148 | 3.5 | 19-31 | 207 | 3 | -2 |
| San Jose St | 23 | 35-162 | 4.6 | 19-38 | 313 | 4 | 29 | 46-118 | 2.6 | 24-43 | 368 | 12 | -1 |
| Oregon St | 25 | 36-171 | 4.8 | 20-34 | 312 | 0 | 22 | 41-128 | 3.1 | 23-41 | 405 | 5 | -1 |
| at USC | 20 | 37-160 | 4.3 | 21-33 | 296 | 2 | 24 | 39-172 | 4.4 | 25-51 | 415 | 4 | 0 |
| at Washington | 26 | 30-181 | 6.0 | 22-41 | 300 | 2 | 33 | 53-368 | 6.9 | 19-33 | 302 | 2 | +2 |
| at Arizona St | 18 | 40-88 | 2.2 | 20-37 | 311 | 0 | 26 | 38-85 | 2.2 | 25-53 | 340 | 5 | +5 |
| California | 18 | 46-194 | 4.2 | 11-27 | 216 | 3 | 8 | 26-11 | 0.4 | 11-26 | 119 | 6 | +2 |
| Notre Dame | 27 | 33-87 | 2.6 | 28-38 | 385 | 1 | 22 | 46-241 | 5.2 | 11-22 | 202 | 1 | +1 |
| Wisconsin (Bowl) | 14 | 27-(-5) | -0.2 | 18-35 | 264 | 4 | 16 | 53-226 | 4.3 | 7-14 | 105 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 248 | 435-1685 | 3.9 | 237-420 | 3712 | 23 | 263 | 497-1853 | 3.7 | 230-428 | 3459 | 56 | +10 |
| AVERAGES | 20.7 | 36-140 | 3.9 | 20-35 | 309 | 1.9 | 21.9 | 41-154 | 3.7 | 19-36 | 288 | 4.7 | 0.8 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at San Jose St | -16 | 47-33 | L |
| at Utah | -2' | 27-20 | W |
| Wisconsin | +3 | 24-24 | W |
| at Oregon | +9 | 28-21 | W |
| at Arizona St | -3' | 30-28 | L |
| Washington | -1 | 28-38 | L |
| UCLA | +3 | 28-42 | L |
| Oregon St | -10 | 24-3 | W |
| at USC | +14' | 30-31 | W |
| at Washington St | -2 | 36-24 | W |
| California | -9 | 29-24 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | -6 | 10-17 | L |
| San Jose St | -27 | 25-2 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +8 | 0-14 | L |
| at Washington | +12' | 6-27 | L |
| Oregon | -5 | 27-24 | L |
| at Oregon St | -9 | 12-26 | L |
| Arizona St | +14 | 9-41 | L |
| at UCLA | +13 | 21-20 | W |
| USC | +7' | 24-20 | W |
| Washington St | -1 | 33-17 | W |
| at California | +2' | 42-21 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| San Jose St | -30 | 28-12 | L |
| at N Carolina | +13 | 17-28 | W |
| at Oregon St | -11' | 27-24 | L |
| Oregon | -8' | 58-49 | W |
| Notre Dame | +1 | 33-15 | W |
| at Arizona | -3' | 22-28 | L |
| Arizona St | -1' | 14-31 | L |
| UCLA | +6 | 7-27 | L |
| at USC | +3' | 21-45 | L |
| at Washington St | +15 | 28-38 | W |
| California | -3' | 21-20 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| San Jose St | -15' | 23-35 | L |
| Arizona | +7' | 14-31 | L |
| N Carolina | +8 | 37-34 | W |
| at Oregon | +17 | 28-63 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +17 | 17-35 | L |
| Oregon St | E | 23-30 | L |
| at Arizona St | +15' | 38-44 | W |
| at UCLA | +28' | 24-28 | W |
| USC | +10' | 9-34 | L |
| Washington St | -7 | 38-28 | W |
| at California | +7 | 10-3 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Texas | +10' | 17-69 | L |
| Washington St | -6' | 54-17 | W |
| at Arizona | +13 | 50-22 | W |
| UCLA | +1 | 42-32 | W |
| San Jose St | -19 | 39-44 | L |
| Oregon St | -8 | 21-17 | L |
| at USC | +7' | 35-31 | W |
| at Washington | +3 | 30-35 | L |
| at Arizona St | +2' | 50-30 | W |
| California | -10' | 31-13 | W |
| Notre Dame | -5' | 40-37 | L |

# SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Replacing a legend like Donovan McNabb is never easy and after his outstanding performances for four years as the starter, last year's QB play took a dramatic dropoff. Two QB's split the action. Madel Williams (6-2 219 Jr, PS/#15) was supposed to be McNabb's heir apparent. He may have the best combination of physical tools of the bunch, but his decision making has been questioned and in six starts last year he threw for 742 yards (50%) with a 2-3 ratio while rushing for 284 yards. Troy Nunes (6-1 182 So) was PS/#55 and threw for 1,269 yards (60%) with an 11-5 ratio and rushed for 304 yards. Even RB Dee Brown took some snaps at this position. All season long the fans clamored for true frosh QB RJ Anderson (6-1 225) but he redshirted. Anderson has the strongest arm of the three QB's but struggled to pick up the schemes in the spring. Also in the mix is Chad Elliott (6-3 193 Jr) who was PS/#99 and originally signed at Ariz St. He had a 47-3 ratio as a senior in high school and for Arizona St in 1998 threw for 365 yards (53.4%) with a 1-3 ratio and one start. He threw for 2,843 yards as a JUCO last season and is the best passer of the 4. Nunes had a slight edge out of spring and vowed to put 20 lbs on his lean 180 lb frame in the offseason. All four were still in contention at the end of spring. No matter which one of the four emerges, I look for this position to have much better production in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Orangemen had to replace their top two rushers including their FB Rob Konrad who was a #2 pick in the NFL draft. This year the top 3 rushers all return. The only loss is FB Nick Sudano (4 sts, 76 yds). I list the two deep below and as you can see they are very talented. Both backup FB's are HT's with good size. Pasqualoni also signed 3 of the top 56 RB's out of high school this year including 2 VHT's (see Top Newcomers). Jose Harris (6-4 225 Jr), a JUCO transfer, also signed in February. This group has added talent, much more experience and with Dee Brown concentrating strictly on RB, they should have a much improved year.

**RECEIVERS** - The Orangemen had to replace their top three receivers last year but did have Quinton Spotwood, a 97 starter, and their starting TE returning. This year SU must replace Spotwood (11 sts, 37 rec, 12.4), TE Stephen Brominski (11 sts, 21 rec, 13.8), TE Mike Bennett (4 sts, 4 rec) and WR Jeff Lowe (2 sts, 10 rec, 11.7). Lowe was a starter but was injured and missed most of the season. One starter does return in Pat Woodcock. I list 4 others in the two deep below, all of whom were among the top 50 WR's when they came out of high school. Maurice Jackson was timed at 4.18 by SU in the spring, the fastest yet at SU, and he may be ready for a big year. Not listed is Kwazi Leverett (6-0 205 Jr), who had 44 rec at JUCO last year, and a VHT true frosh in Johnnie Morant. He is the top recruit this year and has size (6-5 225) and speed and will play immediately. TE is inexperienced, but there is talent available. This is a rather inexperienced group but it has plenty of talent and should come close to last year's standards.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Orangemen had a potent offense in 98 which, of course, reflects the play of this unit. They averaged 4.7 ypc rushing and 39.8 ppg. Last year they had 4 starters returning but surprisingly the numbers dropped to 3.7 ypc rushing and just 25.4 ppg. This year they must replace 4 starters in RT Jeff Pilon (12 sts, 2 yr str), C Cory Bowen (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Bill O'Donnell (12 sts), LT Mark Baniewicz (#7DC of JAX, 12 sts, 1st tm Big East, 2 yr st'r) and backup LG Frank Giufre. Pasqualoni has a solid group of rFr including 4 HT's that are listed in the two deep below and both PJ Alexander and Sean O'Connor basically played half the snaps last year despite not being starters. They look very solid inside but will be young at tackle. Despite the loss of four starters, this group should actually be more productive in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Syracuse is not known for producing a lot of top notch sack men but DE Duke Pettijohn emerged last year and had 10.5 sacks and was 1st Team Big East. Just like last year three of four starters and five players with starting experience return. There are plenty of HT's in the two deep I list below including three solid rFr that add talent. The only losses this year are DT Donald Dinkins (11 sts, 7 tfl) and DT Derrick Corley (26 tkls, 5 tfl). Keep your eyes on Dwight Freeney who is off a couple of injury plagued years but was a terror in the spring and he gives them a pair of potentially dominating DE's. This is clearly one of, if not the, top D-lines in the Big East.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Orangemen had 5 of their top 6 LB's returning last year and got the addition of a VHT true frosh in Clifton Smith (PS/#8) who got in 8 starts in his first year. They did have the presence of MLB Keith Bulluck (#1 DC of TEN) who had LB size and safety speed and was 1st Team Big East with 158 tackles and 13 tfl. His skills will be missed. Also departing are OLB Vernon Banks (4 sts, 2 tfl), MLB Matt Klaus (1 st, 7 tkls) and OLB Kevin O'Neil (12 tkls). They do have a couple of solid redshirt frosh coming in (see Projected Starting Lineup) and two experienced starters (including emerging star Smith) but with the loss of Bulluck, this group looks a little weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Orangemen finished #19 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and last year had six of the top 8 returning but did have to replace two starters. They moved up to #16, allowing just 55.4% with 10 TD's and 14 int's. This year they lose CB Ian McIntosh (5 int, 9 pbu, 12 sts, 92 tkls) and CB David Byrd (7 sts, 4 pbu). Three players are back with starting experience and the majority of the two deep I list below are HT's. Not listed are SS Andre Brinson (5-8 168 Jr, PS/#101RB) and FS Maurice Minter (6-3 196 Jr, PS/#45WR). This looks like a top notch secondary once again this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - SU had the nation's longest PAT streak end at 72 versus Michigan last year. This used to be an area of strength under Pasqualoni as they were #2, #11 and #8 from 1995-97 in my special teams rankings. They dropped to 53rd in 1998 and an even lower 67th last year with special teams mistakes costing them a couple of games. This year they must replace steady K Nate Trout who hit 15 of 21 FG's with a long of 46 but missed a crucial OT kick vs Rutgers. Mike Shafer returns for his 2nd year at P and did an adequate job as a true frosh and should only improve. Quinton Spotwood's solid PR's will be missed but they have plenty of talent at the skill positions to fill in the gaps. The top KR's also return and they could be in line for a top 40 finish in my rankings this year.

DE Duke Pettijohn leads one of 2000's top Big East D-lines.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dee Brown | 167 | 867 | 39 | 828 | 4 | 5.0 |
| James Mungro | 128 | 759 | 60 | 699 | 7 | 5.5 |
| Kyle Johnson | 38 | 190 | 5 | 185 | 4 | 4.9 |
| Troy Nunes | 74 | 304 | 163 | 141 | 3 | 1.9 |
| Madel Williams | 76 | 284 | 155 | 129 | 2 | 1.7 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Troy Nunes | 176 | 106 | 60.2 | 1269 | 11 | 5 |
| Madel Williams | 110 | 55 | 50.0 | 742 | 2 | 3 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Quinton Spotwood | | 37 | 457 | 12.4 | 3 | 56 |
| Pat Woodcock | | 26 | 439 | 16.9 | 3 | 54 |
| Stephen Brominski | | 21 | 290 | 13.8 | 4 | 45 |
| Malik Campbell | | 19 | 308 | 16.2 | 0 | 46 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Mike Shafer | 55 | 2097 | 38.1 | - | 34.8 | 0 | 13 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Nate Trout | 5-7 | 8-10 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 15-21 | 46 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keith Bulluck | 158 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 0 |
| Quentin Harris | 102 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Ian McIntosh | 92 | 0.5 | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| Morlon Greenwood | 91 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Willie Ford | 78 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| Clifton Smith | 70 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Will Allen | 62 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 3 |
| Rickie Simpkins | 58 | 5.5 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Duke Pettijohn | 55 | 10.5 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Eric Downing | 49 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 0 |
| Donald Dinkins | 31 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Derek Corley | 26 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Vernon Banks | 24 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Quinton Spotwood | 25 | 256 | 10.2 | 0 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Will Allen | 21 | 438 | 20.9 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT TOLEDO -13' 35-12 WIN** Both teams went with 1st time starting QB's & SU's 1st 3 drives registered 0 pts & UT missed a 47 yd FG. SU put together 4 straight TD drives (all of 64+ yds) to lead 28-0 & held UT to just 40 yds in the 1H. It was 35-7 before UT got a safety. The game ended with 1:28 left in the 4Q when a UT player passed out on the sideline due to complications from an upper respiratory infection.

**C MICHIGAN -30' 47-7 WIN** CM punted on their 1st 4 poss. SU led 17-0 after 1Q. CM drove 84 yds for a TD but SU got a 43 yd TD pass, rec'd a fmbl for a TD & added a 34 yd FG to lead 34-7 at the half & cruised. SU had a 495-241 yd edge.

**MICHIGAN +5' 13-18 WIN** UM dominated the 1H with a 232-70 yd edge. UM had a FG blk'd then settled for 41 & 24 yd FG's, 6-0. SU got a 59 yd pass to set up a TD, 7-6. UM drove 88 yds for a TD with :54 left 1H, 13-7. SU opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive, 13-13 (missed xp). UM was int'd at the SU 22 but Nunes was called for intentional grounding in the EZ for a UM safety, 15-13. SU drove to the UM 31 but had a high snap on a FG. UM got a 31 yd FG, 18-13 with 4:00 left. SU drove for a FD at the UM 15 but a 4th & 4 pass fell inc in the EZ & UM escaped.

**W VIRGINIA -13' 30-7 WIN** WV had a 264-227 yd edge but 4 TO's & Bulger's 2Q inj made it a misleading final. WV led 2-0 but SU got a 40 yd PR to set up a FG. WV settled for a FG & SU drove 80 yds for a TD, 10-5. WV got another safety with just 1:04 left. WV fmbl'd & SU got a 22 yd TD pass, 17-7 at half. SU was int'd at the WV 30 but WV was int'd at the 22. WV fmbl'd at the SU 4 & a 35 yd ret set up SU for a 43 yd FG. A 5 yd WV punt set up SU for a 23 yd FG with 3:21 left. SU added an int ret for a TD late.

**TULANE -14' 47-17 WIN** 5 UT TO's were the key as SU had just 40 more yds. SU got a 46 yd FG foll an int. UT was int'd & SU drove 64 yds for a TD. Both teams got 2 TD's on long drives & UT added a 29 yd FG late 2Q. SU drove 91 yds for a TD that came on 3rd & 12 when Williams eluded a sack & hit a 23 yd TD pass. SU added an int ret to the 4 to set up a 37 yd FG on the half's final play. SU opened the 3Q with a 29 yd FG & UT missed a 49 yd FG. SU drove 68 yds for a TD while UT missed a 34 yd FG. UT was int'd at the SU 44, SOD at the 35, SOD at the SU 25, and int'd at their own 22 on their final 4 poss.

**AT PITTSBURGH -10 24-17 LOSS** SU had a 16-5 FD edge & led 24-0 at one point. After missing a 46 yd FG, SU got a 73 yd drive for a FG try but a bad snap saw Nunes throw a TD pass from the 40, 7-0. SU had 64 & 99 yd TD drives. SU opened the 3Q with a 62 yd drive for a 28 yd FG, 24-0. Pitt got a late 3Q TD & then a 75 yd TD drive on the next poss, 24-14. SU punted from its own 3 & Pitt got a 39 yd FG on a 13 yd drive to get in the backdoor, 24-17 with 8:47 left. Pitt was SOD at the SU 27 & int'd on the final play from the SU 47.

**AT VIRGINIA TECH+12' 0-62 LOSS** VT simply dominated with 411-120 yd and 20-7 FD edges. VT had a 26 yd fmbl ret, a 43 yd int ret and rec'd a fmbl in the EZ for TD's. VT had 390 yds by the end of 3Q's & the starters did not play the 4Q.

**BOSTON COLLEGE -19 23-24 LOSS** SU dominated everywhere but the scoreboard & had a 26-11 FD edge. BC ret'd the opening KO 100 yds for a TD. SU had an 88 yd drive end with a 34 yd FG. SU drove 48 yds for a TD & BC responded going 80 yds for a TD. SU got a 65 yd TD drive, 17-14. BC went 58 yds foll an int for a TD to open the 3Q. SU settled for a 31 yd FG & then after a 1st & goal at the 4 settled for another FG, 23-21. SU missed a 40 yd FG. BC drove for a 34 yd FG with 3:00 left. SU got 2 FD's but QB Williams was tkl'd a foot short on 4th & 13 with 1:19 left.

**TEMPLE -18 27-10 LOSS** This was played 1 week after 3 SU players were stabbed & 2 were out & SU was distracted. SU's def dominated TU, holding them to 105 total yds but SU had just 239 yds. A bad snap on a punt set up TU for a 1 play 5 yd TD. SU got two TD drives, 14-7. SU had a 1st & goal at the TU 1 but on the final play of the half was SOD. SU fmbl'd on its own 25 & TU got a 37 yd FG, 14-10. SU got a 30 yd FG & then on 2nd & goal from the 9 was int'd in the EZ. SU made the final deceiving by getting a late FG on a 10 yd drive foll a long PR & then 2 plays later returned an int 25 yds for a TD.

**AT RUTGERS (OT) -30' 21-24 LOSS** Thurs Night ESPN. Rutgers ended their 11 game losing streak. The first 1.5 Q's were scoreless but RU then jumped to a 14-7 lead before SU scored a TD just before half to tie. That drive was aided early on by a roughing the QB call on RU. SU got an 83 yd TD drive in the 3Q. RU was SOD at the SU 47 but after a punt, RU drove 96 yds for a TD. In OT SU missed a 31 yd FG & RU nailed a 25 yd'r.

**AT MIAMI, FLA +10' 13-45 LOSS** UM got a safety on a bad snap on a punt but SU drove 69 yds for a TD, 7-2. UM missed 47 & 29 yd FG's, the 2nd after a blk'd punt. Moss ret'd a punt 61 yds for a TD & SU missed a 43 yd FG. UM drove 72 yds for a TD with 2:06 left in the half & added a 54 yd int ret for a TD, 24-7. UM drove 40, 60 & 40 yds for TD's on their 1st 3 poss of the 3Q, 45-7. SU had 80 & 77 yd drives on their final 2 poss.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

If one thing was apparent last year it was that the Donovan McNabb era was over. During his 4 years as a starter Syracuse averaged a super 35.3 ppg while going to 4 bowls including the Fiesta and Orange in his last 2 years. They used 3 players at QB last year and none took charge as they fell to 25.4 ppg. The big play was missing last year, as in the last 6 games the longest play was 30 yds. The defense was strong all year and had one of their better pass rushes but with the subpar QB play they lost 5 games in the regular season for the first time since 1986!!! They must replace 10 starters from last year overall, including most of the offensive line and some key players from the back 7 on defense. They have 4 very capable candidates at QB and if one can emerge at that important position in the spread option, he will have some very gifted skill players surrounding him and the offense will be more potent. Their defensive line could be their best ever and with 7 starters back overall on defense the stop unit should be at least as tough as last year when they allowed just 16.1 ppg, their lowest total of the '90's. The schedule is tough with non-conference games vs BYU and East Carolina. They face Miami and VT at home while having to travel to BC and WV, teams that may be more on their level. Even with the tough slate they should improve on last year's 6 regular season wins and if a QB emerges they have a shot at being a contender once again in the Big East.


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|---|---|
| WR | Johnnie Morant 6-5 225 PS#3 |
| WR | Jared Jones 6-0 178 PS#17 |
| RB | Walter Reyes 5-11 205 PS#20 |
| RB | Diamond Ferri 5-10 200 PS#21 |
| RB | Troy Swittenburg 5-11 185 PS#56 |
| OL | Adam Terry 6-8 275 PS#55 |
| QB | Chad Elliott 6-3 200 PS#14JC |
| OL | Jeremy McCorkle 6-7 300 PS#58 |
| DL | James Dumervil 6-0 240 PS#65 |
| DB | Cedric Edmonds 5-11 181 PS#99 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB TROY NUNES SO.** 6-1 182 *PS/#55. 1269 yds (60%), 11-5 ratio, 304 rush as rFr.* ***Madel Williams*** *(6-2 219 Jr) was PS/#15.* ***RJ Anderson*** *(6-1 225 rFr) best arm.*

**RB DEE BROWN SR.** 5-10 209 *PS/#60 in 96, 602 yds (4.9) as rFr. 330 yds (5.2) in 98, 828 yds (5.0) in 99. James Mungro (5-9 205 Jr) was PS/#9, 1064 yds (6.0), 2 yrs.*

**FB KYLE JOHNSON SR.** 6-1 241 *PS/#261 in 96: 69 yds (5.3) in 97 & 98. 5 sts in 99, 165 yds (4.9). George Scott (5-11 238 So) was PS/#38, Len Cusumano (6-3 230 rFr) PS/#57.*

**WR Maurice Jackson Jr.** 5-8 158 *PS/#47, 11 rec in 98, acad inelig in 99, 4.18 in 40. Malik Campbell (6-2 187 Jr) PS/#27QB in 97. 1 st, 19 rec (16.2) in 99.*

**WR PAT WOODCOCK SR.** 5-9 170 *PS/#118, 10 rec in 97 & 98. 8 sts in 99, 26 rec (16.9). David Tyree (6-1 194 So) PS/#26, 9 rec. Jamel Riddle (5-6 170 rFr) PS/#38.*

**TE Graham Manley Jr.** 6-3 251 *PS/#15TE in 97. 12 gms in 98 & 99. Joe Donnelly (6-2 230 rFr) PS/#17. Jeremie Frazier (6-6 250 Jr) PS/#19SJC in for spg.*

**C PJ Alexander Jr.** 6-4 283 *PS/#172. 4 sts in 98, 2nd string in 99 but 50% of snaps. SU lists as All BE candidate. Nick Romeo (6-1 291 rFr) PS/#109.*

**RG JOSEPH BURTON JR.** 6-5 281 *PS/#16, 9 gms, 2 sts as rFr. 10 sts til injury in 99. Vaughn Smith (6-2 304 Sr) PS/#17DL. 2 gms at OL in 99 after move.*

**LG Sean O'Connor Jr.** 6-4 290 *PS/#60. 11 gms as 2nd string in 98. 11 gms, 2 sts in 99. Chris Buda (6-2 318 rFr) PS/#55. Emerson Kilgore (6-4 309 Sr).*

**RT Tre Mathis rFr.** 6-3 358 *PS/#33. Shane LaVigne (6-2 293 So), 2 gms in 99. Giovanni DeLoalch (6-5 317 Jr) PS/#307, 1 tkl at DL in 98.*

**LT Kevin Sampson rFr.** 6-4 285 *PS/#72OL. HS wrestling champ. Erik Kaloyanides (6-4 281 So) PS/#132, 3 gms as rFr. John Glass (6-4 325) PS/#32.*

**K Mike Shafer So.** 5-9 160 *PS/#55K. 19 of 28 FG's in HS, 2 from 54. Peter Ferris (5-8 178 Sr) did KO's in 98. Collin Barber is PS/#42, 17 of 29 FG's in HS.*

**DE DUKE PETTIJOHN SR.** 6-2 256 *PS/#127. 9 sts in 98, 7.5 sks, 12 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 1st tm BE,* ***10.5 sks****, 55 tkls, 3 pbu. Sheldon King (6-2 257 Jr) PS/#122.*

**DT RICKIE SIMPKINS SR.** 6-3 304 *PS/#78, 4 tkls as true. 11 sts, 41 tkls in 98. 12 sts in 99, 58 tkls, 5.5 sks, 4 tfl. Louis Gachelin (6-0 261 rFr) PS/#37.*

**DT ERIC DOWNING SR.** 6-3 288 *PS/#87JC. 10 gms in 98. 12 sts in 99, +20 lbs, 49 tkls, 11 tfl, 4 pbu. Charles Simpson (6-2 304 rFr) PS/#75.*

**DE Dwight Freeney Jr.** 6-0 256 *PS/#63, 3 tfl as true. 2 sts in 99, 23 tkls, 5 sks. Cliff Snell (6-2 242 Sr) PS/#37RB, 10 tkls ly. Josh Thomas (6-6 234 rFr) PS/#117.*

**OLB MORLON GREENWOOD SR.** 6-0 234 *PS/#102, 13 sts in 97, 74 tkls, 12 sts, 9 tfl in 98. 12 sts in 99, 91 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. Rich Scanlon (6-1 214 rFr) PS/#51.*

**MLB CLIFTON SMITH SO.** 6-2 250 *PS/#8LB. 8 sts as true, 70 tkls, 3 tfl. SU lists as All BE candidate. Rodney Wells (6-0 218 Jr) 6 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 11 gms ly, 1 tkl.*

**OLB JR JOHNSON JR.** 6-0 213 *PS/#39DB in 98, 18 tkls as true. 8 gms in 99, 16 tkls, miss 3 w/inj. Jameel Dumas (6-2 213 rFr) PS/#131LB.*

**CB WILL ALLEN SR.** 5-11 182 *PS/#109. 19 tkls, 1 int in 97. 7 sts in 98, 28 tkls. 12 sts in 99, 62 tkls, 3 int, 15 pbu. Jeremy Cooper (5-11 171 Jr) PS/#43WR.*

**CB Latroy Oliver So.** 5-7 181 *PS/#44RB. 9 tkls, 1 int as rFr. BJ Darnell (5-10 180 Jr) 5 int's, 10 pbu at JC ly. Will Hunter (5-10 176 Jr), 10 tkls in 99.*

**SS Willie Ford Jr.** 6-2 194 *1 st, 13 tkls as true. 5 sts in 99, 78 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu, 4.4 speed. Kaeon Walker (5-10 189 So) PS/#69RB, 79 yds ly.*

**FS QUENTIN HARRIS JR.** 6-0 206 *PS/#32WR. 8 sts as true, 66 tkls, 3 int. 12 sts in 99, 102 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Charles Burton (6-1 207 Jr) PS/#60, 2 sts in 98.*

**P MIKE SHAFER SO.** 5-9 160 *PS/#55K. 43.4 avg punt in HS. 55 punts here in 99 as true, 38.1 avg, 34.8 net, 13 inside 20. Chris Bokel (6-2 218 Sr) PS/#31.*

# SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN

Syracuse, New York
Carrier Dome

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score SU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | Buffalo | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Orangemen are 5-12 ATS their last 17 home openers. Syracuse is 7-0 SU & 3-2 ATS vs the MAC since 1983. |
| Sep. 9 | at Cincinnati | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Orangemen are 23-13-1 S/90 as an AF, but just 8-9-1 the L/4Y. Syracuse has covered 6 of 8 road openers. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | at E Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Syr is 1-4 ATS overall L/3Y when line is between +4/-4. Orange are 4-9 as an AD under Pasqualoni, 4-12-1 in that role L/11Y. |
| Sep. 30 | BYU | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Syracuse has not played a current Mt West team since at least 1976. Could apply here: Syr is 9-16 ATS off a SU loss under Pasqualoni. |
| Oct. 7 | Pittsburgh | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 'Cuse is now 12-4 SU, 9-3 ATS at home in October. Despite LY's 1-6, SU is 32-28-1 ATS in conf play under Pasqualoni. |
| Oct. 14 | at Boston College | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Orangemen are 13-6 ATS vs BC since 1981. The favorite is 13-3 ATS in the last 16 series meetings. |
| Oct. 21 | Virginia Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY VT handed SU its worst loss since a 62-0 loss to Princeton in 1912. The home team has covered 8 of 9 in this series. |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | at W Virginia | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The favorite is 9-2-1 ATS the L/12 series meetings. Including an 0-3 mark LY, 'Cuse is 7-15-1 ATS in November S/94. |
| Nov. 11 | at Temple | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Orangmen have outscored Temple 192-53 overall in the L/5 games. Despite that domination they have covered only 2 of those games. |
| Nov. 18 | Miami, Fla (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The average margin of victory the L/7Y in this series has been 27.6 ppg. The favorite is 6-1 ATS in that span, with 1 SU loss in 1996. |
| Nov. 25 | Rutgers | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | RU beat Syracuse last year SU for the 1st time since 1986. Orangemen are 12-1 SU, 11-2 ATS in this series, all as a chalk. |
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## STADIUM: CARRIER DOME (49,550)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-4-1 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 8-3 | 9-3 | 8-3 | 6-5 | 52-25-1 |
| ATS | 3-8 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 6-4-1 | 6-6 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 37-40-1 |
| Home Fav | 1-3 | 1-2 | 4-2 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 2-4 | 3-2 | 18-18 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3-2 |
| Away Fav | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 2-2-1 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 14-11-1 |
| Away Dog | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 2-9 |
| Favorite | 3-5 | 3-3 | 6-2 | 6-4-1 | 6-5 | 4-6 | 4-4 | 32-29-1 |
| Dog | 0-3 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 5-11 |
| Grass | 1-2 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 7-10 |
| Artificial | 2-6 | 4-6 | 5-2 | 6-4-1 | 4-4 | 4-5 | 5-3 | 30-30-1 |
| vs BIG EAST | 2-5 | 2-5 | 4-3 | 5-2 | 4-3 | 4-3 | 1-6 | 22-27 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 1-2-1 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 4-0 | 15-13-1 |
| Off SU Win | 1-4 | 3-4 | 4-4 | 5-2-1 | 5-2 | 4-3 | 3-3 | 25-22-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-2 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-4 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 8-14 |

## Coach: PAUL PASQUALONI (Career 109-48-1)
### *Pasqualoni's records AT SYRACUSE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10th Year at Syracuse | | 24-20 | Home Favorite |
| 75-31-1 | Straight Up | 5-3 | Home Underdog |
| 52-46-2 | Vs The Spread | 21-13-2 | Away Favorite |
| 9-17 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-10 | Away Underdog |
| 32-28-1 | Vs BIG EAST | 20-18-1 | Vs Non-BIG EAST |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Gator | +2' | Clemson | 41-0 | W |
| 96 | Liberty | -17 | Houston | 30-17 | L |
| 97 | Fiesta | +3 | Kansas St | 18-35 | L |
| 98 | Orange | +6' | Florida | 10-31 | L |
| 99 | Music City | +3 | Kentucky | 20-13 | W |

# SYRACUSE (7-5)

CONFERENCE: **BIG EAST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:* LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 5** **Returning: 27 (13,13,1)**
**DEFENSE: 8** **Lost: 19 (9,9,1)**

## SYRACUSE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 25.0 | 19 | 174 | 3.9 | 168 | 56.2 | 13.7 | -7 | 1999 | 6 | 21.3 | 16 | 112 | 3.2 | 195 | 55.5 | 14.4 |
| 6* | 39.8 | 22 | 220 | 4.7 | 201 | 60.9 | 10.6 | +11 | 1998 | 4 | 25.0 | 18 | 142 | 3.8 | 195 | 48.2 | 13.5 |
| 7* | 33.9 | 22 | 199 | 4.5 | 229 | 52.1 | 12.6 | +9 | 1997 | 4 | 17.4 | 15 | 112 | 3.0 | 192 | 51.2 | 17.5 |
| 7* | 36.4 | 21 | 250 | 5.0 | 159 | 53.4 | 11.0 | +3 | 1996 | 8 | 17.3 | 15 | 104 | 2.9 | 165 | 49.0 | 14.9 |
| 5 | 31.3 | 19 | 192 | 4.2 | 193 | 60.9 | 12.3 | +11 | 1995 | 6 | 17.8 | 22 | 153 | 3.9 | 213 | 52.5 | 20.6 |
| 5 | 23.3 | 19 | 201 | 4.3 | 148 | 55.6 | 15.0 | +1 | 1994 | 6 | 23.5 | 20 | 162 | 4.3 | 235 | 57.0 | 16.9 |

### OFFENSE — 1999 STATS BY GAME — DEFENSE

| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at Toledo | 18 | 49-275 | 5.6 | 10-17 | 126 | 0 | 12 | 28-66 | 2.4 | 18-41 | 158 | 1 | -3 |
| C Michigan | 24 | 43-234 | 5.4 | 13-19 | 261 | 1 | 16 | 39-76 | 1.9 | 16-29 | 165 | 3 | -1 |
| Michigan | 15 | 34-49 | 1.4 | 13-30 | 200 | 4 | 19 | 36-121 | 3.4 | 21-38 | 177 | 1 | -1 |
| W Virginia | 15 | 40-119 | 3.0 | 10-18 | 108 | 4 | 13 | 38-115 | 3.0 | 17-28 | 149 | 2 | +3 |
| Tulane | 28 | 51-243 | 4.8 | 13-22 | 264 | 0 | 21 | 32-125 | 3.9 | 26-56 | 342 | 2 | +2 |
| at Pittsburgh | 21 | 45-187 | 4.2 | 13-26 | 118 | 1 | 21 | 44-159 | 3.6 | 12-28 | 155 | 6 | +1 |
| at Virginia Tech | 7 | 37-77 | 2.1 | 6-22 | 43 | 2 | 20 | 59-276 | 4.7 | 8-17 | 135 | 2 | -5 |
| Boston College | 26 | 54-164 | 3.0 | 21-29 | 200 | 4 | 11 | 31-108 | 3.5 | 6-15 | 161 | 2 | 0 |
| Temple | 20 | 50-104 | 2.1 | 15-26 | 135 | 3 | 7 | 17-12 | 0.7 | 21-32 | 93 | 6 | 0 |
| at Rutgers | 23 | 47-229 | 4.9 | 17-33 | 193 | 4 | 16 | 41-87 | 2.1 | 19-29 | 258 | 4 | -1 |
| at Miami (Fla) | 16 | 40-130 | 3.3 | 19-29 | 235 | 1 | 21 | 29-139 | 4.8 | 22-31 | 236 | 2 | -2 |
| Kentucky (Bowl) | 19 | 47-276 | 5.9 | 11-15 | 128 | 1 | 18 | 23-57 | 2.5 | 30-45 | 308 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 232 | 537-2087 | 3.9 | 161-286 | 2011 | 25 | 195 | 417-1341 | 3.2 | 216-389 | 2337 | 33 | -7 |
| AVERAGES | 19.3 | 45-174 | 3.9 | 13-24 | 168 | 2.1 | 16.3 | 35-112 | 3.2 | 18-32 | 195 | 2.8 | -0.6 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Carolina | +7 | 20-9 | W |
| E Carolina | -4' | 24-27 | L |
| Minnesota | -7 | 27-17 | W |
| at Rutgers | -2 | 27-17 | W |
| Temple | -22 | 31-14 | L |
| E Michigan | -24' | 52-24 | W |
| W Virginia | -1 | 22-0 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +6' | 7-31 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | -5 | 42-10 | W |
| Boston College | -8 | 58-29 | W |
| at Miami (Fla) | +4' | 24-35 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Carolina | -3 | 10-27 | L |
| at Minnesota | -8' | 33-35 | L |
| Virginia Tech | -1 | 52-21 | W |
| Rutgers | -25 | 42-0 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -32 | 55-7 | W |
| at Boston College | -13' | 45-17 | W |
| at W Virginia | -4 | 30-7 | W |
| at Tulane | -24 | 31-7 | T |
| Army | -18' | 42-17 | W |
| at Temple | -31 | 36-15 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | -8 | 31-38 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wisconsin | -8 | 34-0 | W |
| N Carolina St | -25 | 31-32 | L |
| at Oklahoma | -11 | 34-36 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +3 | 3-31 | L |
| Tulane | -23 | 30-19 | L |
| E Carolina | -14' | 56-0 | W |
| at Rutgers | -33 | 50-3 | W |
| Temple | -28 | 60-7 | W |
| W Virginia | -10 | 40-10 | W |
| Boston College | -27 | 20-13 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | -19 | 32-27 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | -6 | 33-13 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tennessee | E | 33-34 | L |
| at Michigan | +10 | 38-28 | W |
| Rutgers | -41 | 70-14 | W |
| at N Carolina St | -12 | 17-38 | L |
| Cincinnati | -42' | 63-21 | L |
| at Boston College | -13' | 42-25 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -24 | 45-28 | L |
| at W Virginia | -2' | 28-35 | L |
| Virginia Tech | -4 | 28-26 | L |
| at Temple | -27 | 38-7 | W |
| Miami (Fla) | -3' | 66-13 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Toledo | -13' | 35-12 | W |
| C Michigan | -30' | 47-7 | W |
| Michigan | +5' | 13-18 | W |
| W Virginia | -13' | 30-7 | W |
| Tulane | -14' | 47-17 | W |
| at Pittsburgh | -10 | 24-17 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +12' | 0-62 | L |
| Boston College | -19 | 23-24 | L |
| Temple | -18 | 27-10 | L |
| at Rutgers | -30' | 21-24 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +10' | 13-45 | L |

# TCU HORNED FROGS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year the Frogs had an excellent tandem at QB. Patrick Batteaux (ex-WR) had 2 starts and rushed for 482 yards (4.9) while passing for 243 yards (52%) with a 4-0 ratio. He was more of an option QB and he departs. Casey Printers (PS#34) was the passing QB and threw for 1,387 yards (59%) with a 9-8 ratio. Printers had an 8-2 record as a starter. Printers is back and will improve as a sophomore but odds are Franchione will try to develop another option QB. Sean Stilley (6-5 227) has 4.6 speed and fits the bill. He saw brief action last year hitting 3 of 4 passes in his only two appearances. Tremaine Butler (6-0 186 rFr), who was originally signed as a WR, will also contend. Franchione also brings in three true frosh QB's. Look for a big year as long as Printers stays healthy.

**RUNNING BACKS** - LaDainian Tomlinson led the nation in rushing and set the NCAA single game rushing record with 406 yards. He had a school record 1,850 regular season yards (168.1 ypg) and 18 rushing TD's. Tomlinson has 4.4 speed, benches 400 lbs, is a preseason Heisman candidate and has all 5 starters back on the OL. Andrew Hayes-Stoker (5-8 198 Jr) is a transfer from Tulsa that rushed for 146 yards (4.7) in his first year here. Tommicus Walker (5-11 184 So) had 13 yards as a true frosh and was among Texas' Top 100 recruits in high school. Frank Montgomery (5-9 188 So) had 47 yards rushing. Ricky Madison (5-9 173 rFr) was PS#142. The top 2 FB's return. The big addition this year is true frosh Tyson Thompson who is a rare VHT for TCU. He has the talent to play immediately but with Tomlinson still here Franchione may save him for CUSA play (i.e. redshirt). Naturally with Tomlinson back, this is one of the WAC's best RB corps but it will be tough to top last year's offensive statistics.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year three of the top four receivers returned and this year almost everyone is back with the exception of their top guy, Mike Scarborough. Scarborough was a Texas transfer that led the team in rec's with 37 (15.5). They have two transfers this year. Ahmed Kabba, who I expect to be the top WR, had 8 rec at Oklahoma in 98. He averaged a nifty 17.8 ypc and had 3 TD's and is a VHT (PS#26). Daniel Belcha (6-3 191 Jr) was PS#63 and transferred from Houston but saw little action last year. Terran Williams (5-10 160 So) is a sprinter on the TCU track team and had 3 rec's last year. Matt Schobel was a VHT QB that has the size to be a solid TE. I list the rest of the two deep below and with the addition of Kabba, this unit looks even stronger in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This is one of the most experienced offensive lines in the country. In 1998 they had 9 of 13 lettermen back but did have to learn new blocking schemes and a brand new offense. Last year they had 3 starters return but then lost Robert Wallace to injury at the start of the season. They still had five players returning with starting experience. This year TCU has four redshirt sophomores and four redshirt frosh competing with the five returning starters and Franchione wants to develop a second unit that can alternate with the first team this fall. With everyone back, this group is stronger and deeper and I will call it the WAC's best.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year Arizona Coach Dick Tomey said of the TCU DL, "In my mind their front four players are as good as we've played against. They are big and have as much speed as anybody." The Frogs' defensive front recorded 30 of the team's 37 sacks during the regular season and had 67 tfl's. The top 2 players were Aaron Schobel, who was 1st team All WAC and led the team with 13 sacks, and DT Shawn Worthen, who was 2nd team All WAC, and both return! The Frogs usually rotate up to 3 players at each position on the front. Last year they returned 8 of the top 10 and this year 3 players depart in DE Doug Shanks (12 sts, 11.5 tfl), NT JW Wilson (9 sts, 2nd tm WAC) and DE London Dunlap (2nd tm WAC, 6.5 sks). This is a deep unit and those not listed in the two deep below are Joe Hill (6-3 236 Jr), who moves over from TE; Bo Schobel (6-5 242 rFr) who was PS#93; LaMarcus McDonald (6-2 210 So, PS#199) and two true frosh (see Top Newcomers). This is one of the WAC's best defensive lines and should come close to 99's fine standards.

**LINEBACKERS** - Franchione runs a 4-2-5 defense and unlike most, his weak safety is more like a safety than a LB but I will still list this hybrid position with the LB's. Last year they had to replace their leading tackler but did have their #2 and #3 tacklers back. This year they lose one starter in WS Reggie Hunt (91 tkls, 2nd tm WAC, 12 sts). They moved starting CB Greg Walls to the WS position and he will be teamed with MLB Shannon Brazzell (2nd tm WAC, #1 tkl'r w/104) and SLB Chad Bayer (12 sts, 87 tkls). With these three starters returning plus some experienced backups, this group has the potential to be more dominating than last year's powerful unit.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Last year three starters returned and they climbed up to #62 in my pass efficiency defense ratings, allowing 52% with a 14-10 ratio. This year everyone is back (combined 36 starts) except CB Walls who has moved to WS. Even with the move, 7 of the top 8 DB's return and they get a solid transfer in Kenneth Hilliard from UL Monroe. They also signed 4 HT true frosh this year (see Top Newcomers). Look for solid improvement in the pass defense numbers.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Last year I called for the Frogs' special teams to finish in the upper half of my rankings for the first time and they did just that. TCU finished #14 overall and most of the key components are back. They do lose super P Royce Huffman who also doubled as a PR. He had a solid 36.3 net. Texas transfer Shane Hudnall was PS#2K and averaged 44.5 in high school. He participated in spring practice in 99 for Texas, decided to transfer and will be eligible. They also lose super KR Reggie Hunt, who averaged an amazing 33.1 per return, and the Frogs led the nation in KR offense in 99. They look a little weaker in that department this year. Chris Kaylakie will battle Hudnall for the FG job. After a sensational 98 season in which Kaylakie hit 20 FG's with a long of 50 and was a Groza semifinalist, he slumped a little last year hitting just 10 of 19 with a long of 44 with 7 misses from 40+. He will need to rebound to beat out Hudnall. With the solid additions, this unit could achieve another top 25 finish.

RB LaDainian Tomlinson just missed the 2000 yard rushing mark in 1999.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LaDainian Tomlinson** | 304 | 2033 | 59 | 1974 | 20 | 6.5 |
| Patrick Batteaux | 98 | 482 | 92 | 370 | 2 | 3.8 |
| **George Layne** | 45 | 192 | 8 | 184 | 2 | 4.1 |
| **Andrew Hayes-Stoker** | 31 | 156 | 10 | 146 | 2 | 4.7 |
| **Casey Printers** | 39 | 90 | 192 | -42 | 1 | -1.1 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Casey Printers** | 169 | 99 | 58.9 | 1387 | 9 | 8 |
| Patrick Batteaux | 52 | 27 | 51.9 | 243 | 4 | 0 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Mike Scarborough | | 37 | 573 | 15.5 | 9 | 52 |
| **LaTarence Dunbar** | | 22 | 331 | 15.0 | 2 | 40 |
| **LaDainian Tomlinson** | | 16 | 84 | 5.3 | 0 | 16 |
| **Tim Maiden** | | 14 | 175 | 12.5 | 0 | 28 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Royce Huffman | 67 | 2657 | 39.7 | - | 36.3 | 6 | 25 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Chris Kaylakie** | 3-3 | 4-5 | 3-10 | 0-1 | 10-19 | 44 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Shannon Brazzell** | 104 | 3 | 15 | 5 | 1 |
| **Curtis Fuller** | 100 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Reggie Hunt | 91 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| **Chad Bayer** | 87 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 2 |
| **Aaron Schobel** | 77 | 13 | 21 | 2 | 0 |
| **Terrance Malden** | 64 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| **Russell Gary** | 59 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| **Shawn Worthen** | 48 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| Doug Shanks | 38 | 4.5 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| London Dunlap | 38 | 6.5 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cody Slinkard** | 35 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| Kyle Williams | 35 | 1.5 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| J.W. Wilson | 33 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **LaVar Veale** | 21 | 184 | 8.8 | 0 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Reggie Hunt | 14 | 463 | 33.1 | 1 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**ARIZONA +13 31-35 WIN** UA fmbl'd the KO & started from their 1. TCU got a safety & a 47 yd TD drive UA had a 74 yd TD drive. TCU had a 48 yd FG blk'd but got a 51 yd fmbl ret for a TD & a 31 yd TD drive foll a fmbl, 23-7 at half. TCU added a safety early 3Q but in a span of 6 plays & 3:46 UA got 38, 22 & 59 yd TD passes. TCU got 43 & 44 yd FG's to retake the lead with 13:18 left. UA missed a 43 yd FG. UA got a 77 yd drive for a TD with 2:10 left. TCU was SOD at the UA 42.

**AT N'WESTERN -8 7-17 LOSS** TCU opened with an 80 yd TD drive but struggled the rest of the half. NU got 96 yds on their 1st 2 drives but each ended in punts but they did get an 87 yd PR for a TD by Simmons, 7-7. NU got a 3Q 71 yd pass to set up a TD, 14-7. TCU missed a 45 yd FG & then fmbl'd on 2nd & goal from the NU 3 early 4Q. NU nailed a 32 yd FG. TCU was SOD at the NU 28 and ended at the NU 19. Tomlinson finished with 94 yds, which would be his third lowest output of the year.

**AT ARKANSAS ST -16 24-21 LOSS** Batteaux was out & Printers hit 5 of 10 for 88 yds. TCU had 273 yds in the 1H, ASU drove 80 yds in 13 plays for a TD but Tomlinson (269 yds) got a 79 yd TD run. TCU drove 34 yds for a TD after a fmbl. A 50 yd TCU pass set up a TD, 21-7. ASU got a 51 yd TD run, 21-14. TCU settled for a FG. TCU muffed a punt & ASU got a 15 yd TD drive before half, 24-21. ASU's defense dominated the 2H as TCU did not have consec FD's until their last drive. ASU threatened once but TCU took over with just over 5 min left & Tomlinson ran out the clock to seal the win.

**AT FRESNO ST (OT) +4' 19-26 LOSS** FSU focused on stopping the run & held TCU to just 59 yds rush but allowed 271 passing. TCU drove 70 yds for a TD & missed a 41 yd FG. FSU had a fake FG stopped. FSU drove 36 yds for a TD after a botched punt, 7-7. TCU ret'd the 3Q KO 95 yds for a TD, 13-7. FSU was SOD at the TCU 8 & then botched another FG. TCU settled for a 28 yd FG, 16-7. FSU got a FG. TCU had a 1st & goal at the 6 but settled for a FG, 19-10. FSU got a 27 yd FG, 19-13. FSU got a 43 yd drive for a TD with 1:08 left (xp blk'd). In OT FSU got a 7 yd TD pass & TCU was SOD at the 6.

**SAN JOSE ST -5' 42-0 WIN** Tomlinson rushed for 300 yds while SJS RB Whitaker left with a sprained ankle early. SJS got its 1st FD w/10:48 left in the 2Q, 35-0 at half. SJS had two chances end in TO's & TCU finished w/ a 527-246 yd edge.

**TULSA -17 56-17 WIN** UT opened with a long TD drive but lost QB Wall (5 for 5 on the scoring march) due to inj. TCU tied it but UT got an early 2Q FG, 10-7. UT drove to the TCU 27 but was SOD. TCU got an 80 yd TD run late in the 1H & then got an int at the 8 setting up another quick TD & stunningly, led 21-10 at half. TCU got an 80 yd TD drive, a blk'd a punt for a TD & added 80, 53 & 56 yd TD drives in a dominating 2H.

**AT RICE E 21-42 LOSS** TCU dominated early with 80 & 59 yd TD drives, 14-0. They had just 147 more yds. Rice got 73 & 80 yd TD drives to tie it at the half, 14-14. Rice's 1st poss of the 3Q was a 65 yd 16 play TD drive. After TCU went 3 & out Rice went 61 yds for a TD & added a 37 yd int ret for a TD, 35-14. TCU got a 19 yd fmbl ret for a TD in the 4Q but Tyler's 55 yd TD run put it away.

**AT HAWAII -4' 34-14 WIN** UH led in FD's 23-17. TCU had a 405-295 yd edge. TCU's front 4 put constant pressure on Robinson. TCU ret'd a fmbl for a TD, 7-0. UH drove 63 yds for a TD, 7-6 (xpng). TCU drove 67 yds for a TD, 14-6 at the half. UH got a 14 play drive but Robinson's pass went through the TE's hands & was int'd & ret'd 52 yds. TCU got a 48 yd TD pass, 21-6. Batteaux hit a 40 yd TD pass early 4Q. UH got a 59 yd TD drive but TCU rolled 92 yds in 14 plays eating up 7:49 for a TD with 2:02 left.

**N TEXAS -22 27-3 WIN** The teams combined for just 9 FD's in the 1H & TCU allowed just 6 FD's for the game. On the 1st play TCU got a 52 yd pass to set up a TD. Both teams hit FG's. In the 2Q TCU started drives on their own 40 and the NT 25 but failed to score. TCU got a 29 yd PR to set up a FG & then an NT shanked punt set up a 33 yd TD drive with the TD coming on 3rd & 10. Printers added a 4Q TD pass.

**UTEP -10' 52-24 WIN** Tomlinson set the NCAA single game record with 406 yards on 43 carries. TCU drove 44 & 9 yds for TD's after UTEP TO's, 14-0. TCU got a FG but UTEP drove 85 yds for a TD. UTEP rec'd a fmbl at the 24 but settled for a FG. After a fmbl UTEP drove 35 yds for a TD with :40 left, 17-17. TCU went back to the option in the 2H, Tomlinson had 16 carries on 17 3Q plays resulting in 71 & 58 yd TD drives. UTEP was SOD at the 40. In the 4Q Tomlinson got back to back 70 & 63 yd TD runs.

**SMU -11 21-0 WIN** I used a 3★ Selection on Under 48. The defenses dominated as there were only 8 combined FD's at half. SMU had 4 TO's but TCU could only notch 2 FG's, 6-0. TCU drove 80 & 46 yds for TD's on its 1st 2 poss of the 3Q & SMU never really threatened. Tomlinson wrapped up the NCAA rushing title w/ 125 yds but there were only 4 more FD's the rest of the game.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year TCU gained a share of its first conference title since 1994, when they played in the SWC. Coach Dennis Franchione has done a great job here at TCU with his most impressive victories coming in the postseason. Last year they had 8 wins for only the second time in 40 years and have now held a bowl opponent to negative yards rushing and pulled an outright upset two years in a row. TCU will be going to Conference USA next year but will benefit from a softer WAC schedule this season and return the majority of last year's team. The Horned Frogs were actually 3-4 before rallying to win their last 5 games of the year. They lose just 12 seniors from 1998 including 11 that were on the 2 deep and only 4 starters. This year's class has 29 seniors. TCU's defense tied a school record in 1999 with 37 sacks. They have a top notch D-line and a solid back 7. With the soft schedule they should end up in the top 10 in most defensive categories this year. The offense has Heisman hopeful LaDainian Tomlinson, a big veteran O-line and a solid QB. They will top last year's 31 ppg. Their toughest two WAC games are both in Fort Worth which sets them up for an undefeated season in conference play. In addition they should be favored in all 3 non-conference games. The question is now can they handle the pressure? The schedule and talent points towards an undefeated season much like it did for Tulane in 1998 and Marshall in 1999.


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB CASEY PRINTERS SO.** 6-2 196 *PS#34, 10 sts as true, 1387 yds (59%), 9-8 ratio, 90 yds rush, 8-2 as st'r. Sean Stilley (6-5 227 So), 4.6 spd, option QB.*
**RB LaDAINIAN TOMLINSON SR.** 5-11 217 *1285 yds (4.6) in 97 & 98, 18 rec. Led NCAA in 99 w/1974 yds, super 6.5 ypc, 20 TD's, WAC Off POY 16 rec (5.3).*
**FB GEORGE LAYNE JR.** 5-11 236 *9 sts in 99, 184 yds rush (4.1), 5 rec (15.8), solid blocker. Chad Purcell (6-0 230 Sr) PS#197JC, 1 st, 79 yds ly.*
**WR TIM MAIDEN SR.** 6-0 193 *4 rec in 98. 8 sts ly. 14 rec (12.5). Kevin Brown (5-10 176 So), 4.4 spd, 10 rec (16.4). Cedric James (6-2 200 Sr) 6 sts, 3 yrs.*
**WR Ahmed Kabba Jr.** 6-2 195 *PS#26. 8 rec (17.8). 3 TD's at Okla in 98. LaTarence Dunbar (5-11 187 So) #2 rec in 99 w/22 (15.0). Daniel Belcha PS #63.*
**TE B.J. ROBERTS JR.** 6-3 249 *4.6 speed, 3 sts as true, 2 rec (18.5). 10 sts in 99, 4 rec (13.0). Matt Schobel (6-5 250 Jr) PS#18QB, 4 rec (6.5) ly.*
**C JEFF GARNER SR.** 6-5 297 *DL in 97. 7 sts at C in 98. +20 lbs in 99, 12 sts. Shane Ladewig (6-3 282 Sr) PS#177. 7 sts in 97, 5 sts in 98.*
**RG JEFF MILLICAN SR.** 6-6 296 *Lettered in 97. 10 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99. 2nd tm WAC, 165 knockdowns. Josh Harbuck (6-6 316 So) PS#102.*
**LG VICTOR PAYNE JR.** 6-1 294 *PS#323DL in 97. 8 gms on OL in 98. 12 sts in 99, 0 sks allowed. Brady Barrick (6-5 319 So) PS#185OL.*
**RT DAVID BOBO SR.** 6-5 291 *3 sts as rFr in 97. 2 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99. **1st tm WAC**. Matt Orlovsky (6-4 312 rFr) PS#86. Jamal Powell (6-3 306 So).*
**LT MIKE KEATHLEY SR.** 6-4 295 *PS#116TE, 5 sts at RT in 97. 10 sts in 98, 12 sts in 99. 2nd team WAC L/2 yrs. John Glud (6-7 310 rFr) PS#273.*
**K CHRIS KAYLAKIE SR.** 6-0 192 *Hit 15 of 20 FG's in 98, long of 50, Groza semifinalist, 1st team WAC. 10 of 19 FG's in 99, long 44, 3 of 10 40+.*

**DE Chad McCarty Jr.** 6-2 247 *PS#148. 14 tkls, 2 tfl in 99. Bo Schobel (6-5 242 rFr) PS#93OL. John Turntine (6-2 235 So) 25 tkls, 2 tfl at LB in 99.*
**DT SHAWN WORTHEN SR.** 6-1 290 *12 sts, 9 tfl in 98. 11 sts, **2nd tm WAC**, 17 tfl in 99. Donald Burrell (6-2 250 rFr) PS#154. Theo Anderson (6-2 253 Sr).*
**NT Stuart Ashley Sr.** 6-4 270 *PS#133DL. 32 tkls, 5 tfl in 3 yrs. **Chad Pugh** (6-4 298 rFr) PS#49. Reuben Vaughn (6-3 284 Sr) was PS#78DL.*
**DE AARON SCHOBEL SR.** 6-4 244 *PS#64TE. 10 sts, 9 sks in 97. 12 sts, 16.5 tfl in 98. **12 sts, 13 sks, 21 tfl, 1st tm WAC ly.** Robert Pollard (6-3 237 rFr) PS#106.*
**OLB CHAD BAYER JR.** 5-11 222 *12 sts in 99, 87 tkls, 15 tfl, 2 int, 1 pbu. Adrian Lewis (6-2 222 Jr) 9 tkls ly. Charlie Owens (6-0 190 Jr) PS#261.*
**MLB SHANNON BRAZZELL SR.** 5-11 228 *PS#55. 11 sts, 87 tkls, 8.5 tfl in 98. 10 sts, 104 tkls, 3 sks, 2nd tm WAC in 99. **Terrance Malden** (6-1 220 Sr) 98 tkls, 9 tfl, 2 yrs.*
**WS GREG WALLS SR.** 6-1 184 *12 sts in 98, 11 pbu at CB. 11 sts in 99, 12 pbu at CB. LaVar Veale (5-10 189 Sr) 8 sts, 97 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu, 3 yrs.*
**CB JASON GOSS SO.** 5-10 183 *PS#159. 12 sts ly, 36 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. Kendrick Patterson (5-11 177 Sr) PS#259, 1 st, 19 tkls, 3 yrs. Marvin Godbolt PS#53.*
**CB Bo Springfield So.** 5-10 182 *PS#72 in 94. 4 yrs w/baseball Pirates. 11 tkls, 1 pbu here ly. Kenneth Hilliard (6-1 198 So) 9 tkls at UL Monroe in 98.*
**SS RUSSELL GARY SR.** 5-10 198 *10 sts in 98, 46 tkls, 5 tfl, 4 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 2 int, 6 pbu, 9 tfl, 59 tkls. Cody Slinkard (5-11 209 Sr) 70 tkls, 11 tfl, 3 yrs.*
**FS CURTIS FULLER SR.** 5-10 191 *11 sts in 98, 1 int, 8 pbu, 85 tkls. 12 sts in 99, 2nd tm WAC, 100 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu. Jason Higham (5-10 180 Sr) 7 tkls L/2Y.*
**P Shane Hudnall Sr.** 6-2 195 *PS#2K in 99 & signed with Texas. Transferred after spring. Had 44.5 avg on punts in HS and hit 54 yd FG.*

# TCU HORNED FROGS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score TCU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | TCU is 8-4 in their 2nd straight away game.<br>Horned Frogs are 1-4 ATS since 1989 in their 3 straight home game.<br>Texas Christian is 19-27 ATS as a home dog since 1985. |
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | at Nevada | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Horned Frogs are 5-2 ATS their L/7 road openers.<br>Frogs are 20-14 ATS L/6Y on the road, but were 1-4 last season. |
| Sep. 16 | Northwestern | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | TCU is 10-13-1 ATS as a home favorite since 1991, but...<br>...the Horned Frogs were an impressive 5-0 ATS as home chalk in '99. |
| Sep. 23 | Arkansas St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ASU plays in the Big West and was 4-7 SU, 7-3 ATS LY.<br>TCU is 4-8 ATS overall but 2-0 LY in their 2nd straight HG. |
| Sep. 30 | at Navy | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only 3 occurrences S/81, but SU winner is 3-0 SU & ATS...<br>...when the Horned Frogs take on a Service Academy. |
| Oct. 7 | Hawaii | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mention this ad and get a free issue of Power Sweep. Call 1-800-654-3448.<br>Should apply here: TCU is 4-2 L/6 ATS at home as a single digit fav. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Frogs are 14-7 ATS the L/6Y on artificial turf. |
| Oct. 21 | at Tulsa | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | TCU is 13-4 SU all time vs Tulsa.<br>The visiting team was 3-1 SU & ATS in this series in the 90's. |
| Oct. 28 | Rice | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | TCU is 5-2 ATS hosting Texas teams, only two losses are to the Owls.<br>Frogs are 2-8 ATS L/10 in sandwiched home games. |
| Nov. 4 | at San Jose St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite a 3-0 ATS mark LY, the Frogs are 19-27-1 ATS L/47 Nov games.<br>Coming into this season TCU was 7-4 ATS L/11 as away chalk, but 1-3 LY. |
| Nov. 11 | Fresno St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only two CA teams have visited Ft Worth; TCU is 2-0 SU & ATS.<br>There have been only 2 series meetings-Home team is 2-0 SU & ATS. |
| Nov. 18 | UTEP | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Home team and the favorite is 3-0 SU & ATS since both joined the WAC.<br>TCU is 6-17 ATS their last 23 home finales. |
| Nov. 25 | at SMU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visiting team is 10-4 ATS L/14 series meetings.<br>Frogs are 2-9 SU but 5-1 ATS in road finales. |
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## STADIUM: AMON G. CARTER STADIUM (44,830)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 1-10 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 35-42 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 8-3 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 40-37 |
| Home Fav | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 5-0 | 9-9 |
| Home Dog | 1-2 | 3-2 | 0-1 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 9-11 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 7-4 |
| Away Dog | 2-3 | 3-0 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 15-13 |
| Favorite | 1-2 | 2-1 | 3-3 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 3-2 | 6-3 | 16-13 |
| Dog | 3-5 | 6-2 | 2-3 | 4-5 | 5-5 | 3-3 | 1-1 | 24-24 |
| Grass | 2-4 | 5-2 | 1-4 | 4-5 | 2-4 | 4-5 | 6-3 | 24-27 |
| Artificial | 2-3 | 3-1 | 4-2 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 16-10 |
| vs Conf | 2-5 | 5-2 | 3-4 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 5-2 | 26-26 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-2 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 14-11 |
| Off SU Win | 2-2 | 5-1 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 3-2 | 4-2 | 18-13 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-4 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 2-4 | 4-6 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 16-23 |

## Coach: DENNIS FRANCHIONE (Career 128-64-2)
### *Franchione's records AT TCU*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year at TCU | | 6-2 | Home Favorite |
| 15-9 | Straight Up | 3-1 | Home Underdog |
| 13-9 | Vs The Spread | 3-3 | Away Favorite |
| 4-5 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-3 | Away Underdog |
| 9-6 | Vs WAC | 4-3 | Vs Non-WAC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | Sun | NL | UTEP | 12-13 | L |
| 84 | Bluebonnet | -2 | W Virginia | 14-31 | L |
| 94 | Independence | +10 | Virginia | 10-20 | T |
| 98 | Sun | +16 | USC | 28-19 | W |
| 99 | Mobile Alabama | +5 | E Carolina | 28-14 | W |

# TCU (8-4)

CONFERENCE: **WAC**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 10***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 41 (20,20,1)**
**Lost: 12 (5,5,2)**

HORNED FROGS

## TCU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS -DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5* | 31.0 | 18 | 236 | 5.0 | 139 | 57.5 | 12.1 | +3 | 1999 | 8 | 17.7 | 16 | 91 | 2.5 | 188 | 52.0 | 15.7 |
| 7* | 22.3 | 17 | 245 | 4.9 | 93 | 47.7 | 15.2 | -2 | 1998 | 5 | 19.6 | 16 | 148 | 3.7 | 191 | 52.0 | 17.3 |
| 4* | 15.6 | 16 | 110 | 3.0 | 162 | 47.1 | 17.4 | -5 | 1997 | 6 | 29.6 | 20 | 158 | 3.6 | 195 | 52.9 | 12.0 |
| 4 | 19.2 | 17 | 155 | 4.1 | 169 | 58.7 | 17.0 | -1 | 1996 | 5 | 27.5 | 18 | 177 | 4.2 | 203 | 55.5 | 14.0 |
| 7* | 19.7 | 19 | 139 | 3.8 | 203 | 53.9 | 17.4 | -5 | 1995 | 8 | 22.4 | 20 | 182 | 4.5 | 194 | 57.6 | 16.8 |
| 10* | 25.2 | 19 | 169 | 4.7 | 224 | 56.6 | 15.6 | +6 | 1994 | 9 | 25.1 | 21 | 206 | 4.4 | 189 | 59.5 | 15.7 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Arizona | 16 | 47-224 | 4.8 | 13-21 | 57 | 0 | 17 | 37-14 | 0.4 | 17-25 | 337 | 6 | +3 |
| at Northwestern | 17 | 40-113 | 2.8 | 19-36 | 205 | 2 | 15 | 40-81 | 2.0 | 11-22 | 220 | 2 | -1 |
| at Arkansas St | 14 | 52-268 | 5.2 | 5-10 | 88 | 1 | 14 | 39-187 | 4.8 | 8-26 | 93 | 2 | 0 |
| at Fresno St | 15 | 37-59 | 1.6 | 18-32 | 271 | 1 | 20 | 41-146 | 3.6 | 22-31 | 203 | 5 | -1 |
| San Jose St | 24 | 54-418 | 7.7 | 7-16 | 109 | 1 | 14 | 29-74 | 2.6 | 17-43 | 172 | 1 | 0 |
| Tulsa | 22 | 44-356 | 8.1 | 8-12 | 109 | 0 | 16 | 44-103 | 2.3 | 15-28 | 113 | 5 | +1 |
| at Rice | 16 | 31-129 | 4.2 | 16-32 | 157 | 2 | 22 | 62-350 | 5.6 | 3-6 | 74 | 0 | 0 |
| at Hawaii | 17 | 50-237 | 4.7 | 8-11 | 168 | 0 | 23 | 24-58 | 2.4 | 25-55 | 237 | 3 | 0 |
| N Texas | 16 | 49-195 | 4.0 | 11-16 | 196 | 0 | 6 | 39-28 | 0.7 | 8-16 | 136 | 5 | -2 |
| UTEP | 22 | 61-475 | 7.8 | 4-8 | 31 | 0 | 21 | 28-38 | 1.4 | 28-43 | 384 | 1 | 0 |
| SMU | 15 | 53-166 | 3.1 | 9-15 | 99 | 1 | 7 | 25-31 | 1.2 | 12-26 | 50 | 4 | +4 |
| E Carolina (Bowl) | 16 | 50-186 | 3.7 | 13-19 | 174 | 2 | 12 | 26-(-16) | -0.6 | 20-37 | 239 | 4 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 210 | 568-2826 | 5.0 | 131-228 | 1664 | 10 | 187 | 434-1094 | 2.5 | 186-358 | 2258 | 38 | +3 |
| AVERAGES | 17.5 | 47-236 | 5.0 | 11-19 | 139 | 0.8 | 15.6 | 36-91 | 2.5 | 16-30 | 188 | 3.2 | 0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Iowa St | -14 | 27-10 | W |
| at Kansas | +3' | 20-38 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | -3' | 16-3 | W |
| Houston | -17 | 31-21 | L |
| at Rice | -3' | 33-28 | W |
| Tulane | -16 | 16-11 | L |
| at Baylor | +13 | 24-27 | W |
| SMU | -15 | 19-16 | L |
| at Texas Tech | +9' | 6-27 | L |
| at Texas | +18' | 19-27 | W |
| Texas A&M | +11 | 6-38 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Oklahoma | +9' | 20-7 | W |
| Kansas | +5' | 17-52 | L |
| at N Mexico | +3' | 7-27 | L |
| at Tulane | +2' | 7-35 | L |
| UTEP | -5' | 18-0 | W |
| at Utah | +16 | 7-21 | W |
| BYU | +16 | 21-45 | L |
| UNLV | -19' | 42-34 | L |
| at Tulsa | +5' | 31-24 | W |
| Rice | +3 | 17-30 | L |
| at SMU | +7' | 24-27 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kansas | +10' | 10-17 | W |
| Utah | +4 | 18-32 | L |
| at Vanderbilt | +7 | 16-40 | L |
| N Carolina | +26 | 10-31 | W |
| at UNLV | +8 | 19-21 | W |
| Tulsa | -7' | 22-33 | L |
| at BYU | +18' | 10-31 | L |
| N Mexico | +8 | 10-40 | L |
| at Rice | +21 | 19-38 | W |
| at UTEP | +2 | 17-24 | L |
| SMU | +11' | 21-18 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Iowa St | +4 | 31-21 | W |
| Oklahoma | +5' | 9-10 | W |
| Air Force | +9 | 35-34 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -10' | 19-16 | L |
| Fresno St | -1 | 21-10 | W |
| at SMU | +3 | 6-10 | L |
| at Colorado St | +13 | 21-42 | L |
| Wyoming | +3' | 27-34 | L |
| Rice | -2' | 12-14 | L |
| at Tulsa | -5' | 17-7 | W |
| at UNLV | -7 | 41-18 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | +13 | 31-35 | W |
| at Northwestern | -8 | 7-17 | L |
| at Arkansas St | -16 | 24-21 | L |
| at Fresno St | +4' | 19-26 | L |
| San Jose St | -5' | 42-0 | W |
| Tulsa | -17 | 56-17 | W |
| at Rice | E | 21-42 | L |
| at Hawaii | -4' | 34-14 | W |
| N Texas | -22 | 27-3 | W |
| UTEP | -10' | 52-24 | W |
| SMU | -11 | 21-0 | W |

# TEMPLE OWLS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In Wallace's first season in 98, four different players started at QB in the option offense. Devin Scott took over and started four of the last 5 games and threw for 459 yards completing just 36%. Scott began last year as the starter but after being shutout in the first 10Q's, relinquished the job. Mac DeVito (5-11 178 Jr, PS#168) started the next 3 games & threw for 435 yds (48%) and 3-7 ratio. He fell to injury against BC, forcing Scott's return to the lineup. Scott has 4.66 speed and threw for 1,815 yards (60.3%) with a 12-12 ratio. Since last year was such a drastically different offense, his numbers should be vastly improved with a year of experience under his belt. Louis Angelo (6-1 203 rFr) was PS#213 and despite a myriad of QB injuries was able to redshirt last year. Scott's biggest threat this year is JC Mike Frost who is PS#16 and rewrote the record book at Glendale College throwing for 3,405 yards last year with 44 TD passes in 2 years. This position has added talent and much more experience in the offense and should be vastly improved this year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year Temple had to replace their leading rusher of the past two years and of course made the drastic switch on offense. As expected, the rushing numbers tumbled as they went from averaging 197 ypg in an option offense to just 60 ypg (2.4) in the pass happy offense. Elmarko Jackson was supposed to be the feature back but had an injury plagued season after sprraining his ankle in the opener and he finished the year with just 39 attempts and 75 yards. The leading rusher was Marcus Godfrey who had just 332 (4.0). True frosh Tanardo Sharps (PS#177) was second on the team in rushing and FB Jason McKie had 172 yards (4.9). Wallace is willing to play true frosh and I get the feeling he's building towards a big 2001 season. You can expect the 3 incoming true frosh RB's (see Top Newcomers) to all have solid shots at significant playing time this year and I also list them in the two deep. Last year's rush attack was very weak and even with the loss of Jackson, this group probably has more talent and will be improved in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - With the Owls running an option offense 2 years ago, this group did not have a lot of returning receptions last year, as Carlos Johnson had led the team in 98 with 18 rec's (21.0). They then lost their fastest receiver Jerry Butler (6-0 178 Sr) to academics prior to the year. Carlos Johnson missed 3 full games with injury but still led the team with 51 rec's (10.2). Three true frosh saw significant action by the end of the season. I list the 2 deep below and Muckerson had 41 rec's in his first year at WR after moving in from QB. Charles Cobb (5-11 170 rFr) was PS#251 and Krishan Lewis (6-3 210 So) had 3 rec's. Sean Dilliard (5-8 165 So) had 2 starts as a true frosh and possesses blazing speed. The only losses this year are TE Joe Khamis (10 sts, 23 rec) and TE Dwayne Brown (1 st). TE is an important part of the Kentucky style offense and unfortunately they have no players with a reception returning. Carlos Johnson was academically ineligible in the spring and his return is now doubtful. The WR's, however, would be very experienced and improved, IF Butler stays eligible and Johnson somehow makes it back on the team. If not, they are in about the same shape as last year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Owls had to replace 3 offensive linemen to graduation and then LT Conrad Dean, a part-time starter, decided to transfer to Akron just before the start of the season. They basically had 1.5 starters returning last year and struggled in the new offense after making a drastic change in the blocking schemes. This year they lose LT Tim Leach (11 sts, 2nd tm BE, 3 yr st'r), C Terrance Matthews (6 sts), RG Theo Ross (10 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LG Rick Williams (11 sts). It is a very young 2 deep listed below made up predominantly of sophomores and freshmen and has the makings of a very good Big East unit in the years to come. The lone senior of the group gained his experience on the D-line. Wallace has said that these are the best athletes they've had on the offensive line since he has been here and this is Temple's second year in the new blocking schemes. With that in mind and the fact that they again return 1.5 starters, even though this year's group has far less upperclassmen, they look to be in the same situation.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Owls had to replace 2 full-time and 2 part-time starters last year and 2 HT true frosh never qualified. They got a very pleasant surprise with the play of DT Dan Klecko (former NYJ Joe's son) who had 8 sacks with 8 tfl and was clearly the top DL. This year they must replace DT Peppi Pichette (11 sts, 3 sks, 9 tfl), DE Calvin Wilkinson (11 sts, 34 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Marlon Calloway (20 tkls, 2 sks) and DT Jermaine Roberts (1 st, 2 tfl). They add a couple of productive linebackers in PS#243RB Jason Davis and Akeiff Staples (9 career starts) as both switch to DE. This looks like a solid group and should be improved. Klecko will be interesting to watch as he is now a year older and stronger.

**LINEBACKERS** - Temple returned 7 of 7 lettermen to the LB corps last year including 5 who saw their first action in 98 as frosh. Once again almost the entire corps returns. The lone losses are ILB Akeiff Staples and OLB Jason Davis who both moved to the DL. All 3 starters return including the top 2 returning tacklers in the Big East in LeVar Talley and Taylor Suman and all 3 of the top tacklers from Temple's 99 team. They also add an HT rFr in JD Stanley and get back Leon Gray who missed last year to injury after having 6 starts in 98. It's hard to believe that Temple has not featured many solid defenses as of late, as they annually produce an above average group of LB's.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Owls finished #98 in my pass defense rankings in 98 and last year lost 2 starters to graduation, moved their starting FS to OLB and were without their best CB Kevin Harvey for half of the season. This year the losses are heavy again. Gone are FS Leon Washington (11 sts, 4.33 spd, 37 tkls), CB Teddy Fryar (11 sts, 3 int, 8 pbu), SS Sean Martin (11 sts, 2 int, 3 pbu, 67 tkls), CB Kevin Harvey (6 sts, 6 int, 5 pbu, 41 tkls) and SS Randy Washington (12 tkls). They move in a couple of WR's to the secondary in Terrance Leftwich and Jamal Wallace and both are listed in the 2 deep to plus add 3 quality JUCO transfers and a HT true frosh. Last year's unit allowed an alarming 61.3% with a 17-13 ratio and finished #99 and I don't see this inexperienced group improving much on that.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Temple ranked 87th in my special teams rankings in their final year under Dickerson and despite having almost everybody back in 98, ranked 87th again. Last year they went with a mostly true frosh group both at K and P as well as in the coverage units. Field position was one of Temple's major downfalls last year as they slipped all the way to #113 in my rankings and were -5 in my TD/block category and were very poor in net punting. Wallace's N Alabama teams led Div II in net punting in two of his five years there and I expect marked improvement from this unit in all areas, especially now that it is a year older.

LB's Suman (50) & Talley are top returning tacklers in the Big East.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marcus Godfrey | 84 | 353 | 21 | 332 | 2 | 4.0 |
| **Tanardo Sharps** | 25 | 189 | 5 | 184 | 1 | 7.4 |
| **Jason McKie** | 35 | 174 | 2 | 172 | 0 | 4.9 |
| Elmarko Jackson | 39 | 90 | 15 | 75 | 0 | 1.9 |
| **Devin Scott** | 55 | 177 | 243 | -66 | 0 | -1.2 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Devin Scott** | 368 | 222 | 60.3 | 1815 | 12 | 12 |
| **Mac DeVito** | 90 | 43 | 47.8 | 435 | 3 | 7 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Carlos Johnson** | | 51 | 520 | 10.2 | 4 | 38 |
| **Greg Muckerson** | | 41 | 413 | 10.1 | 2 | 46 |
| Marcus Godfrey | | 37 | 175 | 4.7 | 1 | 16 |
| **Jamal Wallace** | | 26 | 246 | 9.5 | 0 | 62 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **George Radu** | 48 | 1762 | 36.7 | – | – | 1 | 6 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Cap Poklemba** | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 4-6 | 43 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LeVar Talley** | 131 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Taylor Suman** | 129 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| **Chonn Lacey** | 88 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| **Akeiff Staples** | 70 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Sean Martin | 67 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| **Dan Klecko** | 53 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Teddy Fryar | 51 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| Peppi Pichette | 43 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Kevin Harvey | 41 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| **Raheem Brock** | 38 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Leon Washington | 37 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| **Philip Shepard** | 37 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Calvin Wilkinson | 34 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Kevin Harvey | 13 | 87 | 6.7 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| **Matt Johnson** | 20 | 353 | 17.6 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**MARYLAND +5' 0-6 LOSS** Scott set a TU record w/ 32 comp on 49 att's for 228 yds. MD dominated the 1st 3Q's entering TU terr 10 times while the Owls did not pass midfield until 12:00 were left. MD settled for FG's from the 10 & 9, missed two 46 yd FG's & had a fake FG from the TU 6 stopped. On the final drive TU got to the MD 3. A TD pass was called back as Scott was ruled over the line & the final pass fell incomplete.

**AT KANSAS ST +34 0-40 LOSS** Temple didn't cross midfield until the last 5:30 & only after they rec'd a fmbl at the 45. Snyder reinserted his 1st team defense to keep the shutout & they drove Godfrey out of bounds at the 4 on 4th down w/ 3:19 left. Temple's newfangled offense managed just 82 yds. KSU finished with 433 yards.

**AT AKRON -1 15-25 LOSS** TU had just 117 yds after 3Q's. AU led 2-0 after 1Q. In the 2Q they scored 3 TD's & a FG on 4 poss, 25-0. AU had 318 yds rushing and a 2-1 TOP edge after 3Q. Temple got a pair of garbage TD's for their 1st pts of the year.

**AT MARSHALL +28 0-34 LOSS** MU QB Pennington was limited with a sore thigh but hit 26 of 36 for 406 yds & left late in the 3Q. Marshall was SOD twice in Owl terr & twice was forced to kick short FG's inside the TU 10 or it would have been worse. TU had the ball in MU terr 5 times but had 2 passes int'd & was SOD 3 times. DeVito got his 1st start but was inj'd early & Scott had no success either. MU had a 593-185 yd edge & led 21-0 at half & had 2 TD's before TU got a FD.

**AT PITTSBURGH +17' 24-55 LOSS** Pitt got a pair of 62 yd TD drives on their 1st 2 poss. TU got a 43 yd FG but Pitt hit a 50 yd TD pass. Scott hit 24 of 31 for 200 yds but was inj'd 3Q. His 21 yd TD pass made it 21-10. After a poor punt, Pitt drove 28 yds for a TD, 28-10 at half. DeVito threw 3 int's in 4 plays. His 1st int set up a 22 yd TD & his next was a 34 yd int ret for a TD, 42-10. Pitt got a TD drive and a 69 yd PR TD, 55-10. DeVito hit a short pass for a 70 yd TD with 4:20 left. TU got a 52 yd TD drive with 1:57 left.

**BOSTON COLLEGE +14 24-14 WIN** Scott was not supposed to play but did so in the 2H & hit 17 of 24 for 169 yds. BC got a 6 yd TD drive after a blk'd punt. BC missed a 45 yd FG. After TU was int'd BC drove 64 yds for a TD, 14-0. BC threatened twice but stalled & TU went on the game changing drive. On 4th &19 a pers foul on BC gave them a FD. TU continued on to get a TD with just :02 left, 14-7. With the momentum the 2H was all TU & they drove 52 & 73 yds for TD's. BC fmbl'd at the TU 25 and got no closer.

**AT W VIRGINIA +17 17-20 WIN** TU got a 55 yd TD drive but WV blk'd a punt to set up a 12 yd TD drive. TU missed a 43 yd FG & WV hit a 36 yd FG. TU drove 73 yds & got a TD with 1:40 left in the half but Terry ret'd the ensuing kick 81 yds for a TD & the Mounties led 17-14. TU controlled the 1H with 13 FD's but got just 3 FD's in the 2H. WV was int'd at the TU 3, SOD at the TU 32 & SOD at the TU 35 in the 3Q. TU got a 22 yd FG foll a 60 yd pass with 8:32 left. WV fmbl'd the KO but TU punted. WV then drove 70 yds in 14 plays, milking the clock at the end & their 32 yd FG with :06 left gave them the win.

**RUTGERS -10 56-28 WIN** This game was all TU. QB Scott hit his 1st 13 passes & 28 of his first 31. Even sitting out the 4Q he broke a school record with 6 TD passes. TU finished with a 503-324 yd edge. TU got 69, 80, and 82 yd TD drives & led 21-7. They got a 36 yd int ret for a TD & led 28-7 at the half. A 55 yd KR to open the 3Q set them up for a 42 yd TD drive, 35-7 & they coasted from there.

**AT SYRACUSE +18 10-27 WIN** This game was played 1 week after 3 SU players were stabbed & 2 were out and SU was distracted. SU's defense dominated TU holding them to 105 total yds but SU had just 239 yds. A bad snap on a punt set up TU for a 5 yd TD drive. SU got a pair of TD drives, 14-7. SU had a 1st & goal at the TU 1 but on the final play of the half was SOD. SU fmbl'd on its own 25 & TU got a 33 yd FG, 14-10. SU got a 30 yd FG & then on 2nd & goal from the 9 was int'd in the EZ. SU made the final deceiving by getting a 26 yd FG with 1:34 left on a 10 yd drive foll a long PR & then 2 plays later got a 25 yd int ret for a TD.

**VIRGINIA TECH +29 7-62 LOSS** VT was off a big game vs Miami & was out to avenge the upset loss from the previous year when TU won outright as a 35 point dog. VT finished with 511-224 yd & 20-10 FD edges vs the overmatched Owls. TU took the opening poss 80 yds in 7 plays for a TD but the rest of the game belonged to VT. Michael Vick eluded tackles & raced 53 yds for a TD. VT added a 28 yd FG & a 31 yd int ret for a TD. Vick got a 65 yd TD pass & added a 34 yd FG foll an int, 27-7 at the half. Vick's 75 yd run opened the 3Q & he engineered 82 & 41 yd TD drives. In the 4Q VT tacked on a 7 yd drive foll a fmbl & a 41 yd TD drive.

**AT MIAMI, FLA +31 0-55 LOSS** UM simply dominated & had 26-12 FD and 540-138 yd edges. This was originally scheduled for Oct but moved due to Hurricane Dennis. TU crossed midfield just once in the 1H & had 2 drives into UM terr late but were stopped.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Bobby Wallace begins his 3rd year after recording identical 2-9 seasons. The highlight of his tenure this far has been their road upset of Virginia Tech in 98. Over the last 9 years, the highest amount of wins in a single season the Owls have had has been 3 (avg just 1.6 wins)! Somehow they have avoided a last place finish in the Big East in 4 of the last 5 years. Wallace brought in a slot I option offense that made him successful at North Alabama. After totaling just 18 ppg in 1998, he made the shocking switch to a Kentucky style passing offense. With option personnel, Temple's offense struggled in the first 5 games. They were shutout three times and most of their points came with the games out of reach. They did catch on and after averaging just 228 ypg over the first five, they averaged 293.5 ypg over the last 6. **An interesting stat is that Temple scored 56 points against the depleted Rutgers squad and in the other 10 games managed just 97.** Temple did take on four defenses that were ranked in the top 10. Wallace has played a lot of youngsters in his tenure and this year got away from recruiting JUCO's which will help the program down the road. On last year's depth chart, which had 52 spots including specialists, 35 were filled by underclassmen. Wallace has been the off coor the first 2 years but now Charlie Fisher (WR coach at NC St), takes over. In 1997 Temple had just an average crowd of 9,929. In 1998 it increased to 15,127 and last year 20,771. This year Temple will have six home games for the first time in 15 seasons (they had a winning season the last time they had this luxury). The offense is much more stable at QB but need the new skill players to play beyond their years. The O-line is almost made up entirely of frosh and sophs. The defense suffers some big losses in the secondary but is Big East caliber in the front 7. They should be able to bag a win in non-conf play and are an upset of a Big East team from topping last year's 2 win total, and Wallace has proven capable of that. Temple lost 22 seniors and this year's squad has just a handful of seniors with 23 juniors, perhaps making next year the year Temple makes its move.

WR Greg Muckerson may be the go-to-guy after converting from QB. Five of the top 6 tacklers return, including #1 Levar Talley.

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| QB | Mike Frost 6-2 229 PS#16JC | |
| RB | Lawrence Wade 6-0 190 PS#108 | |
| RB | Umar Ferguson 5-11 200 PS#129 | |
| QB | Collin Hannigan 6-5 230 PS#76 | |
| RB | LeVaun Wesley 5-10 185 PS#142 | |
| DB | Joel Gray 5-11 180 PS#132 | |
| QB | Dan Bosnic 6-8 215 PS#150 | |
| DB | Yazid Jackson 5-9 170 PS#299 | |
| WR | Gerald Butler 6-1 180 PS#290 | |
| TE | Jordan Witzel 6-6 233 PS#145 | |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DEVIN SCOTT JR.** 6-1 198 *PS#94 in 98, 4 sts as true, 459 yds (36%). 9 sts ly, 1815 yds (60%), 12-12 ratio. Mike Frost PS#16JC. 3405 yds (59%), 30-16 ratio at JC.*

**TB Tanardo Sharps So.** 5-9 180 *PS#177. 184 yds (7.4), 16 KR (19.4) as true. Lawrence Wade (6-0 190) is PS#108. LeVaun Wesley (5-10 185) is PS#142.*

**FB JASON McKIE JR.** 5-11 227 *4 sts as true, 201 yds (3.5). 6 sts in 99, 172 yds (4.9). 14 rec (5.4). 500 lb bench! Umar Ferguson (5-11 200 Fr) is PS#129.*

**WR GREG MUCKERSON JR.** 5-11 187 *299 yds pass, 173 yds rush as QB in 98. 6 sts at SB ly, 41 rec (10.1). Terrence Stubbs (6-1 189 So) 2 sts, 9 rec (17.9) as true.*

**WR CARLOS JOHNSON JR.** 5-9 158 *4.33 spd. 5 sts in 98, 18 rec (21.0) as rFr. 6 sts in 99 (inj 3), 51 rec (10.2). Jerry Butler (6-0 178 Sr) 4.31 spd, 5 career sts.*

**TE Tyrone Ditzel Jr.** 6-3 219 *2 sts at DE as true, 22 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. 1 st at DE in 99, 12 tkls, 1 tfl. Jordan Witzel (6-6 233) is PS#145.*

**C DON KLEIN SO.** 6-1 296 *PS#271DL. 5 sts as true incl last 4. +36 lbs this year. David Terry (6-2 266 So) PS#252DL, 1 st at RT in 99.*

**RG Vincent Gabriele So.** 6-5 274 *2nd string in 99 as rFr until shoulder inj. Should be 100% this year. Danny Culic (6-2 334 Fr) is from Canada.*

**LG Jose Portillo rFr.** 6-3 274 *Listed 1st string in spring as rFr. Greg Hilliard (6-5 279 So) 20-5 as a wrestler in HS. Frank Hoffman (6-5 269 rFr).*

**RT Mathias Nkwenti Sr.** 6-4 281 *17 tkls, 1 sk at DL as rFr. 1 st, 19 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl in 98. 465 bench. 3 tkls in 99. Shane Holmes (6-3 346 Jr) is huge.*

**LT DAVE YOVANOVITS SO.** 6-3 274 *4.64 speed! 11 sts at RT as true frosh. +24 lbs. Damian Hendricks (6-4 290 So) PS#158DL & +40 lbs.*

**K CAP POKLEMBA SO.** 5-11 175 *Hit 4 of 6 FG's with long of 43 as true frosh. Jared Davis (5-6 135 rFr) PS#41K in 99 and was All RI in HS.*

**DE RAHEEM BROCK SR.** 6-4 257 *PS#199LB. 4 sts in 98, 24 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl despite being TE in 1st 5. 10 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 4 tfl, 450 lb bench. George Theis (6-3 260) PS#375.*

**DT DAN KLECKO SO.** 6-1 274 *Joe's son. 9 sts as true frosh, 53 tkls, 8 sks, 8 tfl, 1st tm frosh AA, 12 hurries. Jason Wright (6-3 281 Jr) 4 tkls in 99.*

**DT Russell Newman Jr.** 6-2 253 *8 gms, 1 st, 12 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 2 sts in 99, 7 tkls, 3 tfl. Robert Sack (6-2 246 So) 1 st, 3 tkls in 98. 9 tkls, 1 sk in 99.*

**DE Akeiff Staples Jr.** 6-3 236 *5 sts in 97, 22 tkls, 1 tfl. 2 sts til inj in 98, 14 tkls. 2 sts at ILB in 99, 70 tkls, 1 sk. Jason Davis (6-2 230 Jr) PS#243RB, 47 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 yrs.*

**WLB LeVAR TALLEY SR.** 5-11 223 *PS#192DB, 3 sts in 97, 2 tfl. 7 sts in 98, 65 tkls, 4 tfl (miss 4 inj). 10 sts in 99, 131 tkls, 4 tfl. Leon Gray (6-1 203 So) PS#266, 6 sts in 98, 64 tkls.*

**SLB TAYLOR SUMAN JR.** 6-2 227 *PS#191. Started L/5 as rFr, 99 tkls. 10 sts, 129 tkls, 9 tfl (missed finale). JD Stanley (6-2 230 rFr) PS#52DL.*

**OLB CHONN LACEY JR.** 6-2 217 *7 sts as true, 60 tkls, 3 int. 11 sts in 99, 88 tkls, 1 sk, 7 tfl. +12 lbs. Brian West (5-11 188 Jr) PS#236DB, 8 tkls in 99.*

**CB Donnie Coleman rFr.** 5-8 160 *Solid speed. Dante Coles (6-2 195 So) signed in 99. JUCO ly. In for fall. Brett Crespina (5-10 180 Jr) 5 tkls in 99.*

**CB Philip Shepard Jr.** 5-10 179 *Inj'd in rFr season. Started 1st 5 at CB in 99, 37 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Terrance Leftwich (6-0 174 So) 13 rec (7.6), 1 st at WR ly.*

**SS Lafton Thompson Jr.** 6-2 199 *25 tkls in 99, 2 tfl, 1 int. Added 14 lbs. Almonese Boyles (5-11 195 Jr) JC in for spg. Kenneth Green (6-1 189 Jr) PS#266WR.*

**FS Jamal Wallace Jr.** 6-0 181 *PS#186WR in 98. 5 sts at WR in 99, 26 rec (9.5). Jermaine Grandberry (5-11 191 Jr) JC trans. Joel Gray (5-11 180) is PS#132.*

**P GARVIN RINGWELSKI SO.** 6-5 200 *Took over P duties as true frosh, 41 punts, 36.5 avg. George Radu (5-9 185 Jr), Pitt trans; 48 punts (36.7) in 99.*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score TU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Navy | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | at Maryland | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | Bowling Green* | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | E Michigan* | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 28 | W Virginia* (Thurs) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | at Virginia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | at Rutgers | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | Miami (Fla) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | at Boston College | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | Syracuse | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 18 | Pittsburgh | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | * Franklin Field | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

Temple is 1-6 SU, 1-5-1 ATS in their third straight road game, losing by an avg of 31.4 ppg.
Owls are 4-8 ATS as a home favorite since 1986.
Temple is 7-3-1 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
Temple is 3-6 ATS in road openers including a half pt cover in 98.

Hooters are 0-8-1 ATS L/9 in their 1st lined grass game.
Owls are 8-22-2 ATS their L/32 September games.

Pending LW's outcome, TU is 1-9-1 ATS L/11 grass games. (They have 4 TY).
Temple is 8-24-2 ATS in non-Big East gms s/91 & were 0-4 ATS LY.

Temple is 2-7 ATS in lined home openers.
Owls are 2-11 SU, 4-9 ATS their last 13 MAC attacks.

The Owls are 6-13-1 SU at Franklin Field. They were 0-3 SU & ATS here L/3Y. TU's last win here came in '82, pending LW's result.

Owls were 3-2 SU, 2-3 ATS in non-Saturday games in 80's & 90's.
Temple is 24-16-2 ATS in their last 42 Big East contests.

Owls are 4-11 SU, 6-8 ATS L/15 Oct gms, but were 2-2 SU & 3-1 ATS LY.
VT is 1 of 4 in 99 bowl teams that Temple plays in their L/6 games of the year.

The home team is 5-1-1 ATS L/7 in this Big East basement battle.
Temple covered LY but is just 3-6-1 ATS vs Rutgers.

Despite a 1-4 mark L2Y, TU is 11-7-1 ATS L/19 as a double digit HD.
Owls are 6-11 ATS their L/17 prior to a bye week.

BONUS: TU is 1-7 ATS after a bye week.

Temple is 9-4-1 ATS in their final road game.
Owls are 5-1 ATS the last 6 years in this series.

Temple is 5-10-2 ATS L/17 in November, 2-4-2 at home.
Owls are 0-6 SU but 4-2 ATS L/6Y vs the Orangemen, avg loss by 24.3 ppg.

Temple has covered 9 of 14 games vs the Panthers.
The underdog is 8-3 ATS the last 11 series meetings.

BONUS: Owls are 4-2-1 since 93 in their final home game.

*Franklin Field is on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. Its capacity is 52,958.

## STADIUM: VETERANS STADIUM (66,592)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 1-10 | 2-9 | 1-10 | 1-10 | 3-8 | 2-9 | 2-9 | 12-65 |
| ATS | 2-6 | 8-3 | 6-3-2 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 3-6-1 | 4-7 | 33-37-3 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-2 | 3-2 | 2-1-2 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 13-12-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-6 |
| Away Dog | 1-3 | 5-1 | 4-2 | 1-3 | 1-4 | 3-1-1 | 2-4 | 17-18-1 |
| Favorite | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 3-7 |
| Dog | 2-5 | 8-3 | 6-3-2 | 4-4 | 4-5 | 3-4-1 | 3-6 | 30-30-3 |
| Grass | 1-0 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 0-4 | 1-1-1 | 0-1 | 6-10-1 |
| Artificial | 1-6 | 6-3 | 4-2-2 | 5-3 | 5-2 | 2-5 | 4-6 | 27-27-2 |
| vs BIG EAST | 2-4 | 5-2 | 5-0-2 | 3-4 | 5-2 | 2-5 | 4-3 | 26-20-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-2 | 3-1 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 0-4 | 1-1-1 | 0-4 | 7-17-1 |
| Off SU Win | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-3 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 5-7 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-4 | 6-2 | 5-2-2 | 3-6 | 5-2 | 2-4-1 | 2-6 | 25-26-3 |

## Coach: BOBBY WALLACE (Career 86-54-1)
### *Wallace's records AT TEMPLE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year at Temple | | 1-1 | Home Favorite |
| 4-18 | Straight Up | 1-5 | Home Underdog |
| 7-13-1 | Vs The Spread | 0-1 | Away Favorite |
| 4-10-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 5-6-1 | Away Underdog |
| 6-8 | Vs BIG EAST | 1-5-1 | Vs Non-BIG EAST |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | Sugar | NL | Tulane | 14-20 | L |
| 79 | Garden St | +1 | California | 28-17 | W |

# TEMPLE (2-9)

CONFERENCE: **BIG EAST**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 5***
**DEFENSE: 5**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 51 (23,22,6)**
**Lost: 22 (11,11,0)**

## TEMPLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 13.9 | 15 | 60 | 2.4 | 205 | 57.4 | 19.0 | 0 | 1999 | 6 | 33.3 | 21 | 192 | 4.2 | 213 | 61.3 | 12.2 |
| 7* | 18.0 | 17 | 197 | 4.0 | 116 | 40.4 | 17.4 | -4 | 1998 | 5 | 32.7 | 22 | 219 | 4.8 | 185 | 60.7 | 12.3 |
| 5 | 19.3 | 17 | 152 | 3.7 | 173 | 53.3 | 16.9 | -14 | 1997 | 5 | 33.7 | 20 | 200 | 4.5 | 187 | 59.6 | 11.5 |
| 9* | 19.8 | 18 | 104 | 2.6 | 226 | 50.0 | 16.4 | -9 | 1996 | 7 | 35.1 | 19 | 210 | 5.3 | 187 | 49.8 | 11.3 |
| 10* | 17.0 | 18 | 106 | 3.2 | 200 | 44.3 | 18.0 | -14 | 1995 | 6 | 32.5 | 23 | 193 | 4.1 | 211 | 59.3 | 12.4 |
| 8* | 22.2 | 18 | 77 | 2.3 | 252 | 52.5 | 14.8 | +9 | 1994 | 9 | 37.9 | 22 | 232 | 5.3 | 213 | 60.0 | 11.7 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Maryland | 12 | 21-26 | 1.2 | 32-51 | 228 | 2 | 12 | 42-202 | 4.8 | 10-24 | 100 | 0 | -3 |
| at Kansas St | 6 | 19-28 | 1.5 | 13-37 | 54 | 3 | 24 | 55-260 | 4.7 | 12-26 | 173 | 4 | -1 |
| at Akron | 14 | 27-107 | 4.0 | 15-33 | 174 | 0 | 24 | 57-318 | 5.6 | 13-20 | 108 | 1 | +1 |
| at Marshall | 14 | 28-28 | 1.0 | 21-39 | 157 | 4 | 30 | 44-186 | 4.2 | 27-39 | 400 | 1 | +1 |
| at Pittsburgh | 19 | 21-20 | 1.0 | 31-47 | 322 | 7 | 22 | 44-166 | 3.8 | 12-16 | 220 | 0 | -1 |
| Boston College | 24 | 33-156 | 4.7 | 30-48 | 273 | 1 | 20 | 35-105 | 3.0 | 20-32 | 230 | 4 | +2 |
| at W Virginia | 16 | 26-67 | 2.6 | 24-47 | 297 | 5 | 18 | 43-104 | 2.4 | 16-29 | 266 | 4 | +1 |
| Rutgers | 31 | 26-174 | 6.7 | 39-52 | 329 | 1 | 17 | 40-110 | 2.8 | 15-23 | 214 | 8 | 0 |
| at Syracuse | 7 | 17-12 | 0.7 | 21-32 | 93 | 8 | 20 | 50-104 | 2.1 | 15-26 | 135 | 3 | 0 |
| Virginia Tech | 10 | 28-(-2) | -0.1 | 19-37 | 226 | 6 | 20 | 53-315 | 5.9 | 9-12 | 196 | 5 | -1 |
| at Miami (Fla) | 12 | 25-41 | 1.6 | 20-39 | 97 | 5 | 26 | 34-239 | 7.0 | 25-37 | 301 | 0 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 165 | 271-657 | 2.4 | 265-462 | 2250 | 42 | 233 | 497-2109 | 4.2 | 174-284 | 2343 | 30 | 0 |
| AVERAGES | 15.0 | 25-60 | 2.4 | 24-42 | 205 | 3.8 | 21.2 | 45-192 | 4.2 | 16-26 | 213 | 2.7 | 0.0 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kansas St | +24' | 7-34 | L |
| at W Virginia | +24 | 13-24 | W |
| at Penn St | +34 | 14-66 | L |
| Bowling Green | +4' | 31-37 | L |
| at Syracuse | +22 | 14-31 | W |
| Pittsburgh | +10 | 29-27 | W |
| at E Carolina | +18 | 22-32 | W |
| at Miami (Fla) | +26 | 12-36 | W |
| Boston College | +10 | 9-10 | W |
| Virginia Tech | +22 | 16-38 | T |
| Rutgers | +3 | 20-23 | T |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at E Michigan | -2' | 28-24 | W |
| Washington St | +10 | 34-38 | W |
| at Bowling Green | +3 | 16-20 | L |
| † Penn St | +28 | 0-41 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | -2 | 52-53 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +23 | 0-38 | L |
| W Virginia | +21 | 10-30 | W |
| at Rutgers | -1' | 17-28 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | +24 | 26-57 | L |
| at Boston College | +10 | 20-21 | W |
| Syracuse | +31 | 15-36 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at W Michigan | -2 | 14-34 | L |
| Boston College | +12 | 28-21 | W |
| at Penn St | +37 | 10-52 | L |
| Virginia Tech | +23' | 13-23 | W |
| Maryland | +2 | 21-24 | L |
| Pittsburgh | +5 | 17-13 | W |
| at Syracuse | +28 | 7-60 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +20 | 15-47 | L |
| Rutgers | -10 | 49-7 | W |
| at Navy | +13 | 17-49 | L |
| at W Virginia | +21 | 21-41 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Toledo | +12' | 12-24 | W |
| Akron | -9' | 28-35 | L |
| at Boston College | +18 | 7-31 | L |
| at Maryland | +10 | 20-30 | T |
| William & Mary | NL | 38-45 | – |
| W Virginia | +25 | 7-37 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +35' | 28-24 | W |
| at Rutgers | -3 | 10-21 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | +14 | 34-33 | W |
| Miami (Fla) | +23' | 7-42 | L |
| Syracuse | +27 | 7-38 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maryland | +5' | 0-6 | L |
| at Kansas St | +34 | 0-40 | L |
| at Akron | -1 | 15-25 | L |
| at Marshall | +28 | 0-34 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | +17' | 24-55 | L |
| Boston College | +14 | 24-14 | W |
| at W Virginia | +17 | 17-20 | W |
| Rutgers | -10 | 56-28 | W |
| at Syracuse | +18 | 10-27 | W |
| Virginia Tech | +29 | 7-62 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +31 | 0-55 | L |

# TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Vols have had some outstanding QB play in recent years highlighted by NFL Pro Bowler Peyton Manning, and then his replacement Tee Martin (#5DC of PIT) who led the team to a National Title in 1998. This year there could be a true frosh as the starter as Tennessee signed 2 VHT's in Casey Clausen and John Rattay. Both are 6-4 and over 200 lbs & both enrolled early to participated in spring drills. They will battle Joey Mathews and A.J. Suggs. Mathews (PS#29) is by far the most experienced as he spent the 98 season as a redshirt learning the system and last year was the backup seeing action in 8 games with 7 pass attempts. A.J. Suggs (PS#17) has the best size of the group (6-4 220) and participated in spring practices last year hitting 13 of 22 for 155 yards in the spring game. He was redshirted in 99 and was the most impressive QB in the spring game this year. Tee Martin threw for 2,540 yards (54%) with a 13-11 ratio and also rushed for 430 yards but those numbers were weaker than 98. No matter who wins the starting QB job, I expect them to do well but naturally, this unit is less experienced.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Jamal Lewis (#1DC of BAL) was perhaps the top RB in the NCAA early in the 98 season but was injured after 4 games. Travis Stephens (PS#30) started the next 4 and finished with 537 yards (4.5). Travis Henry took over and started the final 5 games and barely missed out on topping 1,000 yards with 998 (5.1). The backfield was very crowded last year and Travis Stephens elected to redshirt. Henry did not see a lot of action early, but was actually the team's leading rusher in each of the last 5 games. He doesn't quite have Lewis' speed but did show improved fleetness of foot versus Kentucky with several long runs and says that he improved his speed this offseason. Onterrio Smith (5-11 200 So) was PS#22 and had 189 yards rushing as a true frosh but was dismissed from the team in May. I list the top 3 FB's below. They also signed a VHT this year in Shyrone Carey (PS#22). Besides Lewis, they also lose FB Phillip Crosby (10 sts, 32 yds) but the FB is used mostly as a blocker here. Lewis ran tentatively at times last year after recovering from his injury and despite losing both starters, this unit could actually be improved.

**RECEIVERS** - Tennessee could very well be known as "Wide Receiver U." as they have produced plenty of quality receivers that have gone on to the NFL. Last year they had to replace two of their top three WR's and did have some problems with injuries in this unit. This year they have the benefit of having everyone back plus they have some solid new additions. Competing for time is Eric Locke (5-9 180 So) who was PS#11 and given the #2 jersey at Alabama, a high honor. He had 3 starts as a true frosh and 197 total yards and sat out last year after transferring. Leonard Scott (5-11 170 So) is among the fastest of all players in the NCAA and is a track champ. He got a late start last year and had just 7 receptions but a nifty 20.0 ypc. Fulmer bagged 4 VHT WR's this year out of high school. I list one of them among the Top Newcomers and the others are Rashad Baker (6-0 185, PS#18), Tony Brown (6-3 190, PS#21) and Jabari Greer (5-11 170, PS#22). All of the top TE's are back. With everyone back and added talent this group looks much stronger.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Vols had to replace two starters but still had one of the best O-lines in the NCAA and paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing while only allowing 24 sacks on 313 pass attempts in the regular season. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Spencer Riley (12 sts, 4 yr st'r), RT Josh Tucker (12 sts), LT Chad Clifton (11 sts, 2nd tm SEC, #2DC of GB) and RG Cosey Coleman (12 sts, 1st tm AA, #2DC of TB). Projected starting C Greg Barnum (PS#22) quit the team at the end of spring. Fulmer has a lot of HT's and VHT's in the two deep listed below, but this group is clearly a lot younger and the backups will mostly be underclassmen. It has the potential to be a solid unit but clearly looks weaker than last year's outstanding group.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Vol's had to replace five of their top 10 DL's including one starter. They then lost DT Billy Ratliff to injury after four games. They still had one of the top defensive lines in the NCAA until they were overwhelmed by Nebraska's OL in the bowl. This year they must replace super DE Shaun Ellis (1st tm SEC, 10 sks, 12 tfl, #1DC of NYJ), DT Darwin Walker (11 sts, 3rd tm AA, 7 sks, 9 tfl, #3DC of AZ) and DT Ratliff. It will be tough to replace their top two defenders but Fulmer has plenty of VHT's in the two deep that I list below. DE Overstreet missed most of the spring with a back injury and is questionable for the fall. This looks like another top notch D-line, but does not look quite as strong as the 99 version.

**LINEBACKERS** - The key position in the Vol defense is MLB. When one departs they usually move their best defensive player into that spot. Last year they had seven of nine lettermen returning to this position but did have to replace MLB Al Wilson who was a first round DC. Dominique Stevenson stepped into the middle and did a fine job, but could be moved to OLB to make room for Keyon Whiteside. I list the two deep below and there are plenty of HT's and VHT's in the group. They must replace OLB Raynoch Thompson (12 sts, 1st tm AA, #2DC of AZ) and one backup. Also, I expect Anthony Sessions to slide over to the SS slot but he was still listed at LB after the spring. Fulmer has signed no less than 3 VHT's this year who could see playing time immediately. I like the talent here but overall this unit is a little less experienced than last season and I'll call it down a notch.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Tennessee ranked #29 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 97 and had to replace 3 starters but still rose to #5 in 98. Last year they had 3 starters back and fielded a very talented group but surprisingly dropped down to #32 in the rankings allowing 203 ypg (54.9%) with a 16-21 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are SS Fred White (11 sts, 72 tkls), FS Deon Grant (2nd team AA, 9 int, #2DC of CAR), CB Dwayne Goodrich (1st tm SEC, 3 int, #2DC of DAL), SS Mikki Allen (2 sts, 3 int) and S Derrick Edmonds (22 tkls). Fulmer did sign three VHT true frosh this year as well as a top notch JUCO who was in for the spring. This is a talented unit and could very well improve on their pass efficiency defense rankings but once again this group is not as experienced as last season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Surprisingly in the year Tennessee won the National Championship (1998) they finished just #86 in my special teams rankings with the main culprit being net punting. David Leaverton (PS#11) struggled his first few years here but finally came into his own last season averaging a lofty 42.6 on his punts. He also took over the KO duties (after Robert Loudermilk was inj'd) and produced solid results there. The Vols leaped all the way up to #24 in my special teams rankings and the good news is that everyone is back this year including some explosive returnmen like Leonard Scott (26.3 on KR's). You will find this group ranked in my preseason top 10 in the special teams.

The young Vols defense looks to rise to the occasion in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jamal Lewis | 190 | 872 | 37 | 835 | 7 | 4.4 |
| **Travis Henry** | **135** | **856** | **35** | **821** | **9** | **6.1** |
| Tee Martin | 89 | 430 | 125 | 305 | 9 | 3.4 |
| Onterrio Smith | 31 | 209 | 20 | 189 | 4 | 6.1 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Tee Martin | 339 | 184 | 54.3 | 2540 | 13 | 11 |
| **Joey Mathews** | **7** | **3** | **42.9** | **47** | **0** | **1** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Cedrick Wilson** | | **64** | **902** | **13.5** | **4** | **64** |
| **Eric Parker** | | **33** | **443** | **13.4** | **1** | **45** |
| **Donte' Stallworth** | | **31** | **515** | **16.6** | **3** | **71** |
| Jamal Lewis | | 15 | 193 | 12.9 | 1 | 34 |
| **David Martin** | | **14** | **226** | **16.1** | **2** | **43** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **David Leaverton** | **64** | **2729** | **42.6** | **-** | **39.0** | **0** | **19** |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Alex Walls** | **3-4** | **2-2** | **2-5** | **1-1** | **8-12** | **51** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Raynoch Thompson | 94 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 3 |
| Deon Grant | 77 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 9 |
| **Dominque Stevenson** | **73** | **2** | **9** | **3** | **0** |
| Fred White | 72 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| **Will Overstreet** | **63** | **8** | **8** | **1** | **0** |
| **Eric Westmoreland** | **61** | **1** | **9** | **3** | **0** |
| Darwin Walker | 53 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Shaun Ellis | 48 | 10 | 12 | 1 | 0 |
| **Andre Lott** | **47** | **0** | **1** | **10** | **1** |
| **John Henderson** | **46** | **4** | **5** | **2** | **0** |
| Dwayne Goodrich | 39 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| Mikki Allen | 38 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| **Anthony Sessions** | **29** | **4** | **2** | **0** | **0** |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Eric Parker** | **45** | **404** | **8.9** | **1** |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Leonard Scott** | **23** | **604** | **26.3** | **1** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**WYOMING -24 42-17 WIN** UT had a 522-203 yd edge & held WY to just 8 rush yds. WY did lead 10-7 after 1Q but UT scored 4 TD's in a span of 7:00 in the 2Q, the final coming on a fumble by WY backup QB Swanson which UT ret'd for a TD, 35-10 at half. WY drove 98 yds for a TD, 35-17. WY was int'd at the UT 6. In the final 2 mins UT's starting offense went 94 yds & w/ a 1st & goal at the 1, instead of kneeling, Fulmer went for the spread covering TD w/ :22 left. WY had 4 TO's & played well except for that 7 min span in the 2Q.

**AT FLORIDA +2 21-23 TIE** UF got a 75 yd drive for a 23 yd FG. UF had 5 TO's to just 1 for UT. UT got a 32 yd TD drive foll a fmbl. UF settled for 33 & 41 yd FG's. UF got a 2 play, 69 yd TD drive just before half, 16-7. UF got a 80 yd 3Q TD drive, 23-7. UT got a 14 yd TD drive foll an int & UF was SOD at the UT 17. UT drove 99 yds in 11 plays for a TD & got an int 3 plays later but was SOD at the UF 34 & UF ran out the clock.

**MEMPHIS -30' 17-16 LOSS** UM almost bagged their 2nd straight upset of UT & won this everywhere except on the scoreboard. In the 1H UT had just 2 FD & 49 total yds. UT got a 69 yd PR for a TD in the 1Q & UM hit a 32 yd FG. Later UM was int'd in the EZ. UT got a 37 yd 3Q FG but UM QB Suber hit an 82 yd TD pass. UM settled for a 34 yd FG & had a 1st & goal at the UT 6 but settled for a 21 yd FG w/ 3:20 left. UM had a 270-138 yd edge at this point & led 16-10 but gave up a 78 yd TD drive (1:00 left) including a 53 yd pass. Memphis got 2 FD's but were then SOD on their final drive & UT hung on.

**AUBURN -19 24-0 WIN** AU's def played well but Klein threw an int that UT ret'd for a TD on the 1st play. UT had trouble inside the redzone, fumbling at the 2, getting int'd at the 22 & int'd in the EZ. UT did get a short FG, 10-0 at half. UT got a TD drive & AU missed a 33 yd FG. UT had a 1st & goal at the 10 but were int'd but then drove 45 yds for a TD w/ 4:34 left & ended things at the AU 5, taking a knee. UT had a 401-222 yd edge.

**GEORGIA -10' 37-20 WIN** I used UT as a 4★ Late Phone Selection. UT had 64, 83, 65 & 82 yd TD drives in a 1H in which they amassed 333 yds. UGA had one 90 yd TD drive, 28-7 at half. UT added a safety on a bad snap on a punt & led 30-7. Tenn QB Martin was inj'd early 4Q & did not return. UGA ret'd an int for a TD & added a Carter TD pass, 30-20. Scott ret'd the KO 100 yds for a TD. UGA was SOD twice. UT had a 458-282 yd edge.

**AT ALABAMA -3 21-7 WIN** 86,869, largest crowd ever in Alabama. UA got a 1Q 90 yd TD drive kept alive with UT offsides on a punt. UT got a 60 yd drive for a TD with 5:14 left. Each team lost their starting QB late 2Q but they ret'd in the 3Q. UT got a 43 yd TD pass early 3Q. Defenses controlled the game until UT went 85 yds & Martin's 21 yd TD run with 8:26 left, 21-7. The Vols drove 79 yds & had a 1st & goal at the Tide 3 but fumbled with 3:21 left. Bama got 3 FD's on their final drive.

**S CAROLINA -33' 30-7 LOSS** Sandwich spot for UT. UT took its opening drive 62 yds for a TD and the offense, which had 413 yds, got 213 on just 4 plays. Lewis' 70 yd TD run made it 14-0 in the 2Q & the Vols added 33 & 47 yd FG's, 20-0 at half. SC was SOD at the UT 27 & missed a 42 yd FG in the 3Q. UT got a 51 yd FG & a 72 yd pass set up a 1 yd TD, 30-0. SC took over with under 1:00 left & got a 63 yd garbage TD drive.

**NOTRE DAME -9' 38-14 WIN** UT got a 24 yd FG after a ND int. Each team had a long TD drive, 10-7 with 3:26 left 1H. UT went 80 yds for a TD with :09 left, 17-7. UT drove 50 yds for a TD and then got a 40 yd TD run, 31-7. ND drove 45 yds for a TD but was SOD at the UT 9 w/ 12:02 left. UT drove 91 yds in 19 plays for the final TD on a 14 yd scamper by Martin & ND got no closer in the third meeting in the 90's for these 2 schools.

**AT ARKANSAS -8 24-28 LOSS** I used a 4★ Late Phone Selection on UA. UA DB Barrett returned an int 43 yds for a TD early on, 7-0. UT got a 43 yd FG and drove 30 yds for a TD after a fmbl'd punt, 10-7. UA drove 72 yds for a TD & UT went 80 yds for a TD. UT drove to the UA 13 but a sack forced a punt. At half UT led 17-14 & had a 17-6 FD edge. UT went 45 yds for a TD foll an int mid 3Q. UA drove 73 yds for a TD. UT fmbl'd at the UA 20 late 3Q. UA drove 80 yds for a TD with 3:44 left. UT got to the UA 17 but were SOD & the Hogs avenged the tough loss from the year before.

**AT KENTUCKY -12' 56-21 WIN** I used a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on UT & a 3★ Late Phone Play. UT scored TD's on 4 of their 1st 5 poss, 27-0. UK got 2 TD's in the final 6:51 but that got UT's attention. UT marched 60, 38, 61 and 22 yds for TD's. The 4th coming with 5:26 left, 56-14. UK got a 75 yd garbage TD drive. UT RB Henry, who played in place of an inj'd Lewis, had 179 rush yds on 23 carries for a 7.8 ypc.

**VANDERBILT -23 38-10 WIN** UT dominated with a 476-179 yd edge including 315 rushing yds. The Vols led 17-0 before Vandy drove 68 yds in 3 plays for a TD. VU got a 36 yd FG but UT converted on 3rd & 10 & 4th & 3 on an 85 yd drive for a TD with 2:00 left in half, 24-10. After a scoreless 3Q UT drove 59 yds in 12 plays & then got a 51 yd TD run by Smith, 38-10. Vandy did not threaten in the 4Q.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Everything went Tennessee's way in 1998 and they took home the National Title at 13-0. Last year a good portion of the team was back but the Vols had a disappointing 9-3 campaign. The regular season almost got them back to the title game but they suffered two heartbreaking losses that were by a combined 6 points. They appeared in their third straight Alliance Bowl game and even after the loss to Nebraska, notched their fifth straight Top 10 final ranking. Phil Fulmer leads active coaches in winning percentage with a current record of 76-14 84.4%. To put his record in perspective, Joe Paterno is second at 79.3%. No Volunteer player had left early for the NFL since 1993 but this year five departed as did a good portion of their national championship team of which only 3 players remain. Overall the Vols have to replace 12 starters including 9 NFL draft picks. They have a rebuilt offensive line and will be very young at QB. The skill positions are solid but they look weaker overall on offense. The defense has plenty of talent but also lost some big time players and looks weaker in all 3 units. They must play a vastly improved Georgia on the road and also face Florida and Bama the SEC's two Top 10 caliber teams. The schedule maker is also not kind as all of their tough games are early in the season for this young team. They could win their last 5 games down the stretch but the SEC East will no longer be a two horse town (Florida & Tenn) this year.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| OL | Michael Munoz | 6-7 285 PS#3 |
| DB | O.J. Owens | 6-1 195 PS#4 |
| DL | Lynn McGruder | 6-3 285 PS#7 |
| QB | Casey Clausen | 6-4 210 PS#4 |
| QB | John Rattay | 6-4 205 PS#9 |
| OL | Sean Young | 6-8 298 PS#10 |
| DL | Jason Witten | 6-6 262 PS#13 |
| WR | Mark Jones | 5-10 170 PS#15 |
| DB | Lee Wheeler | 5-10 170 PS#10 |
| LB | Karlton Neal | 6-4 235 PS#15 |


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**QB Joey Matthews So.** 6-3 215 *PS#29 in 98, 7 passes, 8 gms in 99. A.J Suggs (6-4 220 rFr) PS#17. Casey Clausen PS#4. John Rattay PS#9.*

**TB Travis Henry Sr.** 5-11 220 *PS#19, 5 sts in 98, 998 yds (5.1). 3 sts in 99, 821 yds (6.1). Travis Stephens (5-9 190 Jr) PS#30, 537 yds (4.5) in 98.*

**FB Will Bartholomew Jr.** 6-0 232 *34 yds in 13 gms in 98. 2 sts in 99, 5 yds. Troy Fleming (6-2 217 rFr) PS#28. Kurston Biggers (5-7 188 So) PS#144.*

**WR CEDRICK WILSON SR.** 5-10 175 *PS#43QB in 97, 10 sts, 34 rec (16.6) in 98. 10 sts, #1 w/64 rec (13.5) in 99, 2nd tm SEC. Donte Stallworth (6-1 190 So) PS#72, 31 rec (16.6).*

**WR ERIC PARKER JR.** 6-0 172 *PS#10 in 97. 22 PR (7.5) in 98. 6 sts in 99, 33 rec (13.4), 45 PR (8.9). David Martin (6-4 215 Sr) PS#27, 8 sts ly.* **Eric Locke** *Bama trans.*

**TE JOHN FINLAYSON JR.** 6-4 275 *PS#74OL in 97, 2 sts in 98, 5 rec (12.2). 10 sts in 99, 2 rec (11.0). Neil Johnson (6-4 255 Sr) PS#55TE, 2 sts, 2 rec in 99.*

**C Toby Champion Sr.** 6-4 310 *PS#54DL. 3 games in 97. 8 games in 98 & 99, 2 letters at OG. Moves to C. Scott Wells (6-2 287 rFr) PS#94DL.*

**RG Bernard Gooden Sr.** 6-3 315 *PS#20, 9 gms, 2 yrs, 1 letter. Terriea Smalls (6-3 318 rFr) PS#19DL in 99. Shoulder surgery & RS ly. +23 lbs.*

**LG FRED WEARY JR.** 6-4 301 *PS#18, 8 tkls as rFr. 12 sts at RT in 99. +10 lbs. Reggie Ridley (6-4 250 So). Trey Jernigan (6-6 310 Fr) PS#119DL.*

**RT Will Ofenheusle So.** 6-8 315 *PS#55, 2nd string in 98 but reds, 11 gms as rFr and lettered, solid size. MIP Off in spring. Sean Young is PS#10.*

**LT Reggie Coleman Jr.** 6-3 315 *PS#56 in 97. Injury in 98, 10 games, 1 st in 99, lettered. Added 10 lbs. Michael Munoz is PS#3OL.*

**K ALEX WALLS SO.** 6-1 175 *PS#25K in 98. Hit 8 of 12 FG's in 99, long of 51, 38 of 39 xp's. Steven Lee (6-0 167 rFr). Three 50+ FG's in HS.*

**DE DeAngelo Lloyd Sr.** 6-5 265 *PS#6. 9 tkls in 97. 34 tkls, 5 tfl in 98. 13 tkls, 1 sk ly. Constantin Ritzmann (6-4 252 So) PS#35, 10 tkls, 2 sks as true.*

**DT JOHN HENDERSON JR.** 6-7 290 *PS#1 in 98. 8 sts as So, 46 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. Chavis Smith (6-3 250 Fr) PS#51 in 99, played at Fork Union ly.*

**DT Albert Haynesworth So.** 6-6 310 *PS#5. 16 tkls as true, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Rashad Moore (6-4 290 So) PS#47, 6 tkls. Lynn McGruder is PS#7.*

**DE WILL OVERSREET JR.** 6-4 255 *PS#33, 17 tkls, 3 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 63 tkls, 8 sks, 8 tfl ly. Bernard Jackson (6-4 255 Jr) PS#6LB, 27 tkls, 3 tfl 2 yrs.*

**OLB ERIC WESTMORELAND SR.** 6-0 230 *PS#86. 40 tkls, 5 tfl in 96 & 97. 13 sts in 98, 83 tkls, 14 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 61 tkls, 10 tfl. Karlton Neal (6-4 235 Fr) is PS#15.*

**MLB Keyon Whiteside So.** 6-2 230 *PS#29, 16 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Austin Kemp (6-2 230 Jr) PS#7 in 97. 16 tkls in 2 yrs. Robert Peace PS#24 in for spring.*

**OLB DOMINIQUE STEVENSON SR.** 6-0 220 *PS#45RB. 21 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 11 sts at MLB in 99, 73 tkls, 11 tfl. Andre James (6-2 218 Jr) PS#33, 21 tkls in 99.*

**CB ANDRE LOTT SR.** 5-11 185 *PS#34 in 97. 24 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 47 tkls, 1 int, 10 pbu. Teddy Gaines (6-0 165 Jr) PS#80, 1 st, 3 pbu in 99.*

**CB Willie Miles Jr.** 6-0 175 *PS#9, 8 tkls as true. 11 tkls in 99, 1 tfl, 1 int. Charles Small (6-0 185 Jr) PS#81JC, 16 pbu at JC ly. In for spring.*

**SS Anthony Sessions Sr.** 6-1 215 *PS#14JC. QB in HS, 2 sts at LB in 99, 29 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. Steven Marsh (6-1 180 So) PS#78. O.J. Owens PS#4.*

**FS Sterling Kazee rFr.** 6-2 180 *PS#11 in 99. Tad Golden (6-1 190 Jr) PS#73, 23 tkls, 2 yrs. Burney Veazey (6-2 195 Jr) PS#131QB, 6 rec, 2 yrs.*

**P DAVID LEAVERTON SR.** 6-4 210 *PS#11 in 98. 8 punts in 97 (36.4). 61 punts in 98, 38.8 avg. 64 punts in 99, solid 42.6 avg, net of 39.0 & did KO's.*

# TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

Knoxville, Tennessee
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score TENN | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UT does not play Ole Miss this year, but they are 8-5 ATS in that series since 1981 & the visitor is 5-1 ATS the L/6. All 11 regular season games are on grass this year, but the Vols are 11-5 ATS on artificial turf since 1993, 4-2 L/6Y. Tennessee is 7-2 ATS in their home finale. |
| Sep. 2 | S Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tennessee is 9-1 ATS their L/10 season openers. Vols are 16-7 ATS at home vs non-SEC foes since 1990. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: UT is 12-4 SU after a bye week under Fulmer. |
| Sep. 16 | Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Vols are just 2-6-1 ATS the last 9 in this series. Tennessee is 32-21 ATS as a home favorite since 1991. |
| Sep. 23 | UL Monroe (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Coming into 2000, the Vols were 4-1-1 ATS in September the L/2Y. Volunteers are 12-6 ATS as non-conf DD favorites. |
| Sep. 30 | at LSU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UT is 3-7 ATS in the first of B2B away games since 1989. First meeting S '93-UT is 3-0 SU, 2-1 ATS S '89. All-time record is 18-3-3 SU. |
| Oct. 7 | at Georgia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UT is 6-2 ATS vs the Bulldogs the L/10 years, 9 wins in a row SU. Vols are 4-0 ATS the L/2Y prior to a bye week. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UT is 5-8-1 SU, 4-10 ATS vs 'Bama. All-time record is 33-42-7 SU. The visitor is 8-0 ATS the L/8 meetings. |
| Oct. 28 | at S Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UT is 7-0 SU but has covered just 4 of those 7 vs USC. Volunteers are 7-5 ATS the L/3Y as an away fav. |
| Nov. 4 | at Memphis | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Vols are 24-12 ATS vs non-conf teams. Tennessee is 15-1 SU in this series & 8-4 ATS since 1976. |
| Nov.11 | Arkansas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team has won both of the L/2 meetings by an identical 28-24 score. Tennessee is 20-0 SU, 13-7 ATS their L/20 November home games. |
| Nov. 18 | Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UT is 12-4 ATS in their second straight home game. Volunteers have beat Kentucky 15 straight years SU. |
| Nov. 25 | at Vanderbilt* | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tennessee's last SU loss to Vandy came in 1982, a 21-28 defeat. Vols are 17-0 SU & 12-5 ATS in their final road game. |
| | *Adelphia Coliseum | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: NEYLAND STADIUM (104,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-1-1 | 7-4 | 10-1 | 9-2 | 11-1 | 12-0 | 9-2 | 67-11-1 |
| ATS | 8-3 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 5-7 | 8-4 | 7-3-1 | 43-34-1 |
| Home Fav | 6-1 | 2-3 | 4-3 | 3-3 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 5-2 | 25-18 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Away Fav | 1-2 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 1-4 | 2-3 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 14-12 |
| Away Dog | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-0-1 | 3-3-1 |
| Favorite | 7-3 | 5-4 | 6-4 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 5-4 | 7-3 | 39-31 |
| Dog | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 0-0-1 | 4-4-1 |
| Grass | 1-1 | 4-6 | 5-5 | 4-6 | 5-6 | 6-3 | 7-3-1 | 32-30-1 |
| Artificial | 7-2 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 11-5 |
| vs SEC | 5-3 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 3-6 | 6-3 | 5-2-1 | 31-26-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-0 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 12-9 |
| Off SU Win | 6-2 | 3-3 | 4-5 | 1-7 | 4-6 | 7-4 | 5-2-1 | 30-29-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-1 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 6-5 |

## Coach: PHILLIP FULMER (Career 76-14)
### *Fulmer's records AT TENNESSEE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9th Year at Tennessee | | 27-19 | Home Favorite |
| 76-14 | Straight Up | 2-2 | Home Underdog |
| 50-38-1 | Vs The Spread | 16-14 | Away Favorite |
| 7-7 | Off A S/U Loss | 4-3-1 | Away Underdog |
| 35-29-1 | Vs SEC | 15-9 | Vs Non-SEC |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Citrus | +5 | Ohio St | 20-14 | W |
| 96 | Citrus | -8' | Northwestern | 48-28 | W |
| 97 | Orange | +13' | Nebraska | 17-42 | L |
| 98 | Fiesta | +5' | Florida St | 23-16 | W |
| 99 | Fiesta | +4 | Nebraska | 21-31 | L |

# TENNESSEE (9-3)

CONFERENCE: **SEC** EAST

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 4**
**DEFENSE: 5**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 48 (21,25,2)**
**Lost: 23 (9,11,3)**

TENNESSEE

## TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 30.8 | 20 | 179 | 4.4 | 219 | 54.0 | 13.0 | +3 | 1999 | 7 | 16.2 | 17 | 109 | 3.1 | 203 | 54.9 | 19.3 |
| 8 | 33.2 | 19 | 204 | 4.7 | 195 | 57.1 | 12.0 | +16 | 1998 | 5 | 14.5 | 17 | 95 | 2.7 | 204 | 51.9 | 18.0 |
| 7* | 32.9 | 24 | 149 | 4.6 | 321 | 60.9 | 14.3 | -8 | 1997 | 7 | 22.0 | 18 | 118 | 3.4 | 233 | 55.3 | 15.9 |
| 7* | 36.4 | 23 | 125 | 3.5 | 317 | 64.3 | 12.1 | +9 | 1996 | 6 | 15.4 | 14 | 101 | 2.7 | 140 | 47.9 | 15.6 |
| 7* | 35.9 | 25 | 176 | 4.5 | 268 | 63.3 | 12.4 | +14 | 1995 | 9 | 19.0 | 18 | 121 | 3.1 | 211 | 55.4 | 16.9 |
| 7 | 30.3 | 22 | 233 | 4.8 | 189 | 61.2 | 13.9 | +5 | 1994 | 5 | 17.3 | 18 | 151 | 3.9 | 190 | 56.8 | 19.7 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Wyoming | 24 | 41-258 | 6.3 | 14-21 | 264 | 1 | | 20 | 40-8 | 0.2 | 22-30 | 195 | 13 | +1 |
| at Florida | 17 | 40-95 | 2.4 | 16-40 | 192 | 7 | | 19 | 27-123 | 4.6 | 21-44 | 343 | 0 | +4 |
| Memphis | 10 | 32-44 | 1.4 | 15-28 | 172 | 2 | | 12 | 38-62 | 1.6 | 10-25 | 228 | 3 | 0 |
| Auburn | 21 | 46-181 | 3.9 | 16-27 | 220 | 2 | | 14 | 27-75 | 2.8 | 15-30 | 147 | 4 | 0 |
| Georgia | 21 | 39-165 | 4.2 | 22-36 | 293 | 1 | | 17 | 30-54 | 1.8 | 20-35 | 228 | 5 | -3 |
| at Alabama | 18 | 48-190 | 4.0 | 11-18 | 147 | 3 | | 15 | 24-94 | 3.9 | 20-40 | 173 | 1 | -1 |
| S Carolina | 17 | 36-176 | 4.9 | 12-24 | 237 | 1 | | 11 | 42-103 | 2.5 | 8-17 | 122 | 3 | -2 |
| Notre Dame | 23 | 41-217 | 5.3 | 18-32 | 196 | 1 | | 17 | 43-121 | 2.8 | 15-24 | 170 | 4 | +2 |
| at Arkansas | 29 | 39-169 | 4.3 | 22-44 | 311 | 3 | | 18 | 30-144 | 4.8 | 18-28 | 228 | 0 | 0 |
| at Kentucky | 20 | 44-294 | 6.7 | 8-22 | 171 | 2 | | 24 | 30-117 | 3.9 | 32-50 | 361 | 5 | +4 |
| Vanderbilt | 19 | 53-315 | 5.9 | 14-21 | 161 | 1 | | 11 | 33-85 | 2.6 | 7-21 | 94 | 2 | -1 |
| Nebraska (Bowl) | 17 | 26-44 | 1.7 | 20-35 | 267 | 3 | | 23 | 56-321 | 5.7 | 9-15 | 148 | 2 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 236 | 485-2148 | 4.4 | 188-348 | 2631 | 27 | | 201 | 420-1307 | 3.1 | 197-359 | 2437 | 42 | +3 |
| AVERAGES | 19.7 | 40-179 | 4.4 | 16-29 | 219 | 2.3 | | 16.8 | 35-109 | 3.1 | 16-30 | 203 | 3.6 | 0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| E Carolina | -17 | 27-7 | W |
| Georgia | -12' | 30-27 | L |
| at Florida | +7 | 37-62 | L |
| Mississippi St | -12 | 52-14 | W |
| Oklahoma St | -35' | 31-0 | L |
| at Arkansas | -7 | 49-31 | W |
| at Alabama | -4 | 41-14 | W |
| S Carolina | -18 | 56-21 | W |
| S Mississippi | -26 | 42-0 | W |
| at Kentucky | -27' | 34-31 | L |
| Vanderbilt | -37 | 12-7 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| UNLV | -53' | 62-3 | W |
| UCLA | -19 | 35-20 | L |
| Florida | -3 | 29-35 | L |
| at Mississippi | -23 | 41-3 | W |
| at Georgia | -14 | 29-17 | L |
| Alabama | -14 | 20-13 | L |
| at S Carolina | -18 | 31-14 | L |
| at Memphis | -27 | 17-21 | L |
| Arkansas | -24' | 55-14 | W |
| Kentucky | -28 | 56-10 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -25' | 14-7 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Texas Tech | -25 | 52-17 | W |
| at UCLA | -15 | 30-24 | L |
| at Florida | +4 | 20-33 | L |
| Mississippi | -26' | 31-17 | L |
| Georgia | -9' | 38-13 | W |
| at Alabama | -8' | 38-21 | W |
| S Carolina | -21' | 22-7 | L |
| S Mississippi | -19 | 44-20 | W |
| at Arkansas | -25 | 30-22 | L |
| at Kentucky | -16' | 59-31 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -28 | 17-10 | L |
| † Auburn | -6' | 30-29 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Syracuse | E | 34-33 | W |
| Florida | +3 | 20-17 | W |
| Houston | -27' | 42-7 | W |
| at Auburn | -6' | 17-9 | W |
| at Georgia | +3 | 22-3 | W |
| Alabama | -17' | 35-18 | L |
| at S Carolina | -17 | 49-14 | W |
| Alabama-Birm | -42 | 37-13 | L |
| Arkansas | -9 | 28-24 | L |
| Kentucky | -10' | 59-21 | W |
| at Vanderbilt | -28' | 41-0 | W |
| † Mississippi St | -14' | 24-14 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wyoming | -24 | 42-17 | W |
| at Florida | +2 | 21-23 | T |
| Memphis | -30' | 17-16 | L |
| Auburn | -19 | 24-0 | W |
| Georgia | -10' | 37-20 | W |
| at Alabama | -3 | 21-7 | W |
| S Carolina | -33' | 30-7 | L |
| Notre Dame | -9' | 38-14 | W |
| at Arkansas | -8 | 24-28 | L |
| at Kentucky | -12' | 56-21 | W |
| Vanderbilt | -23 | 38-10 | W |

# TEXAS LONGHORNS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Horns have a pair of top notch QB's contending for the starting job. Major Applewhite has had two tremendous seasons but was injured in the Cotton Bowl and missed spring practice recovering from ACL surgery. He has started 23 of the Longhorns' games the past two years and was the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year in 1999. He should be ready by the September 9th opener. He set 10 single season school records last year including completions, passing yards and TD passes and is 17-6 as a starter. I had expected a drop-off in Applewhite's statistics with defenses no longer keying on Ricky Williams, but he actually improved from 2,453 yards passing and an 18-11 ratio in 98 to 3,478 yards (58.6%) with a 21-9 ratio last year. Chris Simms, who was PS#1 out of high school, saw action as a true frosh and has NFL size & arm strength. He had a big spring hitting 11 of 12 in the spring game. Adam Hall (6-2-205 rFr, PS #53) split the snaps with Simms in the spring but decided to transfer. Chance Mock is PS#6 and Tony Jeffrey (6-2 170) is PS#57 this year. Both newcomers will likely redshirt. This could be the best QB unit in the NCAA.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Longhorns were trying to replace a legend in Ricky Williams and really struggled in the first 3 games with no one stepping to the forefront. Hodges Mitchell, who had just 103 yards in the first 3 games, exploded down the stretch rushing for 1,226 yards in the next 9 games before being banged up in the final two. Brown felt that maybe Mitchell's production dropped at year's end because of the pounding his undersized frame endured being the feature back, and will probably split the carries up more this season. They lose starting FB Ricky Brown (12 sts, 104 yds) as well as their short yardage TD man FB Chris Robertson (10 TD's in 18 carries). Victor Ike was the #2 TB last year and like Mitchell is a VHT (PS#20). He had 274 yards as a rFr. Kenny Hayter (5-11 217 So) is another VHT (PS#18) and had 113 yards rushing as a true frosh. I list the top three FB's below. Also in the mix is Jason Barron (6-2 242 rFr, PS#128). Watch Tyrone Richardson (6-2 235 Fr) who was PS #39 and originally signed last year. Brown also landed another VHT RB this year (see Top Newcomers). This group has much more experience than it had coming into last year and should be solidly improved.

**RECEIVERS** - The Longhorns had to replace 2 starters from this unit last year and 3 of their top 4 receivers. Kwame Cavil (left early for NFL, undrafted) had a sensational year earning 2nd team All American honors with 1,188 yards receiving. WR Ryan Nunez (12 sts, 62 rec), backup WR Jeremy Jones (14 rec) and backup TE Chris Smith (4 rec) also depart. If you look at the 2 deep below, you see that Brown had 2 VHT WR's already on the roster in Montrell Flowers and Artie Ellis and went out and signed 3 more this year (see Top Newcomers) including 2 of the year's top 5. Also in the mix at WR are Brandon Healy (6-1 200 Sr, PS#58) who had 8 rec's in 99. The TE position also has 3 VHT's including two true frosh (see Top Newcomers). Bo Scaife (PS#2) may emerge as a go-to guy this season. I really like the talent Brown has assembled here. Even with the loss of their top 2 receivers this group could actually be improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Horns had to replace four starters from a very productive offensive line. The unit did surprisingly well in the first 11 games, allowing just 19 sacks but struggled over the final three games allowing 20 sacks. After rushing for 5.1 ypc in 98, the Horns dropped to just 3.5 (of course they also lost Ricky Williams). This is a much more veteran group in 2000 as the only loss is LG Roger Roesler (14 sts, 1st tm Big 12, 3 yr st'r). Three of the five projected starters are VHT's as are 2 of the backups. The starters are a massive group averaging a whopping 331 lbs per man, perhaps the biggest in the NCAA. With the added seasoning, this group should make HUGE strides.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Horns had one of the best D-lines in the NCAA last year and were loaded with talent and experience. This year they must replace their starting DE's in Aaron Humphrey (12 sts, 10 sks, 2nd team Big 12) and DT Cedric Woodard (14 sts, 4 sks, 10 tfl, #6 DC of BAL). They have one of the top sets of DT's in the country with Shaun Rogers and Casey Hampton both taking home 1st Team Big 12 honors & combining for 50 tfl and 187 tackles and weighing a combined 620 lbs. They are backed by a pair of young VHT's. The top 3 DE's that I list below are also VHT's. This is once again one of the more talented D-lines in the country but with the loss of a pair of Texas career sack leaders, this group is a little weaker in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Horns had to replace 1.5 starters last year and this year lose OLB Aaron Babino (7 sts, 27 tkls) and OLB Anthony Hicks (20 tkls). All three starters listed below started the last three games and Brown has added 2 VHT true frosh. This group is more experienced than last year and is made up of 4 juniors, 2 sophomores and 3 freshmen, so it will continue to improve.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Texas ranked #88 and #95 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 97 & 98. Last year they had 2 starters returning but then lost one in the first game to injury (Quentin Jammer). Due to a beefed up front 7 helping them, they moved up to #50 allowing just 44.8% completions with a 12-12 ratio but taking on a very soft slate of opposing QB's. They should make more strides in the rankings this year as the only loss is backup CB Terrol Dillon (27 tkls). No less than 7 players in the 2 deep listed below have starting experience and there are 7 VHT's in the 3 deep of this unit. This should be one of the stronger secondaries in the NCAA.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - While Mack Brown has been a highly successful head coach at both N Carolina and Texas, his special teams units have actually finished at the bottom third of my rankings for 4 straight years. In 98 the Horns were a very poor #109 in my special teams rankings with net punting holding them down. Last year they finished an equally poor #106 in the overall rankings and once again their net punting of 30.9 put them near the bottom. They also gave up 3 blocked punts vs NC State which cost them that game and finished -2 in the TD/blk category. Last year I said that with the majority of the key players returning, they could only improve, but I expected Brown to put major emphasis on this category in the offseason. He did bring in a couple of top notch frosh K's to contend for the punting job. Most of the key returnmen are back and I look for massive improvement from this group especially with the talent that Brown has been stockpiling. I look for the Horns to stampede into the upper half of the special teams rankings this year.

UT's Applewhite faces some Major competition from VHT Simms.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hodges Mitchell** | 269 | - | - | 1379 | 9 | 5.1 |
| **Victor Ike** | 68 | - | - | 274 | 5 | 4.0 |
| **Kenny Hayter** | 33 | - | - | 113 | 1 | 3.4 |
| Ricky Brown | 25 | - | - | 104 | 0 | 4.2 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Major Applewhite** | 488 | 286 | 58.6 | 3478 | 21 | 9 |
| **Chris Simms** | 54 | 27 | 50.0 | 314 | 2 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kwame Cavil | 100 | 1188 | 11.9 | 6 | 78 |
| Ryan Nunez | 62 | 648 | 10.5 | 3 | 39 |
| **Montrell Flowers** | 39 | 614 | 15.7 | 6 | 54 |
| **Hodges Mitchell** | 35 | 347 | 9.9 | 1 | 38 |
| **Mike Jones** | 19 | 194 | 10.2 | 2 | 28 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ryan Long** | 66 | 2625 | 39.8 | - | 33.7 | - | 15 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kris Stockton** | 8-9 | 7-10 | 6-10 | 1-3 | 22-32 | 50 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Casey Hampton** | 102 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| **Lee Jackson** | 91 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| **Greg Brown** | 90 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| **Shaun Rogers** | 85 | 7 | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| **De'Andre Lewis** | 84 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| **Everick Rawls** | 83 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Aaron Humphrey | 74 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| **Ahmad Brooks** | 64 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 2 |
| **Ervis Hill** | 53 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 |
| Cedrick Woodard | 49 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| **Roderick Babers** | 32 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Cory Redding** | 30 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Aaron Babino | 27 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Courtnee Garcia** | 41 | 224 | 5.5 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeremy Jones | 14 | 279 | 19.9 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**NC STATE -9' 20-23 LOSS** Misleading final. UT had 372-172 yd & 20-7 FD edges but suffered 3 blk'd punts. UT got a 25 yd TD drive & 48 yd FG foll NCS TO's. NCS got an 80 yd drive for a TD. UT had a punt blk'd for a safety & got an 80 yd TD pass, 17-9 at half. In the 4Q UT had a punt blk'd for a NCS TD, 17-15. UT got a 26 yd FG, 20-15. NCS blk'd another punt for a TD, 23-20. UT was SOD & int'd on their final 2 drives.

**STANFORD -10' 69-17 WIN** UT jumped out to a 14-0 lead but SU drove 54 yds for a TD, 14-7. The rest of the game was all UT & they scored on their next 4 poss, 48-10 at half. It was 55-10 after 3Q's & UT got a 68 yd TD run by Robertson w/ 5:45 left.

**AT RUTGERS -23 38-21 LOSS** UT had just 40 more yds & 4 more FD's (385-345 & 24-20). UT blk'd a punt for a TD. RU settled for a 23 yd FG after a TD was called back on holding. UT got a pair of short TD drives, 21-3 after 1Q. UT got a 2Q 30 yd TD run. RU got a 41 yd FG, 28-6 at half. RU drove for a 3Q TD & 2 pt conv, 31-14. A bad snap on a punt set UT up on the 2 for a TD. RU drove for a 4Q TD for the cover but were done in SU by 3 fmbl's & 2 bad punts or they might have pulled the upset.

**RICE -27 18-13 LOSS** Mitchell had 188 yds. UT dominated the 1H w/ 292 yds but got just 15 pts. Rice went 88 yds for a 3Q TD (2 pt rng), 15-6. UT fmbl'd on 2 consec drives, the latter at their own 31 & Rice got a TD w/ 5:01 left. UT went 66 yds in 14 plays & tacked on a 30 yd FG w/ :14 left. UT had a 27-15 FD edge.

**AT BAYLOR -16 62-0 WIN** 41,784 were on hand but half the crowd was clad in burnt orange. BU suffered its worst loss since 1913. BU had more KR yds than yds from the line of scrimmage as UT had 586-159 yd & 34-8 FD edges. They led 42-0 at half w/ 4 long drives & 13 & 17 yd drives foll BU fmbl's.

**KANSAS ST -6 17-35 LOSS** SIX UT TO's were the key. UT had a 188-52 yd edge in the 1H but an int & fmbl set up 2 short KSU FG's. UT had an 80 yd TD drive, 7-6. UT made a 44 yd FG but a pen took it off the board & they missed a 49 yd FG. A blk'd punt by UT was also taken off the board by pen. UT got a 69 yd TD drive, 14-6. KSU got a 32 yd FG, 14-9 at half. KSU's Allen ret'd a 3Q punt 74 yds for a TD. Both teams got FG's. KSU ret'd an int 37 yds for a TD, got a 36 yd TD drive foll a fmbl & a 20 yd FG after a fmbl.

**† OKLAHOMA -5 38-28 WIN** UT recorded its largest come from behind win S/1965. OU got a 44 yd TD pass, 43 yd FG & 30 yd TD pass & led 17-0 while UT missed a 46 yd FG. UT rallied w/ 46, 41 and 37 yd FG's. UT got a 2 play, 61 yd TD drive to tie it at 17 w/ :49 left in half. UT got an 85 yd TD drive to open the 3Q while OU settled for a 28 yd FG. UT drove 80 yds for a TD. OU faked a 21 yd FG for a 4 yd TD pass, 31-28. UT drove 99 yds for the spread covering TD, 38-28. OU's final poss got to the UT 19 but Heupel was intercepted & UT hung on for the win & cover.

**NEBRASKA +9 24-20 WIN** UT got an early FG foll a NU fmbl. NU wasted 2 scoring chances before getting a FG. NU added another FG & then got a TD, 13-3. At half NU had a 214-92 yd edge. UT had a 35 yd TD drive foll a short punt & NU was SOD at the UT 42. UT drove for a TD, 17-13. NU fmbl'd at the UT 1 but got a TD on their next poss. UT got a 60 yd, 4 play TD drive, 24-20. NU's final drive was SOD at the UT 20.

**AT IOWA ST -10' 44-41 LOSS** ISU opened up a 20-10 lead w/ TD drives of 63, 42 and 87 yds. UT got a TD, 20-17 at half. UT drove 65 yds foll a fmbl early 3Q for a TD & ISU drove 86 yds for a TD, 27-24. UT appeared to take control w/ an 80 yd TD drive & then rec'd the fmbl on the KO for a TD, 38-27. They added a 35 yd FG w/ 9:33 left, 41-27. ISU got an 80 yd KR to set up a short TD and then drove 66 yds to tie w/ 3:20 left. Applewhite led UT 71 yds for an 18 yd FG for the win as time expired.

**AT OKLAHOMA ST-8 34-21 WIN** On the 1st play UT RB Mitchell ripped off an 80 TD yd run but UT gained just 59 yds on its next 6 poss. OSU fmbl'd at the UT 24 & then got a 76 yd TD drive helped by 3 pass interf pen, 7-7. UT scored 21 pts in an 8:00 span at the end of the 2Q & into the 3Q. A fmbl set them up for a 44 yd TD drive just before half. G Brown ret'd an int 31 yds for a TD 1:00 into the 3Q & then UT drove 65 yds for a TD, 28-7. OSU got a 50 yd TD pass but UT got 22 & 36 yd FG's in the 4Q. OSU closed the scoring w/ a late 24 yd garbage TD pass. UT had 9 sk's. Both Lindsay & Tiger played QB for OSU.

**TEXAS TECH -16 58-7 WIN** UT got an early TD & was SOD at the TT 34. UT missed a 50 yd FG & was int'd at the TT 2. They broke it open after that taking advantage of a Tech team that was without QB Peters for most of the contest. UT had a 504-160 yd edge.

**AT TEXAS A&M +2' 16-20 LOSS** Simms started due to Applewhite's illness. UT had a 32 yd FG att bounce off the upright. A&M drove 52 yds for a TD but the xp was ret'd for 2 by UT, 6-2. After an exchange of TO's UT drove 37 yds for a TD & later 66 yds for a TD & led 16-6 at the half w/ a 184-105 yd edge. The Aggies drove 46 yds for a TD but fmbl'd at the UT 22 on their next poss. A&M drove 48 yds for a TD w/ 5:02 left, 20-16. Applewhite guided UT to midfield but fmbl'd. The Aggies ran out the clock.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Texas joined Virginia Tech and unbeaten Marshall as the only two teams ranked in the top 15 in total offense and defense last year. The Longhorns lose just 6 starters from last year's team including only two on the defensive side of the ball. They ended last year on a 3 game losing streak and the offense did not score in the final 10 quarters. Even though Major Applewhite missed spring recovering from injury, Chris Simms appears ready to live up to his PS #1 label and with both playing in the fall they have the deepest 1-2 QB combination in the country. I look for an improvement at RB and WR as the last 3 games were a wake-up call for a very big and talented O-line that will work much harder in the offseason. The Horns have my #3 offense in the country coming into the year. The 2 defensive losses were big but with 9 starters back from a unit that finished 6th in the country in '99, they will be tough to gain yards against. I rate them #5 on defense coming into the year. The non-conference slate is soft and there will be few challenges in Big 12 play. They must play Oklahoma in Dallas, and face Colorado on the road, but they have the talent to overcome those two tough tests. They look stronger than the Aggies and get them at home. I will list them as favorites in all 11 games this year and while undefeated seasons are very tough to achieve, this team has the potential to do so. That could mean a huge showdown in the Big 12 Title game vs another undefeated power and I call the Horns a serious national title contender.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WR | B.J. Johnson | 6-1 190 PS#1 |
| WR | Roy Williams | 6-4 205 PS#5 |
| QB | Chance Mock | 6-2 205 PS#6 |
| TE | Brock Edwards | 6-5 265 PS#7 |
| RB | Arturo Beltran | 5-10 205 PS#13 |
| DL | Sonny Davis | 6-3 320 PS#14 |
| WR | Sloan Thomas | 6-2 194 PS#12 |
| DL | Stevie Lee | 6-4 300 PS#17 |
| DL | Marcel Moses | 6-4 300 PS#21 |
| TE | Kalen Thornton | 6-4 265 PS#8 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB MAJOR APPLEWHITE JR.** 6-1 205 *PS#41. 2453 yds (58%) 18-11 ratio in 98. Big 12 Off POY in 99, 3478 yds (58.6%), 21-9 ratio.* ***Chris Simms*** *(6-5 210 So) PS#1.*
**RB HODGES MITCHELL SR.** 5-7 190 *PS#18. 229 yds in 97 & 98. 1379 yds (5.1) in 99. Victor Ike (5-11 195 So) PS#20, 274 yds. Kenny Hayter (5-11 217 So) PS#18.*
**FB Ivan Williams rFr.** 6-1 230 *PS#36. Chad Stevens (6-4 245 So) PS#24TE, 14 gms as true. Matt Trissel (6-0 227 So) PS#78LB, 8 tkls ly.*
**WR Montrell Flowers Jr.** 5-9 182 *PS#6. 5 sts as rFr, 39 rec (15.7). All Big 12 in track. Gerald Hanson (5-9 160 rFr) PS#68. Sloan Thomas is PS#12.*
**WR Artie Ellis rFr.** 6-4 205 *PS#7 in 99.* ***BJ Johnson*** *is PS#1. Jamel Thompson (6-0 180 Sr) 3 career sts, 31 rec. Roy Williams is PS#5.*
**TE Bo Scaife So.** 6-3 240 *PS#2 & 5 rec as true. Mike Jones (6-4 260 Jr) PS#30 in 97. 14 sts in 99, 19 rec (10.2). Brock Edwards is PS#7.*
**C MATT ANDERSON JR.** 6-4 310 *PS#242. 10 gms in 98. Started L/10 in 99, 750 snaps. Marcel Blanchard (6-4 305 Sr) PS#152, 4 sts in 99 til inj.*
**RG ANTWAN KIRK-HUGHES JR.** 6-3 320 *PS#6. 12 gms as true. 14 sts in 99, HM Big 12, 700 snaps. Tillman Holloway (6-3 297 rFr) PS#107DL.*
**LG Derrick Dockery So.** 6-6 335 *PS#22 in 99. 14 gms as true, "Best true frosh OL I've coached," Brown. Corey Bradford (6-1 296 Jr) PS#135.*
**RT CORY QUYE SR.** 6-6 325 *PS#114, 12 gms in 98. 14 sts in 99, 3 at LT. Mike Williams (6-6 339 Jr) PS#29, 4 sts in 99, 650 snaps, 2 letters.*
**LT LEONARD DAVIS SR.** 6-6 367 *PS#2DL. 3 sts, 11 tkls in 97. 12 gms in 98. 10 sts in 99 (inj'd 4). 2nd tm Big 12. Robbie Doane (6-8 285 So) PS#13, letter.*
**K KRIS STOCKTON SR.** 5-9 195 *PS#13K in 96. KO's as true. 17 of 22 FG's long 53 in 98. 22 of 32 FG's in 99, long of 50, 2nd tm Big 12.*

**DE Jermaine Anderson Jr.** 6-3 225 *PS#12LB, 18 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu as true. 1 sk in 99 (inj). Adam McConathy PS#18 & orig signed at LSU.*
**DT SHAUN ROGERS SR.** 6-4 315 *PS#55. 3 sts in 98, 13 tfl. 13 sts in 99, 85 tkls, 7 sks,* ***22 tfl****, 1st tm Big 12, 24 pressures. Stevie Lee is PS#17 in for spring.*
**DT CASEY HAMPTON SR.** 6-1 305 *7 sts as true, 98 tkls, 9 tfl. 12 sts in 98, 6 sks. 14 sts in 99, #1 w/ 102 tkls, 3 sks, 18 tfl,* ***1st tm AA****. Cole Pittman (6-5 265 So) PS#9.*
**DE Cory Redding So.** 6-5 245 *PS#2LB. 1 st as true, 30 tkls, 3 sks, 1 pbu. B12 Def Frosh Yr. Maurice Gordon (6-1 230) PS#161. Ryan Haywood (6-5 260 rFr) PS#49.*
**SLB Tyrone Jones Jr.** 6-4 230 *PS#83. 5 sts in 99, 20 tkls, 3 tfl. Jamal Joyner (6-2 205 So) PS#29, 13 tkls in 99. Reed Boyd (6-3 220 rFr) PS#112.*
**MLB DE'ANDRE LEWIS JR.** 6-1 238 *PS#108RB. 12 sts as rFr, 83 tkls, 4 tfl, 14 sts in 99, 84 tkls, 14 tfl, 15 press. Marcus Wilkins (6-2 225 Jr) PS#124, 33 tkls, 2 yrs.*
**WLB EVERICK RAWLS JR.** 6-1 230 *PS#50, 7 tkls as true. 14 sts in 99, 83 tkls, 9 tfl, 1 pbu. OJ McClintock (6-2 216 So) PS#41QB, 6 tkls as true.*
**CB QUENTIN JAMMER JR.** 6-1 196 *12 sts at FS in 98 (top DB), 2 int, 11 pbu. Inj'd in 99.* ***Ahmad Brooks*** *(5-8 182 Jr) was PS#83, 14 sts, 2 int, 15 pbu ly.*
**CB ERVIS HILL JR.** 5-9 182 *PS#86. 11 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu.* ***Roderick Babers*** *(5-10 175) PS#25, 2 sts as true, 32 tkls. Kendrick Turner PS#20.*
**SS LEE JACKSON JR.** 6-3 205 *PS#20. 12 tkls as true. 14 sts in 99, 91 tkls, 10 tfl, 2 int, 7 pbu.* ***Joe Walker*** *(6-0 185 Sr) PS#7, 18 sts in 3 yrs.*
**FS GREG BROWN SR.** 6-2 200 *PS#66. 18 tkls in 97 & 98. 13 sts in 99, 90 tkls, 3 int, 1 pbu. Monti Collier (5-11 160 rFr) PS#17. Dakarai Pearson PS#32QB.*
**P RYAN LONG SR.** 6-1 190 *66 punts in 99, 39.8 avg.* ***Matt McFadden*** *PS#15K.* ***Justin Smith*** *is PS#29K avg'd 41.6 as HS senior.*

# TEXAS LONGHORNS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score TEXAS | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UT is 13-22 ATS the last three seasons.<br>Longhorns are 4-0 ATS in the first game of a 3 game homestand.<br>The home team has covered 7 of 8 in the Rice series.<br>Horns are 12-5 ATS as a home dog since 1988.<br>Longhorns are 10-4 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. |
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | Louisiana-Lft | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Texas is 3-12 ATS in season openers.<br>Longhorns are 13-28 ATS in September since 1986. |
| Sep. 16 | at Stanford | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UT has played just 6 games vs the Pac 10 S/86: 2-3-1 SU & ATS.<br>Texas is 3-10 ATS L/13 vs non-conf foes. |
| Sep. 23 | Houston | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Horns are 9-18 ATS as a favorite the L/3Y, pending L/2 week's results.<br>Coming into the 2000 season UT is 24-16 ATS L/41 home games. |
| Sep. 30 | Oklahoma St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Should apply here: UT is 30-22 ATS off a SU win the L/8 years.<br>Horns are 7-3 ATS prior to their Sooner matchup. |
| Oct. 7 | † Oklahoma (Dallas) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 9-2 ATS in this series, UT is 8-3 ATS L/11.<br>This will mark the 78th time these 2 rivals have met in the Cotton Bowl. |
| Oct. 14 | at Colorado | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | If UT comes into this 5-0 SU, they might be installed as an AF.<br>If the above is true, Texas is 5-10 ATS as away chalk the L/4Y. |
| Oct. 21 | Missouri (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only two meetings L/10Y, home team is 2-0 SU & ATS.<br>Texas was 28-7 SU, 21-13-1 ATS vs conference tms in the 90s. |
| Oct. 28 | Baylor | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Texas is 6-12 ATS as DD favorite the L/4Y.<br>The underdog is 12-5 ATS in this matchup. |
| Nov. 4 | at Texas Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Horns are 19-9 ATS in November & December since 1993.<br>UT is 13-7 ATS L/20 games on artificial turf, but 2-6 ATS L/8. |
| Nov. 11 | at Kansas | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Longhorns are 8-3 ATS in their road finale.<br>Texas is 9-4 ATS the week prior to a bye. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 24 | Texas A&M (Fri) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Horns are 12-4-1 ATS L/17 games after a bye.<br>The visitor is 7-4 ATS the L/11 in this series. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bonus: Texas is 5-2 ATS L/7 vs Aggies. |

## STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (80,082)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-5-1 | 7-4 | 10-1-1 | 8-4 | 4-7 | 8-3 | 9-4 | 51-28-2 |
| ATS | 7-4 | 7-4 | 9-3 | 8-4 | 2-9 | 5-6 | 6-7 | 44-37 |
| Home Fav | 3-1 | 3-0 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 17-14 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 7-2 |
| Away Fav | 2-0 | 1-3 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 0-5 | 1-1 | 3-3 | 11-13 |
| Away Dog | 1-3 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 9-8 |
| Favorite | 5-1 | 4-3 | 6-2 | 4-3 | 1-8 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 28-27 |
| Dog | 2-3 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 16-10 |
| Grass | 0-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 5-6 | 19-22 |
| Artificial | 7-3 | 5-4 | 7-2 | 4-0 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 25-15 |
| vs Conf | 6-1 | 4-3 | 6-1 | 7-2 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 5-4 | 34-21 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 3-1 | 3-2 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 10-16 |
| Off SU Win | 3-2 | 4-2 | 6-3 | 5-2 | 1-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 26-21 |
| Off SU Loss | 4-0 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-5 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 15-10 |

## Coach: MACK BROWN (Career 104-82-1)
### *Brown's records AT TEXAS*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year at Texas | | 4-6 | Home Favorite |
| 18-8 | Straight Up | 2-0 | Home Underdog |
| 11-13 | Vs The Spread | 4-4 | Away Favorite |
| 4-2 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-3 | Away Underdog |
| 9-8 | Vs BIG 12 | 2-5 | Vs Non-BIG 12 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | Sun | -1 | N Carolina | 35-31 | W |
| 95 | Sugar | -3 | Virginia Tech | 10-28 | L |
| 96 | Fiesta | -1 | Penn St | 15-38 | L |
| 98 | Cotton | -6' | Mississippi St | 38-11 | W |
| 99 | Cotton | -5' | Arkansas | 6-27 | L |

# TEXAS (9-5)

*CONFERENCE:* **BIG 12 SOUTH**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 47 (21,24,2)**
**Lost: 15 (6,8,1)**

## TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4* | 32.1 | 21 | 124 | 3.5 | 271 | 57.8 | 12.3 | +13 | 1999 | 7 | 21.1 | 16 | 112 | 2.9 | 182 | 44.8 | 13.9 |
| 8 | 36.4 | 23 | 207 | 5.1 | 263 | 59.0 | 12.9 | -1 | 1998 | 10 | 28.1 | 19 | 139 | 3.4 | 220 | 50.4 | 12.8 |
| 6* | 25.7 | 21 | 200 | 5.3 | 197 | 50.7 | 15.4 | -20 | 1997 | 6 | 33.3 | 19 | 242 | 4.7 | 158 | 51.0 | 12.0 |
| 7* | 34.4 | 23 | 199 | 5.0 | 253 | 57.7 | 13.2 | -5 | 1996 | 7 | 23.5 | 21 | 213 | 4.6 | 164 | 48.8 | 16.1 |
| 6* | 30.0 | 21 | 197 | 4.9 | 220 | 49.0 | 13.9 | +6 | 1995 | 7 | 19.6 | 21 | 168 | 3.9 | 198 | 52.9 | 18.7 |
| 9* | 30.5 | 20 | 145 | 3.7 | 222 | 56.7 | 12.0 | +6 | 1994 | 9 | 24.3 | 19 | 172 | 4.0 | 201 | 53.1 | 15.4 |

### OFFENSE — 1999 STATS BY GAME — DEFENSE

| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N Carolina St | 20 | 36-56 | 1.6 | 30-46 | 316 | 4 | 7 | 27-107 | 4.0 | 9-26 | 65 | 3 | +1 |
| Stanford | 20 | 39-178 | 4.6 | 20-34 | 380 | 2 | 19 | 38-123 | 3.2 | 19-48 | 271 | 1 | +2 |
| at Rutgers | 24 | 39-141 | 3.6 | 19-32 | 244 | 2 | 20 | 33-90 | 2.7 | 16-42 | 255 | 4 | +2 |
| Rice | 27 | 40-209 | 5.2 | 26-41 | 246 | 2 | 15 | 55-209 | 3.8 | 1-9 | 27 | 3 | -1 |
| at Baylor | 34 | 49-233 | 4.8 | 29-41 | 353 | 1 | 8 | 20-12 | 0.6 | 13-31 | 147 | 2 | +4 |
| Kansas St | 16 | 26-34 | 1.3 | 19-37 | 271 | 4 | 16 | 45-95 | 2.1 | 13-30 | 182 | 5 | -6 |
| † Oklahoma | 26 | 36-225 | 6.3 | 22-47 | 328 | 2 | 20 | 18-15 | 0.8 | 32-49 | 315 | 1 | +3 |
| Nebraska | 13 | 27-62 | 2.3 | 17-30 | 213 | 1 | 23 | 51-192 | 3.8 | 13-21 | 237 | 2 | +3 |
| at Iowa St | 25 | 38-129 | 3.4 | 30-40 | 345 | 3 | 17 | 35-68 | 1.9 | 11-20 | 291 | 2 | +1 |
| at Oklahoma St | 20 | 29-177 | 6.1 | 23-44 | 242 | 2 | 21 | 41-84 | 2.0 | 15-29 | 215 | 7 | +2 |
| Texas Tech | 28 | 47-217 | 4.6 | 25-38 | 287 | 1 | 13 | 26-23 | 0.9 | 10-32 | 137 | 4 | +2 |
| at Texas A&M | 14 | 35-89 | 2.5 | 15-32 | 183 | 5 | 15 | 55-122 | 2.2 | 8-22 | 156 | 2 | -1 |
| † Nebraska | 15 | 30-6 | 0.2 | 15-42 | 172 | 7 | 14 | 58-234 | 4.0 | 6-15 | 55 | 1 | -1 |
| Arkansas (Bowl) | 14 | 25-(-27) | -1.1 | 24-39 | 212 | 8 | 17 | 36-191 | 5.3 | 12-23 | 194 | 2 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 296 | 496-1729 | 3.5 | 314-543 | 3792 | 44 | 225 | 538-1565 | 2.9 | 178-397 | 2547 | 39 | +13 |
| AVERAGES | 21.1 | 35-124 | 3.5 | 22-39 | 271 | 3.1 | 16.1 | 38-112 | 2.9 | 13-28 | 182 | 2.8 | 0.9 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Hawaii | -11 | 38-17 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -11' | 38-27 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +7' | 27-55 | L |
| at SMU | -22 | 35-10 | W |
| Rice | -18' | 37-13 | W |
| † Oklahoma | +2 | 24-24 | W |
| Virginia | +2 | 17-16 | W |
| Texas Tech | -4 | 48-7 | W |
| at Houston | -21 | 52-20 | W |
| TCU | -18' | 27-19 | L |
| Baylor | -4 | 21-13 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +4' | 16-6 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Missouri | -21 | 40-10 | W |
| N Mexico St | -39 | 41-7 | L |
| Notre Dame | +3' | 24-27 | W |
| at Virginia | +4 | 13-37 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -17 | 71-14 | W |
| † Oklahoma | -21 | 27-30 | L |
| at Colorado | +10' | 24-28 | W |
| Baylor | -12 | 28-23 | L |
| at Texas Tech | +7 | 38-32 | W |
| at Kansas | -6' | 38-17 | W |
| Texas A&M | -3' | 51-15 | W |
| † Nebraska | +20' | 37-27 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rutgers | -38' | 48-14 | L |
| UCLA | -10 | 3-66 | L |
| at Rice | -11' | 38-31 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | -6 | 16-42 | L |
| † Oklahoma | -4' | 27-24 | L |
| at Missouri | -3' | 29-37 | L |
| Colorado | +5 | 30-47 | L |
| at Baylor | -9 | 21-23 | L |
| Texas Tech | -1 | 10-24 | L |
| Kansas | -6' | 45-31 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +16' | 16-27 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Mexico St | -37 | 66-36 | L |
| at UCLA | +9 | 31-49 | L |
| at Kansas St | +23 | 7-48 | L |
| Rice | -6' | 59-21 | W |
| Iowa St | -14' | 54-33 | W |
| † Oklahoma | -8 | 34-3 | W |
| Baylor | -17' | 30-20 | L |
| at Nebraska | +16' | 20-16 | W |
| Oklahoma St | -11' | 37-34 | L |
| at Texas Tech | -2' | 35-42 | L |
| Texas A&M | +2' | 26-24 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Carolina St | -9' | 20-23 | L |
| Stanford | -10' | 69-17 | W |
| at Rutgers | -23 | 38-21 | L |
| Rice | -27 | 18-13 | L |
| at Baylor | -16 | 62-0 | W |
| Kansas St | -6 | 17-35 | L |
| † Oklahoma | -5 | 38-28 | W |
| Nebraska | +9 | 24-20 | W |
| at Iowa St | -10' | 44-41 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | -8 | 34-21 | W |
| Texas Tech | -16 | 58-7 | W |
| at Texas A&M | -2' | 16-20 | L |
| † Nebraska | +8 | 6-22 | L |

# TEXAS A&M AGGIES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Randy McCown got 7 starts in 98 throwing for 1,025 yards (51%) with a 6-3 ratio and also rushed for 328 yards. He started all 12 games last year and threw for 2,479 yards (51.5%) with a 14-14 ratio while rushing for 235 yards. McCown departs but Slocum does have 3 very capable candidates to choose from. Mark Farris was PS#29 way back in 1994 and played major league baseball in the Pirates organization for five years. He's a 24 year old sophomore who is a solid passer with good mobility. Vance Smith has great size (6-4 235) and was PS#25. He's a prototypical NFL QB with a powerful arm but is a pocket passer (i.e. not mobile). Colby Freeman (PS#10) had a 16-1 ratio his senior year in high school and also rushed for 1,782 yards and could very well take the starter's job. He is the best athlete of the trio but is not an accomplished passer. Farris looked the best in the spring and is my projection for the starting job. Despite the loss of their starter, I like the talent level here and look for an improvement in the overall numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Aggies' RB corps looked to be in great shape last year as they had their leading rusher Dante Hall (1,077 yds in 98) returning and also got a boost as Tiki Hardeman came back at the FB spot. Those two began the year as the starters but Hall was injured early and then dismissed from the team and finished with just 179 yards. The team did not have a 100 yard rusher in a game until their 2nd to last regular season game. They started a large backfield late in the season with Ja'Mar Toombs and Hardeman combining for over 500 lbs. Joe Weber (222 lbs) led the team in rushing vs Missouri. Toombs topped the 100 yard mark versus Texas and got the majority of the TB snaps in the bowl game (70 yards). Toombs wanted to stay at TB but the Aggies are a little thin at the FB slot and Slocum has convinced him that he can become the best FB in the country (nice job R.C.). There is a chance true frosh Mathis Gill could earn time there and LB Amon Simon (PS#223) moved over to FB in the spring. I list the two deep below. Joe Weber (PS#7) could become the feature back although Whitaker had a much more impressive spring and was listed 1st string after spring. They have 3 HT rFr, two of whom I list below, the other is Maurice Harris (5-8 185, PS#97). Slocum also signed a couple of top notch true frosh RB's this year. The only losses are Hardeman (5 sts, 220 yds), Hall and TB Eric Bernard (3 sts, 312 yds). This group should stay healthier and with the added talent, could resemble the more potent rush attack that is customary with the Aggies.

**RECEIVERS** - The Aggies appear to be in good shape here as their top 2 WR's from last year, Chris Taylor and Bethel Johnson (combined for 1,143 yds), both return as do their top 2 TE's. They do technically lose a pair of starters in WR Chris Cole (9 sts, 22 rec, 16.5, #3 DC of DEN) and Leroy Hodge (10 sts, 26 rec) but they were the #3 and #5 receivers on the team. Also leaving is SE Matt Bumgardner (2 sts, 23 rec). Slocum called Bethel Johnson the "best WR I've seen here in 26 years." Despite just 2 starts, he had a nifty 19.0 ypc and was 2nd on the team in receptions. Chris Taylor led the team and also had a solid 16.1 ypc. Slocum signed a JUCO who was PS#54 in 98 (see 2 deep) and has 2 other HT's in the mix. TE is very deep with Lonnie Madison (6-3 259 Jr) who was PS#45DL moving in to contend with the three I list below. Despite the losses, I'll bank on the fact that Johnson is as good as Slocum says he is, and will look for a breakout season from him and the Aggie receiving corps.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Aggies had to replace 2 starters, both of whom were NFL DC's and this year also lose 2 starters although neither were drafted. Gone are RG Semisi Heimuli (12 sts, 2nd tm B12) and RT Andy Vincent (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) as well as backup LT Shea Holder (3 sts). I list the 2 deep below and 4 players return with starting experience including 3 VHT's that are listed 1st string. The Aggies offense averaged just 3.4 and 3.5 ypc rushing the last two years which is well below expectations, and I expect this year's Aggie O-line contingent to help improve upon those numbers.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Aggies started 3 soph's on the D-line in 98 after losing all 3 starters and they are now in their 3rd year of starting together and continue to improve. Each year this line gets bigger and deeper as Slocum continues to recruit VHT's to the unit. I list a talented and very experienced 2 deep below as basically the top 6 all return. This should be one of the stronger D-lines in the Big 12 this year.

**LINEBACKERS** - Texas A&M is known for its "Wrecking Crew" defense and excellent LB's. In last year's media guide they said that they were 'Linebacker U' but Penn St proved otherwise in the bowl game. Slocum bemoaned the fact that there were no LaVar Arrington type LB's in the group in 99 and opened all 4 LB spots this spring for competition. When the smoke cleared at the end of spring, all 4 returning starters held on to their jobs. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and this year they have all 4 back plus 3 VHT's in the 2nd string and several HT's at 3rd & 4th string. This year they only lose a couple of backup LB's that combined for 63 tackles and 6 tfl. This group has added talent and experience and should be one of the top LB corps in the Big 12.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Texas A&M always finishes high in my pass defense rankings with the exception of 97 when they actually finished #52. In 98 they had practically everyone back and rose up to #29. Last year they had to replace one starter and continued to climb moving up to #21. This year the losses are rather substantial. Gone are CB Jason Webster (12 sts, 4 int, 10 pbu, #2 DC of SF), FS Brandon Jennings (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 3 int) and CB Sedrick Curry (12 sts, 54 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu). Despite the losses, Slocum has done a great job recruiting here and this unit is loaded with VHT's including 3 who I project as starters. This year's secondary is clearly less experienced but I really like the potential and see a number of NFL DC's here, especially CB Sammy Davis.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Aggies are famous for their 12th man special teams and have always treated this group as a priority. They have had 4 top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings but were "only" #20 in 98. Last year they finished a solid #11 and part of the reason for their success the last 4 years has been P Shane Lechler (#5 DC of OAK). Lechler, a 4 year starter and 1st team AA, leaves as the NCAA all-time punting champ. He will be tough to replace and his brother Derek may inherit his spot. K Terrence Kitchens has a powerful leg and nailed the 2nd longest FG in NCAA history without a tee at 62 yards. The trajectory of his kicks was too low, however, resulting in 7 blocks but he still hit a very solid 15 of 23 including 4 of 6 from 50+. The PR team dropped off after Dante Hall was injured early. Hall averaged 12.2 ypr and Chris Taylor saw his average drop to 6.4 ypr. Taylor should improve as a senior. The top KR man, Bethel Johnson, is back and should also improve on his 18.8 average. This unit has always finished in my top 20 and I see no difference this year even with the loss of an outstanding P.

OL Chris Valletta is one of several VHT's on the Aggie OL.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ja'Mar Toombs** | 166 | 679 | 26 | 653 | 9 | 3.9 |
| Eric Bernard | 63 | 312 | 10 | 302 | 1 | 4.8 |
| **Joe Weber** | 50 | 278 | 14 | 264 | 1 | 5.3 |
| Tiki Hardeman | 65 | 230 | 10 | 220 | 2 | 3.4 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Randy McCown | 317 | 165 | 51.5 | 2479 | 14 | 14 |
| **Mark Farris** | 22 | 8 | 37.5 | 70 | 0 | 0 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Taylor** | 39 | 629 | 16.1 | 4 | 96 |
| **Bethel Johnson** | 27 | 514 | 19.0 | 3 | 74 |
| Leroy Hodge | 26 | 319 | 12.3 | 2 | 24 |
| Matt Bumgardner | 23 | 341 | 14.8 | 3 | 44 |
| Chris Cole | 22 | 363 | 16.5 | 0 | 44 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shane Lechler | 63 | 2943 | 46.7 | - | 42.6 | 0 | 15 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Terence Kitchens** | 7-9 | 3-6 | 1-2 | 4-6 | 15-23 | 62 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brandon Jennings | 99 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| **Cornelius Anthony** | 92 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Jason Webster | 78 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 4 |
| **Michael Jameson** | 76 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| **Roylin Bradley** | 67 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| **Brian Gamble** | 63 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| **Jason Glenn** | 58 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 0 |
| Sedrick Curry | 54 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Chad Frantzen | 44 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Harold Robertson** | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Christian Rodriguez** | 32 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **Rocky Bernard** | 29 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Ron Edwards** | 28 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Taylor** | 16 | 103 | 6.4 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bethel Johnson** | 13 | 244 | 18.8 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT LOUISIANA TECH -14' 37-17 WIN** LT QB Rattay hit 45 of 65 for 331 yds. The Aggies led 30-10 at half. Early 3Q LT drove 63 yds for a TD. After A&M fmbl'd at its own 22 midway thru the 4Q LT got a 1st & goal at the 3 but they were SOD with 8:43 left. A&M got the cover with a 12 yd TD pass w/ just :47 left. LA Tech actually finished with 3 more FD's.

**TULSA -31' 62-13 WIN** Tulsa actually led 7-3 after 1Q. A&M scored 4 2nd quarter TD's, aided by Tulsa turnovers, 31-7 at half. Tulsa got a 3Q TD, 31-13 but A&M finished with a 606-192 yd edge. McCown passed for 320 yards on the day.

**S MISSISSIPPI -11 23-6 WIN** A&M's 1st drive for a FG went 78 yds in 18 plays and was kept alive when P Lechler mishandled the punt at his own 24 but ran for a 22 yd gain. SM missed a FG foll a fmbl rec. A&M hit a 28 yd FG & then Kitchens banged in a **62 yd FG.** A&M made it 16-0 with a 41 yd int ret for a TD. SM blk'd a punt & got a 54 yd TD pass, 16-6. A&M had a FG blk'd but the Aggies ret'd an int 26 yds for a TD to cover.

**AT TEXAS TECH -16 19-21 LOSS** A&M blk'd a punt for a TD & led 10-0 but TT drove 46 & 60 yds for TD's. A&M missed a 55 yd FG & TT drove 69 yds for a TD, 21-10 at half and TT had a 235-132 yd edge. A&M settled for a 3Q 27 yd FG. TT was SOD at the A&M 43 & the Aggies nailed a 51 yd FG, 21-16. TT missed a 52 yd FG. A&M settled for a 27 yd FG, 21-19 with 8:09 left. TT missed a 49 yd FG. A&M's final drive got to the TT 27 but a crucial pen took away a FD & a 4th & 28 pass was int'd.

**BAYLOR -30 45-13 WIN** 75,476, the largest crowd ever in this series showed & was loud throughout. BU played A&M evenly in the 1H. BU nailed a 52 yd FG on its 1st series & A&M's defense got a 20 yd int ret for a TD, 7-3 after 1Q. Both teams got FG's, 10-6. A blk'd punt set A&M up for a 22 yd TD drive. Wiltumer ret'd an int 49 yds to the 10 barely being tkl'd by McCown, but BU missed a 27 yd FG. A&M led 17-6 at half despite just 115 yds. A&M scored on all 3 3Q poss w/ 26,12 & 74 yd TD passes, 38-6. A&M added a 2 yd TD run in the 4Q, 45-6. BU ret'd a blk'd FG 63 yds for a TD w/ 4:01 left. BU was stopped on a 4th & 2 at the 11 to preserve the cover for A&M.

**KANSAS -32 34-17 LOSS** KU led 10-3 w/ 1:44 left in half & A&M was punting on 4th & 13 from its own 17. The next 2:00 were a nightmare. A controversial roughing the P call gave the Aggies a FD & they drove 80 yds for a TD. KU fmbl'd the KO & A&M got another TD, 17-10. A&M got a 78 yd TD early in the 3Q, 24-10. KU got a 33 yd TD drive foll an int & the Aggies a 35 yd FG. KU had a 46 yd FG blk'd & with 9:44 left the Aggies drove 59 yds for a TD. A&M had a 522-249 yd edge.

**AT OKLAHOMA -3' 6-51 LOSS** OU simply dominated with 552-230 yd & 30-15 FD edges. On their 1st poss they faked a FG for a FD & got a TD a few plays later. The Sooners rolled to a 34-6 halftime lead & had a 38:29-21:31 T.O.P. edge for the game.

**OKLAHOMA ST -11 21-3 WIN** McCown separated his shoulder vs OU but played the entire way hitting 20 of 29 for 242 yds. Intermittent rain. OSU missed a 50 yd FG then faked a 44 yd FG & were stopped. OSU was int'd in A&M terr. A&M kept a long TD drive alive by continuously converting on 3rd down, 7-0. A&M kept another long 3Q TD drive alive with multiple 3rd down conversions. OSU made one of two 3Q FG att's. A&M got a long TD drive, 21-3. The Aggies finished with a 394-260 yd edge.

**AT NEBRASKA +13' 0-37 LOSS** A&M had scored in a school record 142 consecutive games dating back to 1988 but that streak ended with a shutout loss. After missing out on 2 scoring chances in the 1Q NU got a pair of FG's, 6-0 at half. NU wore down A&M in the 2H, rolling to a 37-0 lead. NU finished with a 430-118 yd edge. McCown completed only 11 passes for 116 yds & had 4 ints.

**AT MISSOURI -7 51-14 WIN** A&M opened w/a 70 yd drive for a TD that ate up 1/2 the 1Q and it was 7-0 at half w/ just 11 FD's combined. A&M got a 39 yd TD pass & 29 yd drive for a TD foll a fmbl. They added a 51 yd TD drive & 32 yd FG. They drove 45 yds for a TD foll an int to lead 37-0. After an exchange of TD's, A&M added a 70 yd int ret for a TD. MO got a garbage TD w/ 1:36 left. A&M had a 455-248 yd edge.

**TEXAS -2' 20-16 WIN** The Aggies dedicated this game to the 12 students killed in the bonfire accident the week prior. Simms started at QB for UT. UT had a 32 yd FG bounce off the upright. A&M drove 52 yds for a TD but the xp was ret'd for 2 by UT, 6-2. After an exchange of TO's UT drove 37 & 66 yds for TD's & led 16-6 at the half with a 184-105 yd edge. The Aggies drove 46 yds for a TD but later fmbl'd at the UT 22. A&M drove 48 yds for a TD with 5:03 left, 20-16. Applewhite guided UT to midfield but fmbl'd & the Aggies ran out the clock in the emotional win.


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| DL | Linnis Smith 6-4 260 PS#42 |
| QB | Dustin Long 6-3 185 PS#38 |
| OL | Geoff Hangartner 6-6 280 PS#42 |
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**QB Mark Farris So.** 6-2 212 *PS#29 in 94. MLB for 5 yrs. 6 gms as "true" ly, 70 yds pass.* ***Vance Smith*** *(6-4 235 So) PS#25. Colby Freeman (6-3 213 rFr) PS#10.*
**RB Joe Weber So.** 6-0 222 *PS#7RB. 264 yds (5.3) as true. Oschlor Flemming (5-10 196 rFr) PS#53. Richard Whitaker (5-10 192 rFr) PS#113RB.*
**FB Ja'MAR TOOMBS JR.** 6-0 265 *PS#75. 10 sts as true, 484 yds (4.9). TB/FB in 99, 653 yds (3.9), 8 sts, 11 rec (12.3). Stacy Jones (5-10 220 So), 31 yds.*
**WR Bethel Johnson So.** 5-11 188 *Slocum - "best WR here in 26 years." 27 rec (19.0) as rFr. Mickey Jones (5-9 180 Jr) PS#39. Robert Ferguson (6-2 200 Jr).*
**WR CHRIS TAYLOR SR.** 5-11 184 *4.31 speed. 20 rec (17.9) in 98. 6 sts in 99, 39 rec (16.1). 208 ret yds. Dwain Goynes (5-10 180 So) PS#49, 1 st, 2 rec ly.*
**TE** RODERRICK BROUGHTON SR. 6-1 247 *PS#41. 5 sts in 99, 7 rec (11.6).* ***Michael de la Torre*** *(6-5 244 So) PS#92, 5 sts (inj) ly, 4 rec.* ***Fred Spiller*** *(6-3 254 rFr) PS#14.*
**C SETH McKINNEY JR.** 6-3 290 *PS#14OL in 97. 14 sts at C as rFr. 12 sts at C as soph. Toby McCarthy (6-2 274 Sr) PS#236, 2 letters, 12 gms ly.*
**RG Taylor Whitley So.** 6-4 305 *PS#105. 12 gms as rFr & lettered. Billy Yates (6-1 280 So) PS#142, 12 gms as rFr. Moses Vakalahi (6-5 307 Jr) PS#40.*
**LG CHRIS VALLETTA SR.** 6-3 287 *PS#16 in 96. 13 gms in 97. 14 gms in 98. 12 sts in 99, 3 letters. Andre Brooks (6-4 311 rFr) PS#133 in 99.*
**RT MIKE MAHAN SO.** 6-6 292 *PS#135 in 98. 7 sts, 12 gms as rFr. Chris Montgomery (6-8 309 So) was PS#57. Britt Lively (6-5 291 rFr) PS#77.*
**LT Tango McCauly Jr.** 6-5 294 *PS#31DL in 97. 2nd string in 98 but no letter: 3 sts in 99 (miss 3 inj). 8 gms. Alan Reuber (6-6 278 rFr) PS#33 ly.*
**K TERENCE KITCHENS SR.** 5-9 165 *PS#28 in 96. KO's in 97. 15 of 23 FG's in 99 (7 blk'd) long of 62 (2nd longest FG w/o a tee in NCAA history). 30 of 30 xp's.*

**OLB ROYLIN BRADLEY SR.** 6-1 230 *PS#3, 23 tkls, 5 sks as true. 14 sts in 98, 81 tkls, 9 sks. 12 sts in 99, 67 tkls, 7 sks, 9 tfl. Jarrod Penright (6-3 240 So) PS#18. 13 tkls as true.*
**DE ROCKY BERNARD SR.** 6-3 283 *PS#21, 4 tfl as true. 13 sts, 60 tkls, 6 tfl in 98. 9 sts, 29 tkls, 8 tfl ly. Evan Perroni (6-5 247 Jr) PS#42, 23 tkls, 2 yrs. Terry Nichols 36 tkls, 3 tfl 2Y.*
**NG RONALD EDWARDS SR.** 6-3 272 *PS#103, 11 tkls in 97. 14 sts, 54 tkls, 6 sks, 4 tfl in 98. 12 sts, 28 tkls, 6 tfl in 99. Stephen Young (6-0 273 Sr) PS#79, 38 tkls, 2 sts, 3 yrs.*
**DE RONALD FLEMONS SR.** 6-5 247 *PS#131. 12 sts in 98, 56 tkls, 3 tfl. 9 sts LY, 20 tkls, 5 tfl. Ty Warren (6-4 286) PS#13, 15 tkls as true. Shannon Mitchell (6-3 246 rFr) PS#39.*
**OLB JASON GLENN SR.** 6-1 235 *PS#17, 21 tkls as true. 28 tkls, 6 tfl in 98. 10 sts in 99, 58 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl. Christian Rodriguez (6-2 237 Jr) PS#22. 2 sts, 32 tkls, 4 tfl in 99.*
**MLB BRIAN GAMBLE SO.** 6-2 231 *PS#35. 11 sts as rFr, 63 tkls, 10 tfl. Big 12 Frosh of Yr. Jared Morris (6-3 226 rFr) PS#20. Jason LeDoux (6-3 218 rFr) PS#64.*
**WLB CORNELIUS ANTHONY SR.** 6-0 234 *PS#188. 14 sts in 98, 110 tkls, 12 tfl. 10 sts ly. 92 tkls, 9 tfl. Damien West (6-2 237) PS#35. Harold Robertson (6-2 223) 2 sts, 37 tkls ly.*
**CB Jay Brooks Jr.** 5-9 182 *PS#22. 7 sts as rFr, 43 tkls, 4 pbu, 5 tfl. 3 sts in 99, 19 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. Sean Weston (5-9 163 rFr) PS#73. Jonte Buhl is PS#30.*
**CB Sammy Davis So.** 6-0 179 *PS#6DB, 2 sts as true, 13 tkls, 11 gms. Dawon Gentry (6-0 180 Fr) is PS#51. Mike Pinesette (5-11 185 Jr) is JC.*
**SS Terrance Kiel So.** 6-0 197 *PS#50. 12 gms as true, 10 tkls. Adam Black (6-0 175 Fr) is PS#7. Eric Stanford (6-2 195 Jr) 7 tkls, 10 gms in 99.*
**FS MICHAEL JAMESON SR.** 5-11 179 *PS#103, 15 tkls as true. 1 st in 98, 38 tkls, 3 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 76 tkls, 5 int, 7 pbu. Everett Smith (6-2 198 rFr) PS#57DB.*
**P Timm Gergeni rFr.** 5-9 159 *PS#30K in 99. 41.6 avg in HS. On travel squad in 99. Derek Lechler (6-0 223 So) PS#29K in 98. Shane's brother.*

# TEXAS A&M AGGIES

College Station, Texas
Weather (409) 268-1578

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score A&M | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Aggies have avg'd 31.7 ppg the L/6Y vs Baylor. Texas A&M is 6-0 SU, 5-1 ATS vs S Mississippi. Aggies are 14-9 ATS in November since 1993. Texas A&M is 7-0 SU, 2-1 ATS vs Louisiana Tech. |
| Sep. 2 | at Notre Dame | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Texas A&M is 9-2 SU, 8-3 ATS in their first lined game, but... Aggies are just 2-7 ATS in their last 9 road openers. |
| Sep. 9 | Wyoming | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | A&M is 22-11 ATS in their last 33 non-conference tilts, 3-0 LY. Aggies are 11-2 ATS in their first lined home game the L/13Y. |
| Sep. 16 | UTEP | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wrecking Crew and Co are 17-25-1 ATS before a bye, but 2-0 LY. Could apply here: Aggies are 14-9 ATS as a fav of 21 or more S/92. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | Texas Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Texas A&M is 3-7 ATS in their first conf game of the season. Visiting team is 7-3 ATS in this Texas tussle. |
| Oct. 7 | Colorado | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Aggies are 10-16 ATS in October since 1994. A&M and the home team are 1-2 SU & ATS in this short series. |
| Oct. 14 | at Baylor | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visiting team is 7-3 ATS in this series. Texas A&M is 7-0 ATS vs Baylor. |
| Oct. 21 | at Iowa St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: A&M is 9-6 ATS as DD away chalk. Aggies are 8-1 ATS S/89 in their 2nd straight away game. |
| Oct. 28 | Kansas St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might apply here: Aggies are 8-4 ATS as a home dog since 1982. A&M is 19-10 ATS in their sandwiched home games S/81. |
| Nov. 4 | at Oklahoma St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: A&M is 5-11 ATS as an away dog S/88. Aggies are 4-0 SU and 3-1 ATS vs the Cowboys. |
| Nov. 11 | Oklahoma | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Texas A&M is 5-7-1 ATS in their College Station finale. LY's 51-6 shocker was OU's first SU or ATS win over A&M in 5Y. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 24 | at Texas (Fri) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Aggies have been hooked by the Horns ATS 4 of the L/5Y. Wrecking Crew has paved the way for a 9-2 ATS mark in road finales. |
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## STADIUM: KYLE FIELD (80,322)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 10-1 | 10-0-1 | 8-3 | 6-6 | 9-3 | 11-2 | 8-3 | 62-18-1 |
| ATS | 8-3 | 5-5 | 4-6 | 5-7 | 5-6 | 7-6 | 7-4 | 41-37 |
| Home Fav | 4-2 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 1-4 | 4-1 | 20-17 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| Away Fav | 4-0 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 16-14 |
| Away Dog | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 3-5 |
| Favorite | 8-2 | 5-5 | 4-5 | 5-5 | 4-5 | 4-6 | 6-3 | 36-31 |
| Dog | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 5-6 |
| Grass | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 3-7 | 4-2 | 4-5 | 7-2 | 20-18 |
| Artificial | 7-3 | 5-3 | 3-6 | 2-0 | 1-4 | 3-1 | 0-2 | 21-19 |
| vs Conf | 5-2 | 2-4 | 2-5 | 3-5 | 4-5 | 5-4 | 4-4 | 25-29 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-1 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 16-8 |
| Off SU Win | 6-3 | 4-4 | 3-4 | 2-4 | 5-4 | 5-5 | 3-4 | 28-28 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 3-2 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 8-7 |

## Coach: R.C. SLOCUM (Career 102-32-2)
### *Slocum's records AT TEXAS A&M*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12th Year | at Texas A&M | 32-26 | Home Favorite |
| 102-32-2 | Straight Up | 4-1 | Home Underdog |
| 65-57 | Vs The Spread | 24-25 | Away Favorite |
| 11-10 | Off A S/U Loss | 5-5 | Away Underdog |
| 41-43 | Vs Conf | 24-14 | Vs Non-Conf |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | Cotton | +8 | Notre Dame | 21-24 | W |
| 95 | Alamo | +5' | Michigan | 22-20 | W |
| 97 | Cotton | +14 | UCLA | 23-29 | W |
| 98 | Sugar | +12' | Ohio St | 14-24 | W |
| 99 | Alamo | +7 | Penn St | 0-24 | L |

# TEXAS A&M (8-4)

CONFERENCE: BIG 12 SOUTH

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (20,21,4)
Lost: 19 (10,8,1)

## TEXAS A&M'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 26.5 | 20 | 140 | 3.3 | 220 | 50.1 | 13.6 | 0 | 1999 | 8 | 19.3 | 17 | 119 | 3.2 | 183 | 55.5 | 15.7 |
| 7* | 23.9 | 17 | 151 | 3.4 | 161 | 52.8 | 13.1 | +15 | 1998 | 6 | 15.3 | 17 | 130 | 3.4 | 172 | 55.6 | 19.8 |
| 8* | 34.2 | 18 | 204 | 5.0 | 161 | 55.7 | 10.7 | +18 | 1997 | 6 | 18.2 | 18 | 164 | 3.5 | 157 | 52.6 | 17.7 |
| 5 | 32.0 | 19 | 230 | 4.9 | 174 | 48.0 | 13.8 | -4 | 1996 | 8 | 23.4 | 16 | 107 | 2.8 | 222 | 52.5 | 15.3 |
| 5* | 27.2 | 20 | 173 | 4.1 | 195 | 53.4 | 13.5 | -2 | 1995 | 7 | 14.0 | 17 | 108 | 2.7 | 154 | 45.2 | 18.7 |
| 4* | 29.0 | 19 | 172 | 4.2 | 188 | 58.9 | 12.4 | +1 | 1994 | 5 | 13.4 | 16 | 94 | 2.4 | 173 | 47.8 | 19.9 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Louisiana Tech | 24 | 40-219 | 5.5 | 17-28 | 252 | 1 | 27 | 20-10 | 0.5 | 47-68 | 360 | 1 | 0 |
| Tulsa | 30 | 51-217 | 4.3 | 18-40 | 389 | 2 | 8 | 32-40 | 1.3 | 13-29 | 152 | 7 | +3 |
| S Mississippi | 20 | 55-165 | 3.0 | 12-30 | 134 | 5 | 7 | 23-18 | 0.8 | 10-29 | 111 | 4 | +3 |
| at Texas Tech | 17 | 27-52 | 1.9 | 20-38 | 273 | 3 | 23 | 52-185 | 3.6 | 14-19 | 148 | 3 | -1 |
| Baylor | 19 | 48-195 | 4.1 | 11-21 | 222 | 2 | 13 | 35-86 | 2.5 | 15-23 | 189 | 6 | 0 |
| Kansas | 25 | 38-160 | 4.2 | 21-31 | 362 | 3 | 15 | 42-108 | 2.6 | 17-29 | 141 | 3 | -2 |
| at Oklahoma | 15 | 23-64 | 2.8 | 13-37 | 166 | 1 | 30 | 39-165 | 4.2 | 34-53 | 387 | 1 | -1 |
| Oklahoma St | 23 | 44-152 | 3.5 | 20-29 | 242 | 2 | 14 | 35-106 | 3.0 | 15-22 | 154 | 6 | +1 |
| at Nebraska | 9 | 38-2 | 0.1 | 11-30 | 116 | 8 | 23 | 55-335 | 6.1 | 9-20 | 95 | 0 | -2 |
| at Missouri | 21 | 48-254 | 5.3 | 12-21 | 201 | 1 | 15 | 35-115 | 3.3 | 14-39 | 133 | 1 | +2 |
| Texas | 15 | 55-122 | 2.2 | 8-22 | 156 | 2 | 14 | 35-89 | 2.5 | 15-32 | 183 | 5 | +1 |
| Penn St (Bowl) | 16 | 39-80 | 2.1 | 15-28 | 122 | 2 | 17 | 39-175 | 4.5 | 8-17 | 146 | 3 | -4 |
| TOTALS | 234 | 506-1682 | 3.3 | 178-355 | 2635 | 32 | 206 | 442-1432 | 3.2 | 211-380 | 2199 | 40 | 0 |
| AVERAGES | 19.5 | 42-140 | 3.3 | 15-30 | 220 | 2.7 | 17.2 | 37-119 | 3.2 | 18-32 | 183 | 3.3 | 0.0 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| LSU | -15' | 33-17 | W |
| Tulsa | -29 | 52-9 | W |
| at Colorado | +4' | 21-29 | L |
| at Texas Tech | -9' | 7-14 | L |
| SMU | -32 | 20-17 | L |
| at Baylor | -2 | 24-9 | W |
| Houston | -28 | 31-7 | L |
| at Rice | -16' | 17-10 | L |
| Mid Tenn St | NL | 56-14 | – |
| at TCU | -11 | 38-6 | W |
| Texas | -4' | 6-16 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at BYU | -7 | 37-41 | L |
| at SW Louisiana | -20 | 22-29 | L |
| N Texas | -37 | 55-0 | W |
| Colorado | +3' | 10-24 | L |
| Louisiana Tech | -24 | 63-13 | W |
| at Iowa St | -13 | 24-21 | L |
| Kansas St | E | 20-23 | L |
| Texas Tech | -1' | 10-13 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | -13 | 38-19 | W |
| at Baylor | -5 | 24-7 | W |
| Oklahoma | -15' | 33-16 | W |
| at Texas | +3' | 15-51 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sam Houston St | NL | 59-6 | – |
| SW Louisiana | -38 | 66-0 | W |
| at N Texas | -31' | 36-10 | L |
| at Colorado | +3 | 16-10 | W |
| Iowa St | -33 | 56-17 | W |
| at Kansas St | E | 17-36 | L |
| at Texas Tech | -5 | 13-16 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -9' | 28-25 | L |
| Baylor | -21 | 38-10 | W |
| at Oklahoma | -15 | 51-7 | W |
| Texas | -16' | 27-16 | L |
| † Nebraska | +18 | 15-54 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Florida St | +15' | 14-23 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | -22 | 28-7 | L |
| at S Mississippi | -2' | 24-6 | W |
| N Texas | -34' | 28-9 | L |
| at Kansas | -13' | 24-21 | L |
| Nebraska | +11' | 28-21 | W |
| at Baylor | -7 | 35-14 | W |
| TexasTech | -9 | 17-10 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | -5' | 17-6 | W |
| Oklahoma | -19 | 29-0 | W |
| Missouri | -6 | 17-14 | L |
| at Texas | -2' | 24-26 | L |
| † Kansas St | +17' | 36-33 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Louisiana Tech | -14' | 37-17 | W |
| Tulsa | -31' | 62-13 | W |
| S Mississippi | -11 | 23-6 | W |
| at Texas Tech | -16 | 19-21 | L |
| Baylor | -30 | 45-13 | W |
| Kansas | -32 | 34-17 | L |
| at Oklahoma | -3' | 6-51 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -11 | 21-3 | W |
| at Nebraska | +13' | 0-37 | L |
| at Missouri | -7 | 51-14 | W |
| Texas | +2' | 20-16 | W |

# TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Rob Peters was a big QB with solid speed. After eight starts in an injury plagued 98, he started the first 10 last year. Peters threw for 1,437 yards (49.8%) with a 9-11 ratio and rushed for 208 yards. Peters missed all of spring practice last year with a broken thumb and Kliff Kingsbury got the bulk of the work. He perhaps showed a glimpse of the future when forced to start the season finale versus Oklahoma. Kingsbury hit only 9 of 17 in that game but had 259 yards with 3 TD's. He has good size and completed 63% in his senior year of HS with a 34-8 ratio and was the San Antonio area Player of the Year. He will have some competition for the job. B.J. Symons (6-1 185 rFr) was PS#77 and worked his way to #3 QB last year travelling with the team. Nathan Chandler (6-6 230 rFr) has intriguing size and was PS#91. He completed 60% in HS and rushed for 13 TD's. Leach also signed 2 HT QB's this year (see Top Newcomers) and they, of course, will have a shot at playing time. Peters' numbers were far from overwhelming and naturally in the new pass offense, whoever wins the starting job will put up bigger stats. Kingsbury and Symons both showed a good grasp of the offense in the spring. Overall, I do feel this position is improved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - This group appeared to be in fine shape last year as it returned Heisman Trophy candidate Ricky Williams who had rushed for 1,667 yards (5.1) in 98. Unfortunately Williams was forced to redshirt due to a knee injury suffered in the opener. Shaud Williams (PS#30) rushed for 658 yards (5.9) as a true frosh. Both of the Williams return and form a potent duo. Keep in mind in 97 & 98 Leach's offense at Kentucky featured 2 RB's who were adept at both running and receiving. In 97 Derek Homer and Anthony White combined for 1,225 yards rushing and 817 yards receiving. I look for Leach to put the best two athletes on the field which means playing both, and Ricky showed his receiving abilities with 19 rec's (10.1) as a 3rd team All American in 98. They lose FB Sammy Morris (#5 DC of BUF) who had 948 yards rushing and receiving in 99, but Shaud Williams is a much bigger threat on artificial turf. Last year he rushed for 551 yards and a super 7.1 ypc on artificial turf but just 107 yards in 5 games on natural grass. With added experience and the return of RW, this group should be vastly improved in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - For the third straight year, two of three starters return. Last year they had to replace their leading receiver who had double the receiving yards of the next closest man. Also, starting WR Derek Dorris was injured and played in just 8 games. This year both starting WR's are back and naturally they will get a lot more chances in the new offense. They must replace starting TE Kyle Allamon (3rd tm Big 12, 6 rec) and TE Tim Winn (6 sts, 7 rec). They redshirted HT Cole Roberts in anticipation of their graduation. Leach signed a HT frosh WR (see Top Newcomers) and a JC WR in James Wegener (4.33 in 40) who will play immediately. Carlos Francis (5-10 180 rFr) was timed at 4.28 in the spring. Backup Darrell Jones (6-2 197 Jr) had 16 rec's but 5 TD's. This group looks a little more experienced and has some added talent. While the statistics will be dramatically improved, I'll call the unit slightly improved talent-wise.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This will be interesting for Mike Leach. When he joined the Kentucky staff he and Hal Mumme inherited 5 senior starters on the offensive line and QB Tim Couch. Last year at Oklahoma he had 3 senior starters returning including #1 NFL draft pick Stockar McDougle and, of course, OU had a great turnaround. Here he must replace 3 starters in RG Dan Martin, LT Jonathan Gray (2nd tm Big 12) and LG Curtis Lowery (2nd tm Big 12) as well as backup C Anthony Patricio. They do have 4 players returning with starting experience and I list the two deep below. It will be tough to replace 2 NFL caliber players like Gray & Lowery (neither drafted), and this unit must also learn new blocking schemes.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Red Raiders had to replace first team All American DE Montae Reagor and their starting NG last year. This year once again 2 starters depart in DE Taurus Rucker (2nd tm Big 12, 6 sks, 78 tkls) and DE Terry Patton who began the year as a starter but was injured. Basically 3 starters return as Wyatt and Anderson replaced Patton for the second half of the year and DE Lemons and NT Kocurek are back. Former Defensive Coordinator Goodner called Aaron Hunt one of Tech's best DE's ever and the tackles have good size and pedigrees. Tech went from allowing 2.9 ypc rushing to 3.6 last year and I see this unit as being tougher in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Red Raiders had to replace two starters from this group last year but did have 3 seniors to fill the void. This year all 3 starters depart but nobody was really an all-star and this year's group may be a little more athletically gifted. John Norman transferred to LB after being a star at FS, Jonathan Hawkins transferred to LB after starting at FB and there are 2 HT's in the group. I like the job DC McMackin did at Hawaii last year, and believe he'll be up to the task here. Not listed below is Dorian Pitts (6-4 207 Sr) who has 83 tackles the last 3 years. Neither Bucy or Hawkins was available in the spring due to injuries and their return is important. Since last year's LB corps was not spectacular, I think this unit will be close to 99 standards but not quite as deep.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After ranking in the top 25 in my pass defense rankings in 95 & 96 Tech fell to #75, #66 and #52 the last 3 years. In 99 they had 2 starters returning and moved starting FS John Norman to OLB. His replacement, Kevin Curtis, made 2nd team Big 12. This year the losses are even heavier. Gone are CB Anthony Malbrough (11 sts, 11 pbu, #5 DC of CLE), SS Reagan Bownds (69 tkls, 4 pbu, 11 sts) and CB Oscar Solis (9 sts, 35 tkls, 5 pbu). Jamaal Crisp (PS #59 QB) moved to DB in the spring. Curtis is the leader of this group and there are some HT's that will contend for time overall but this is a younger secondary that looks a little weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This was usually a solid area under Dykes as they ranked in my top 25 in the special teams rankings two out of four years. The last 2 years were a little below character as they finished just #95 in 98 and improved to only #65 last year. The KR team was poor averaging just 17.9 per return. John Norman averaged 25.7 per return in 98 but slipped to just 17.3 last year and should return to his previous form. The returning P last year, Brian Roberson, was injured and Eric Rosiles was forced into action. He averaged 39.1 on 70 punts. He's back and should improve in his second year. K Chris Birkholz had an off year. After hitting a super 17 of 22 in 98 and being a Groza semifinalist, he hit just 7 of 13 last year with a long of 47, and I look for him to rebound. This is a unit that seems to be improved in all 4 areas, and I look for a finish in the upper half of the rankings this season.

RB Ricky Williams rushes back to a revitalized Red Raider team.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Shaud Williams** | 112 | 699 | 41 | 658 | 7 | 5.9 |
| Sammy Morris | 140 | 633 | 71 | 562 | 3 | 4.0 |
| **James Easterling** | 63 | 287 | 24 | 263 | 2 | 4.2 |
| **Ricky Hunter** | 28 | 101 | 13 | 88 | 1 | 3.1 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Rob Peters | 211 | 105 | 49.8 | 1437 | 9 | 11 |
| **Kliff Kingsbury** | 57 | 25 | 43.9 | 492 | 4 | 1 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Sammy Morris | | 23 | 386 | 16.8 | 2 | 67 |
| **Tim Baker** | | 22 | 370 | 16.8 | 2 | 55 |
| **Derek Dorris** | | 19 | 285 | 15.0 | 1 | 33 |
| **Dee Jackson** | | 19 | 165 | 8.7 | 2 | 17 |
| **Darrell Jones** | | 16 | 234 | 14.6 | 5 | 30 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Eric Rosiles** | 70 | 2737 | 39.1 | - | 35.0 | 1 | 14 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Chris Birkholz** | 2-2 | 2-2 | 3-7 | 0-2 | 7-13 | 47 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kevin Curtis** | 153 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Kyle Shipley | 98 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Tim Duffie | 84 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Taurus Rucker | 78 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Keith Cockrum | 71 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Kris Kocurek** | 70 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Reagan Bownds | 69 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| **Jonathan Hawkins** | 66 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Devin Lemons** | 59 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| **John Norman** | 52 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Anthony Malbrough | 42 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 |
| **Aaron Hunt** | 36 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oscar Solis | 35 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **John Norman** | 29 | 342 | 11.8 | 1 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **John Norman** | 19 | 329 | 17.3 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT ARIZONA ST +6' 13-31 LOSS** TT controlled things early as they blk'd a punt to set up a TD & were driving again but fmbl'd at the ASU 1. ASU RB Redmond got a 56 yd TD run after an int & ASU added 2 FG's. At the half TT had a 199-141 yd edge but also 3 TO's. TT lost RB Williams, FB Morris & 2 OL's to inj in the 1H & generated just 47 yds in the 2H. ASU got 72 & 66 yd TD drives & a 34 yd FG. TT ref'd a fmbl 53 yds for a TD early 4Q.

**AT LOUISIANA-LFT -22 38-17 LOSS** TT was playing on a short week & had 4 offensive starters out in Williams, Morris & 2 OL. TT had 26-8 FD & 491-148 yd edges but 2 def TD's by LL made it 28-17 at half. TT added a 75 yd TD drive in the 3Q & settled for a 29 yd FG in the 4Q when a TD would have given them the cover.

**N TEXAS -31 14-21 LOSS** Shockingly NT won outright for the 3rd straight time in Lubbock. NT had the ball for 10:37 in the 1Q but gained just 37 net yds thanks to 3 QB sk's. TT was held to 119 yds in the 1H. NT got the half's only score on a 27 yd int ret for a TD by Rodgers. TT threatened late 1H but a sack of Peters ended the drive as time ran out in the 1H. TT RB Shaud Williams rushed for 151 yds. His 6 yd run capped a 57 yd TD drive. NT got an 81 yd run that set up a TD plunge & they added a 46 yd TD pass, 21-7 after 3Q's. TT drove 88 yds for a TD, 21-14. TT had a 121-18 yd edge in the 4Q but could not get into the EZ. NT pulled the upset despite TT having a 393-246 yd edge.

**TEXAS A&M +16 21-19 WIN** A&M blk'd a punt for a TD & led 10-0 but TT drove 46 & 60 yds for TD's. A&M missed a 55 yd FG & TT drove 69 yds for a TD, 21-10 at half with TT holding a 235-132 yd 1H edge. A&M settled for a 3Q 27 yd FG. TT was SOD at the A&M 43 & the Aggies nailed a 51 yd FG, 21-16. TT missed a 52 yd FG. A&M settled for a 27 yd FG, 21-19 w/ 8:13 left. TT missed a 49 yd FG. A&M's final drive got to the TT 27. A crucial pen took away a FD & pushed the Aggies back & a 4th & 28 pass was int'd.

**AT OKLAHOMA ST +3' 21-41 LOSS** OSU had 292 yds & 31 pts in the 1H. OSU passed 18 times & ran reverses & flea flickers. OSU got an 82 yd TD drive. OSU's Richardson ret'd a punt 30 yds setting up a TD. A 40 yd PR by Richardson set up a 20 yd TD drive. TT got a 29 yd TD pass, 21-7 but OSU had a 51 yd TD pass. OSU added a 37 yd FG, 31-7. TT fmbl'd at the OSU 1. OSU opened the 3Q w/ a 33 yd FG & foll a 32 yd int ret to the 3, added another TD, 41-7. TT got the majority of their yds & pts late with TD's w/ 4:26 & 1:06 left in a contest that was not as close as the final score indicated.

**COLORADO +5 31-10 WIN** Shaud Williams rushed for 230 yds & CU had 6 TO's. CU missed a 41 yd FG & punted after a 16 play drive. TT got a 61 yd run to set up a TD & CU fmbl'd the KO & TT got a 27 yd TD drive, 14-0. CU was int'd in the EZ & TT drove for a 36 yd FG, 17-0. TT had a 206-115 yd edge at half. TT fmbl'd on their 1st 3Q play & CU got a 47 yd TD drive. Williams' 66 yd run set up a TD, 24-7. CU punted from the TT 40 & then fmbl'd at midfield. After TT had a 46 yd FG blk'd CU got a 45 yd FG w/ 12:02 left, 24-10. Williams keyed a 66 yd TD drive, 31-10. CU was SOD at their own 41 & TT's 38 & int'd at their 30. Baker had 4 catches for 95 yds & Peters finished 15-23 for 181 yds.

**AT BAYLOR -8' 35-7 WIN** Misleading final. TT only had 302-215 yd & 18-15 FD edges. TT got 41 & 40 yd FG's & led 6-0 after 1Q. TT got a 1 yd TD drive foll an int & BU missed a 45 yd FG, 14-0. BU ran a reverse on the opening KO of the 3Q & it went 91 yds for a TD by Davis, 14-7. Norman ret'd a punt 80 yds for a TD & TT got an 8 yd TD drive foll a blk'd punt. TT added a 38 yd TD drive to close the scoring.

**AT MISSOURI +1 7-34 LOSS** TT got an 86 yd fmbl ret for a TD but did not get a FD until its final drive of the half. At one point, MO had a 211-6 yd edge. MO led 20-7 at half. MO continued to dominate and finished w/ a 403-169 yd edge.

**IOWA ST -2' 28-16 WIN** ISU was w/o LB Brcka. ISU opened w/ a 62 yd TD drive, 6-0 (xpng). ISU fmbl'd a punt at their own 9 to set up a TT TD. ISU's punter then fmbl'd a snap & TT drove 23 yds for a TD, 14-6. ISU drove 82 yds to the 1 but was SOD & TT responded w/ a 99 yd TD drive, 21-6. ISU got a 40 yd FG just before half, 21-9. ISU drove 83 yds for a TD in the 3Q, 21-16. ISU got an int ret to the TT 7. Davis had his and the final streak end w/ 9:00 left as he fmbl'd in the EZ. TT drove 80 yds for a TD, 28-16.

**AT TEXAS +16 7-58 LOSS** UT got an early TD & was SOD at the TT 34. UT missed a 50 yd FG & was int'd at the TT 2. UT broke it open after that & took advantage of a Tech team that was without Peters for most of the contest. UT had a 504-160 yd edge.

**OKLAHOMA +13 38-28 WIN** Dykes' retirement was widely speculated & the team rallied around him. 20-30 mph winds. Tech had the wind to open. TT got a partially blk'd punt to set up a 30 yd TD drive & added a 29 yd FG. OU drove 80 yds for a TD. Tech missed a 52 yd FG & OU drove 65 yds for a TD, 14-10. OU got a 77 yd TD drive. Tech got a 47 yd FG w/ :09 left in half, 21-13. After a 33 yd 3Q PR, TT got a 36 yd FG. They ret'd a fmbl to the 1 setting up a TD, 24-21 and then added a 67 yd TD pass, 31-21. TT was SOD at the 33 but OU was SOD 4 plays later. TT drove 40 yds for the clinching TD, 38-21 w/ 3:54 left. OU got a 64 yd garbage TD drive but the Raiders sent their long time coach out a winner.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Texas Tech was never able to recruit on par with Texas and Texas A&M but I felt that Spike Dykes did a fine job in his 13 year tenure guiding the team to 7 bowl games. Last year they even set a home attendance record averaging 45,894. Perhaps under pressure at the end of the year, Spike Dykes resigned after the season finale in which they upset Oklahoma. Tech was bowl eligible but not invited. New head coach Mike Leach was the Offensive Coordinator at Kentucky and brought his passing schemes to Oklahoma last season with great success. Leach will serve as his own OC & he had a solid hire in DC Greg McMackin. McMackin helped June Jones turn Hawaii around last year after serving as Dennis Erickson's Defensive Coordinator for the Seattle Seahawks. The offense has a solid QB in Kliff Kingsbury and two super RB's both named Williams. There are questions at WR and on the O-line but they should be more potent. The defense loses 7 starters and is making some substantial changes in schemes. Last year they allowed an un-Techlike 25.6 ppg and while the defense will not be as experienced as 1999 they could be stingier. The non-conference slate is very soft and they backed out of a game vs Auburn to play Utah St and also may add New Mexico in an August game. It is a dream opening for a new head coach as they play 4 softies at home and a 4-0 start (if they add NM) would have this team firmly believing in his systems. They do pull Nebraska and Kansas St from the North but get both winnable South games at home. Leach has a shot at a winning season right out of the box due to the schedule but it will not be easy, and they may need 7 wins to get to a bowl.


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| LB | Rod Ansley 6-3 206 PS#37 | |
| LB | Geremy Woods 6-3 235 PS#88 | |
| DL | CJ Johnson 5-10190 PS#80JC | |
| RB | Foy Munlin 5-11 210 PS#170 | |
| QB | Clay McGuire 6-3 210 PS#100 | |
| QB | Jason Winn 6-2 185 PS#108 | |
| DB | Damian Chandler 6-0 165 PS#150 | |
| WR | Nehemiah Glover 5-8 165 PS#167 | |
| LB | Marquis Turner 6-0 210 PS#212 | |
| WR | James Wegener 6-2 200 PS#328JC | |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Kliff Kingsbury So.** 6-4 185 *34-8 ratio in HS. 1 st as rFr in 99, 492 yds (43.9%), 4-1 ratio, 51 yds rush. B.J. Symons (6-1 185 rFr) was PS#77QB.*
**RB RICKY WILLIAMS JR.** 5-9 190 *11 sts as true, 948 yds (4.4), 10 rec (13.0). 12 sts in 98, 1667 yds (5.1), 19 rec (10.1). 3rd tm All Amer. Inj in 99.*
**SB Shaud Williams So.** 5-8 175 *PS#30RB in 99, had 4 sts. 658 yds (5.9) as true, 6 rec (9.0). James Easterling (5-10 211 Sr) 1 st, 355 yds in 3 yrs.*
**WR TIM BAKER SR.** 6-5 202 *PS#140WR, 12 rec (11.7), 3 sts in 97, 98. 11 sts in 99, 22 rec (16.2). Big, solid blocker. Darrell Jones (6-2 197 Jr) 16 rec (14.6), 5 TD's,*
**WR DEREK DORRIS SR.** 6-2 195 *PS#105. 12 sts in 98. 33 rec (13.9). 5 sts in 99 (inj). 19 rec (15.0). Dee Jackson (6-2 199 Sr) 30 career rec. Carlos Francis has 4.28 spd.*
**TE Cole Roberts Jr.** 6-6 258 *PS#45TE in 97. 1 st, 11 gms as true. 1 st, 11 gms in 98, 0 rec. RS in 99. JP Jansen (6-3 240 Jr). Nathaniel Falls (6-5 216 rFr).*
**C KYLE SANDERS SR.** 6-2 305 *9 gms in 98, 1 st. 11 sts in 99, 460 lb bench (team record), 2 letters. Casey Keck (6-5 280 rFr) was PS#316 in 99.*
**RG JASON MAY JR.** 6-4 299 *PS#212. 2nd string as rFr. 6 sts in 99 (inj). Matt Heider (6-5 306 Jr) 2 sts ly, 2 lett's. Beau Radney (6-3 285) PS#221.*
**LG JJ Williams So.** 6-5 311 *+20 lbs in 99 and was 2nd string LT but did not letter. Lance Williams (6-2 316 Jr) 1 st in 98. 2nd string in 99.*
**RT Rex Richards So.** 6-5 280 *PS#93OL in 99. Started last 7 games as true frosh. Toby Cecil (6-6 285 rFr) was PS#338OL in 99 & RS.*
**LT Paul Erickson Jr.** 6-4 279 *Lettered in 2 starts in 1999, 2nd string. John DePasquale (6-4 299 Sr) 1 st in 98, +20 lbs in 99. 2nd string.*
**K CHRIS BIRKHOLZ SR.** 6-0 187 *Hit 17 of 22 FG's, long of 53 in 98, Groza semifinalist, 2nd tm Big 12. Hit 7 of 13 FG's, long of 47 in 99.*

**DE DEVIN LEMONS SR.** 6-3 220 *PS#54. 46 tkls, 5 tfl as true, 43 tkls in 98. 11 sts, 59 tkls, 5 tfl in 99. Lawrence Flugence (6-1 210 So) 6 tkls as rFr.*
**DT KRIS KOCUREK SR.** 6-5 290 *PS#149, 32 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 12 sts in 98, 98 tkls, 4 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 70 tkls, 2 tfl. 2nd tm Big 12. Josh Page (6-2 265 So) PS#158.*
**DT ROBERT WYATT SO.** 6-1 284 *PS#83 in 98. 7 sts in 99, 11 gms, 31 tkls, 1 tfl. **Lamont Anderson** (6-4 265 So) PS#37 in 99, 27 tkls & 2 sts as true.*
**DE Aaron Hunt So.** 6-2 225 *36 tkls, 5 sks, 1 st as backup in 99. Zeno McCoy (6-5 220 So) PS#66TE, 17 tkls. Marquis Turner (6-0 210) is PS#212LB.*
**LB Jonathan Hawkins Sr.** 5-11 226 *PS#129DB. 5 sts in 97, 9 sts in 98 at FB, 314 yds. LB in 99, 66 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Sam Hooks (6-4 245 Jr) PS#92LB.*
**LB Rusty Bucy So.** 6-1 225 *PS#77LB in 98, 11 tkls, 5 gms (inj) as rFr. Mike Wilborn (6-0 266 Sr) 8 sks at JC in 97. 107 yds as FB in 98.*
**LB John Norman Sr.** 6-0 230 *PS#4DB. 45 tkls in 97. 11 sts at FS in 98. 2nd tm Big 12, 92 tkls. 52 tkls at LB in 99, 4 sks, 3 tfl, 672 return yds.*
**CB Antwan Alexander Sr.** 6-0 185 *PS#96DB, 16 tkls, 1 int as true. 24 tkls, 2 pbu in 98. 26 tkls in 99. CJ Johnson (5-10 190 Jr) 13 pbu at JC ly, PS#80JC.*
**CB Brian Giddens Sr.** 5-11 183 *PS#157DB. 1 st, 9 tkls, 2 pbu as true. 9 tkls, 3 pbu in 99. Eric Cooper (6-0 197 rFr). **Rod Ansley** is PS#37.*
**SS Anthony Terrell Jr.** 5-10 170 *PS#63. 20 tkls ly. Mark Washington (6-0 193 Sr) PS#152 in 96. 1 st, 1 rec in 97. 10 tkls as FS in 98. 24 tkls in 99.*
**FS KEVIN CURTIS SO.** 6-2 195 *PS#164 in 98. 1 st, 49 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu as true. 2nd team Big 12 in 99, 3 int, 6 pbu, #1 with 153 tkls, 3 tfl, 11 sts.*
**P ERIC ROSILES SR.** 6-2 185 *Walk-on that won job in Aug. 70 punts in 99, 39.1 avg & net of 35.0. 14 inside the 20. Clinton Greathouse (5-11 201 So).*

# TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score TT | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Red Raiders are 39-18-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1993.<br>Texas Tech is 6-0 SU but 3-3 ATS as a DD away favorite.<br>Raiders are 19-6 ATS L/25 October games.<br>Texas Tech is 4-2 ATS L/3Y as an away favorite.<br>Raiders are 20-12-1 ATS as an away dog since '90, but 0-4 LY. |
| Sep. 2 | Utah St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Texas Tech is 21-10 ATS as a home favorite since 1992.<br>Prior to LY's upset by NTU, Tech had won & covered 6 straight home openers. |
| Sep. 9 | North Texas | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Red Raiders are 11-8 ATS L/19 vs non conf foes, but 3-6 L3Y.<br>Tech is 24-10 ATS at home the L/6 years, pending LW's result. |
| Sep. 16 | Louisiana-Lft | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Texas Tech is 10-6 ATS L/16 as a DD HF, but 1-5 L/6.<br>TT is 4-0 SU, 3-1 ATS since 1994 vs the Ragin Cajuns. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | at Texas A&M | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Strange but true: TT is 4-2 SU & ATS L/6Y prior to Homecoming.<br>Texas Tech is 15-4 and 9-2 ATS vs Texas A&M. |
| Oct. 7 | Baylor (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tech is 7-2 ATS L/9 vs Baylor but 5-16 SU after Texas A&M.<br>TT is 7-1 ATS their L/8 Homecoming games. |
| Oct. 14 | Nebraska | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Strange but true: Tech is 9-2 ATS after playing Baylor.<br>Red Raiders are 9-3 ATS as home dogs since 1993. |
| Oct. 21 | at Kansas St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Unless they pulled a big upset of Nebraska LW, remember...<br>Red Raiders are an amazing 20-3 ATS S/94 off a SU loss. |
| Oct. 28 | at Kansas | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the Baylor & Neb results, TT is 15-6 ATS L/21 Big 12 home games.<br>TT is 2-8 ATS in their second straight away game. |
| Nov. 4 | Texas | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tech was 36-17-1 coming into 2000 their L/54 conf contests.<br>The home team is 4-7 ATS the L/11 series meetings but 4-2 L/6. |
| Nov. 11 | Oklahoma St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Red Raiders are an amazing 14-1 ATS in the home finales L/15Y.<br>The home team is 4-1 ATS when the Raiders take on the Cowboys. |
| Nov. 18 | at Oklahoma | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Despite winning LY, Tech is just 2-5 ATS L/7 vs the Sooners.<br>Texas Tech is 7-2 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: The dog is 4-0 ATS L/4 in the OU/TT series. |
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## STADIUM: JONES STADIUM (50,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-5 | 6-5 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 46-31 |
| ATS | 7-4 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 7-3-1 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 48-28-1 |
| Home Fav | 3-1 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 4-1 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 18-9 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 9-3 |
| Away Fav | 2-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 9-7 |
| Away Dog | 2-2 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-0-1 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 0-4 | 12-8-1 |
| Favorite | 5-1 | 4-2 | 5-2 | 4-3 | 3-2 | 4-4 | 2-2 | 27-16 |
| Dog | 2-3 | 4-1 | 2-1 | 3-0-1 | 4-2 | 3-0 | 3-4 | 21-11-1 |
| Grass | 0-1 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-4 | 9-10 |
| Artificial | 7-3 | 7-2 | 4-4 | 6-1-1 | 6-3 | 5-3 | 4-2 | 39-18-1 |
| vs Conf | 6-1 | 5-2 | 3-4 | 6-2-1 | 6-2 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 36-17-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 3-1 | 4-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 12-11 |
| Off SU Win | 4-1 | 4-2 | 3-4 | 3-3 | 3-3 | 4-3 | 1-4 | 22-20 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-3 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 4-0 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 4-1 | 22-6 |

## Coach: MIKE LEACH (Career 0-0)
### *Leach's records AT TEXAS TECH*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year at Texas Tech | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 0-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs Conf | 0-0 | Vs Non-Conf |

**LAST 5 BOWL GAMES**

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | John Hancock | +6' | Oklahoma | 10-41 | L |
| 94 | Cotton | +6' | USC | 14-55 | L |
| 95 | Copper | -4 | Air Force | 55-41 | W |
| 96 | Alamo | -3' | Iowa | 0-27 | L |
| 98 | Independence | -9' | Mississippi | 18-35 | L |

# TEXAS TECH (6-5)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 12 SOUTH**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 6**
**DEFENSE: 4**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 50 (23,24,3)**
**Lost: 22 (10,11,1)**

## TEXAS TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 23.0 | 17 | 149 | 3.5 | 175 | 48.1 | 14.1 | -2 | 1999 | 6 | 25.6 | 18 | 145 | 3.6 | 195 | 53.9 | 13.3 |
| 6 | 27.7 | 22 | 192 | 4.0 | 203 | 52.8 | 14.3 | -6 | 1998 | 5 | 19.8 | 15 | 121 | 2.9 | 170 | 49.8 | 14.7 |
| 4* | 22.3 | 18 | 150 | 3.6 | 159 | 51.3 | 13.9 | +13 | 1997 | 6 | 19.7 | 19 | 137 | 3.2 | 185 | 53.4 | 16.4 |
| 8* | 26.9 | 21 | 256 | 5.1 | 156 | 43.8 | 15.3 | +9 | 1996 | 6 | 19.3 | 19 | 148 | 3.8 | 200 | 45.3 | 18.0 |
| 7* | 32.1 | 21 | 218 | 4.9 | 186 | 48.8 | 12.6 | +8 | 1995 | 5 | 20.6 | 18 | 171 | 3.9 | 175 | 41.6 | 16.8 |
| 3 | 26.0 | 20 | 147 | 3.4 | 192 | 48.5 | 13.0 | +7 | 1994 | 9 | 20.5 | 17 | 162 | 3.6 | 172 | 45.9 | 16.3 |

**OFFENSE** 1999 STATS BY GAME **DEFENSE**

| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at Arizona St | 11 | 33-107 | 3.2 | 9-27 | 139 | 5 | 19 | 45-210 | 4.7 | 13-27 | 179 | 2 | -1 |
| at Louisiana-Lft | 26 | 58-227 | 3.9 | 12-24 | 264 | 1 | 8 | 27-54 | 2.0 | 10-19 | 94 | 3 | -2 |
| N Texas | 20 | 50-222 | 4.4 | 15-30 | 171 | 5 | 9 | 43-170 | 4.0 | 3-10 | 76 | 3 | -3 |
| Texas A&M | 23 | 52-185 | 3.6 | 14-19 | 148 | 3 | 17 | 27-52 | 1.9 | 20-38 | 273 | 2 | +1 |
| at Oklahoma St | 15 | 33-50 | 1.5 | 14-30 | 240 | 5 | 23 | 45-238 | 5.3 | 16-29 | 214 | 1 | -1 |
| Colorado | 17 | 42-279 | 6.6 | 15-23 | 181 | 0 | 20 | 40-147 | 3.7 | 20-34 | 194 | 3 | +3 |
| at Baylor | 18 | 55-185 | 3.4 | 11-22 | 117 | 3 | 15 | 42-137 | 3.3 | 9-29 | 88 | 4 | 0 |
| at Missouri | 10 | 22-9 | 0.4 | 13-32 | 160 | 6 | 22 | 61-187 | 3.1 | 17-30 | 216 | 2 | -2 |
| Iowa St | 19 | 46-257 | 5.6 | 8-14 | 113 | 1 | 17 | 44-137 | 3.1 | 14-28 | 169 | 1 | +2 |
| at Texas | 13 | 26-23 | 0.9 | 10-32 | 137 | 4 | 28 | 47-217 | 4.6 | 25-38 | 287 | 1 | -2 |
| Oklahoma | 14 | 49-100 | 2.0 | 9-17 | 259 | 5 | 21 | 27-49 | 1.8 | 32-50 | 352 | 1 | +3 |
| TOTALS | 186 | 466-1644 | 3.5 | 130-270 | 1929 | 38 | 199 | 448-1598 | 3.6 | 179-332 | 2142 | 23 | -2 |
| AVERAGES | 16.9 | 42-149 | 3.5 | 12-25 | 175 | 3.5 | 18.1 | 41-145 | 3.6 | 16-30 | 195 | 2.0 | -0.2 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Penn St | +22 | 23-24 | W |
| Missouri | -14 | 41-14 | W |
| at Baylor | E | 7-9 | L |
| Texas A&M | +9' | 14-7 | W |
| Arkansas St | -37 | 63-25 | W |
| Rice | -16 | 31-26 | L |
| at N Mexico | -7' | 34-7 | W |
| at Texas | +4 | 7-48 | L |
| TCU | -9' | 27-6 | W |
| at SMU | -19 | 45-14 | W |
| at Houston | -19 | 38-26 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Kansas St | +7 | 14-21 | T |
| Oklahoma St | -14 | 31-3 | W |
| at Georgia | -2' | 12-15 | L |
| Utah St | -22 | 58-20 | W |
| Baylor | -7 | 45-24 | W |
| at Kansas | +1 | 30-17 | W |
| Nebraska | +22 | 10-24 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +1' | 13-10 | W |
| Texas | -7 | 32-38 | L |
| SW Louisiana | -28 | 56-21 | W |
| at Oklahoma | -10' | 22-12 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Tennessee | +25 | 17-52 | L |
| SW Louisiana | -28 | 59-14 | W |
| N Texas | -32 | 27-30 | L |
| at Baylor | -5 | 35-14 | W |
| Kansas | -9' | 17-7 | W |
| at Nebraska | +36' | 0-29 | W |
| Texas A&M | +5 | 16-13 | W |
| Kansas St | +6' | 2-13 | L |
| at Texas | +1 | 24-10 | W |
| at Oklahoma St | +5 | 27-3 | W |
| Oklahoma | -24 | 21-32 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| UTEP | -17' | 35-3 | W |
| at N Texas | -22 | 30-0 | W |
| Fresno St | -13' | 34-28 | L |
| at Iowa St | -6 | 31-24 | W |
| Baylor | -12' | 31-29 | L |
| Oklahoma St | -3' | 24-17 | W |
| at Colorado | +5 | 17-19 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +9 | 10-17 | W |
| Missouri | -1' | 26-28 | L |
| Texas | +2' | 42-35 | W |
| at Oklahoma | -7' | 17-20 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Arizona St | +6' | 13-31 | L |
| at Louisiana-Lft | -22 | 38-17 | L |
| N Texas | -31 | 14-21 | L |
| Texas A&M | +16 | 21-19 | W |
| at Oklahoma St | +3' | 21-41 | L |
| Colorado | +5 | 31-10 | W |
| at Baylor | -8' | 35-7 | W |
| at Missouri | +1 | 7-34 | L |
| Iowa St | -2' | 28-16 | W |
| at Texas | +16 | 7-58 | L |
| Oklahoma | +13 | 38-28 | W |

# TULANE GREEN WAVE

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - This figures to be one of the more hotly contested positions in college football. Patrick Ramsey threw 513 passes in 1999 for 25 TD's (also 24 int's) and returns for his second year in the offense, but will have to fend off J.P. Losman who transfers in from UCLA. Losman has the ability to stick in the pocket and the quickness to roll out and do some damage. Ramsey broke the school record for passing yards in a game twice during the year, but must improve on his ratio. Losman was unhappy with not starting as a true frosh at UCLA and easily could earn the starting bid here. Derrick Joseph (5-11 183 So) was PS#23 but his strength is his mobility more than passing accuracy and he practiced at WR in spring. Last year he actually rushed for more yds (265) than he threw (162). Brent Brothers (6-2 211 rFr) was PS#97. Chris Peterson (5-11 194 rFr) was PS#135. Ramsey had a large edge on Losman at the start of spring but JP was making a charge at the end and was more effective in the spring game. This is an extremely deep position that has much more experience than heading into last year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Green Wave running game experienced a sharp dropoff last year due partially to the fact that their top RB, Toney Converse, missed 4 games with a rib injury and was rarely 100%. Converse, who rushed for 1,751 yds with a 5.6 ypc in 97 & 98 combined, had just 366 yds (4.1) last year. There are a couple of interesting combatants for the starting spot. Michael Burks (5-11 205 So) was PS#221 and led Auburn in rushing in 98 with 483 yds (3.2). He's 42 lbs heavier than Converse and will likely be more durable. Jeff Sanchez (5-10 166 So) fit the Champ Bailey mold last year with 3 starts at CB and 1 at RB. He had 67 rushing yds for the season. Darlvon Bracy (5-10 185 rFr) was PS#107 and could also contend for the starting job. John Wilson (5-5 166 Jr) moved to TB from WR and had 2 starts and 198 and 175 yards, respectively. Genario Reshard (5-6 186 Jr) had 138 yds rushing & 63 receiving with 1 start. Scelfo signed a top notch recruit in Ronald McClendon (PS#42) who is one of the fastest players in the country with a reported 4.2 speed. FB Brant Hocke (5-8 187 Jr) had 97 yards offense in the spring game. Both Converse and Burks were suspended during the spring. Converse had another off the field incident after his suspension putting his return in doubt. Scelfo put a big emphasis on the running game in the spring and came away pleased. After having an injury plagued season last year, this group has added talent and should be solidly improved.

**RECEIVERS** - JaJuan Dawson (#3DC of CLE) departs after a storied career in which he surprisingly was never the top receiver in total yds in any one season but finished #2 in school history. Last year he led the team in receptions with 96 and was #2 in yards with 1,051 (10.9). He missed 2 games due to injury which is why he did not finish at the top spot. This is a very talented receiving corps. I list the 3 starters below. Terrell Harris is a VHT that got in 47 rec's in 99. Adrian Burnette led the team with 1,095 yds (13.9) and is a sprinter on the track team. Scelfo's own recruit Kerwin Jones (6-2 190 So) was PS#130 and had 21 rec's (12.2). Kerwin Cook was a starter at the beginning of the year but was lost to injury vs Syracuse and still finished 5th on the team with 16 rec's (12.7) in just 5 games. He had 13 starts the previous 2 years. James Dunn (5-8 158 So) was PS#174. Zander Robinson (5-9 175 Jr) was PS#140 and had 4 starts with 11 rec's last year. He has blazing speed. That's a potent 6 pack of WR's and should thrive in this offense. Now add to the mix Derrick Joseph (5-11 183 So), who was PS#23QB and has blazing speed, as well as 2 VHT true frosh this year (see Top Newcomers)!! Also notice a top notch true frosh TE who I list in the 2 deep. I look for improved play, even with the loss of Dawson, especially if the new true frosh and Joseph make the impact expected.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - After former Coach Bowden inherited an O-line with zero returning starters in 97, the last 2 editions of the O-line have been veteran groups. In 98 the unit helped pave the way for 4.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 27 sacks and the Tulane offense rolled to 45 ppg. They had to replace Shaun King but Tulane also struggled to establish the run last year averaging just 2.9 ypc and allowed 26 sacks. The 99 version of the O-line had 4 starters returning but C Kapua Conley lost his job. The only losses this year are LG Jerry Godfrey (11 sts, 2nd tm CUSA 2 straight yrs) and C Conley. Four players return with starting experience and there are a handful of HT's in the 2 deep that I list below. I felt last year's line underachieved somewhat and this year's is even more veteran and should be solidly improved.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the defensive line had a few problems such as being young, inexperienced, small and injury plagued. The D-line will be much better in all 4 of those areas in 2000 as everyone returns, is a year older, hit the weight room and will hopefully have a healthier season. This year's line is ridiculously deep with experience as 11 players return who recorded tackles last year and 9 players in the 2 deep below are back with starting experience. This line won't be confused for Florida St's but does have some solid athletes and is probably one of the most experienced in the NCAA. The lone losses are DE Cory Green and DE Kern Blackmon who combined for 4 tackles last year. This will be a vastly improved D-line.

**LINEBACKERS** - Tulane returned 2 starters to this unit last year and appeared to have 2 senior starters in the group but both lost their jobs. This year all 3 players who ended the year in the starting lineup return. Gone are LB Sedric Clemons (3 sts, 28 tkls, 3 tfl) and LB Kevin Dukes (16 tkls). One big question mark heading out of spring is the availability of starting SLB Noel Ellis. Ellis was the team's leading tackler last year and was suspended in the spring under some serious criminal charges, so his return is a question mark. This is an experienced group, even if Ellis does not return, but there are no HT's in the mix. It is still a stronger and more experienced group than the 1999 version.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After finishing #36 in my pass defense rankings in 97, TU returned all 4 starters in 98 but surprisingly dropped to #72. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and the new defensive schemes were aimed at taking away the run and forcing teams to pass. As expected, Tulane dropped again in the rankings, this time to #110 out of #114 allowing 56% with a 14-15 ratio against a weak slate of opposing QB's. This year they are in much better shape as the entire 2 deep of DB's return and 7 different players who drew starts in 99 are back. There is some decent talent in the 2 deep I list below and Scelfo signed 1 HT true frosh in Wes Heath who should work his way into the lineup. I look for big improvement in the pass defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Tulane ranked 14th in my special teams rankings in 97 but surprisingly in their undefeated season fell to 64th. Last year Matt Groff, a transfer from Kent, was expected to take over the kicking & punting duties but was injured prior to the season. They finished #76 with the strength of their special teams being the punting. Casey Roussel (6-1 223 Jr) took over the punting duties and got off to a slow start, averaging just 37.9 ypp the first 3 games including a block. He was much stronger down the stretch and finished the year with a 44.2 avg, which was 9th best in the NCAA. Tulane may have uncovered a kicker last year in Seth Marler as he hit 15 of 21 FG's including a couple of 48 yarders and a 51 yarder. Unfortunately, Marler's last two FG's of the year fell short in the loss to UAB (see Past History). Almost all of the top returnmen are also back. This has the makings of a solid unit and I look for a good sized climb in the special teams rankings in 2000.

LB Jerry Phillips was #2 on the squad with 97 tackles in 99.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toney Converse | 89 | 388 | 22 | 366 | 4 | 4.1 |
| Derrick Joseph | 38 | 265 | 38 | 227 | 1 | 6.0 |
| John Wilson | 49 | 226 | 28 | 198 | 0 | 4.0 |
| Brant Hocke | 41 | 177 | 10 | 167 | 0 | 4.1 |
| Gee Reshard | 42 | 167 | 29 | 138 | 0 | 3.3 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Patrick Ramsey | 513 | 310 | 60.4 | 3410 | 25 | 24 |
| Derrick Joseph | 42 | 15 | 35.7 | 162 | 0 | 1 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| JaJuan Dawson | | 96 | 1051 | 10.9 | 8 | 61 |
| Adrian Burnette | | 79 | 1095 | 13.9 | 7 | 72 |
| Terrell Harris | | 47 | 386 | 8.2 | 3 | 20 |
| Kerwin Jones | | 21 | 257 | 12.2 | 3 | 28 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Casey Roussel | 55 | 2429 | 44.2 | - | 37.1 | 1 | 10 |
| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Seth Marler | 8-8 | 2-6 | 4-5 | 1-2 | 15-21 | 51 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Noel Ellis | 106 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| Jerry Phillips | 97 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Delando Davis | 84 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Sam Knight | 58 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 2 |
| Jamal Jones | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Quentin Brown | 50 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Meldon Barnes | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ky Joseph | 40 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| Kenan Blackmon | 40 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Floyd Dorsey | 39 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Tim Carter | 35 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| Mitch Mouton | 34 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Glenn Lemoine | 31 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| John Wilson | 29 | 244 | 8.4 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Toney Converse | 17 | 360 | 21.2 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT S MISSISSIPPI +10 14-48 LOSS** It was 106° on the field. SM wore black jerseys to show they were more conditioned. I used a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep on SM. SM led 24-7 at half with TU's only score coming on a 23 yd drive foll a TO. SM extended it to 34-7 in the 3Q & TU had just 115 yds at that point. SM finished with a 483-269 yd edge.

**SMU -3' 53-19 WIN** Ramsey passed for a school record 404 yds in only 3Q's & Dawson set a school record with 16 rec for 218 yds. TU blk'd punt for a TD. SMU mishandled the KO & started at their 1 & TU notched a safety. On the next play Ramsey hit a 60 yd pass to the 6 & they got a TD, 16-0. They added a 26 yd TD pass with 7:18 to go in the 1Q. SMU got a 33 yd TD pass. TU got a TD & SMU got a 61 yd run, 29-12 at half. TU drove 80 yds for a 3Q TD. Converse ripped off a 53 yd TD run, 46-19 after 3Q's. TU had a 539-414 yd edge.

**ARMY -14 48-28 WIN** Ramsey broke his school record with 447 yds passing hitting 34 of 49. Army got a 50 yd TD run, 7-0. TU drove for 3 scores, 17-7. Army was SOD at the 1 but later rec'd a blk'd punt in the EZ for a TD. Tulane added a 40 yd FG w/ :09 left, 20-14. TU blew it open w/ a 77 yd, 3 play drive & a 47 yd fmbl ret for a TD.

**AT SYRACUSE +14' 17-47 LOSS** 5 TO's were the key here as SU had just 40 more yds. SU got a 46 yd FG foll an int. TU was int'd & SU drove 64 yds for a TD. Both teams got 2 TD's on long drives. TU got a 29 yd FG late 2Q but SU drove 91 yds for a TD which came on 3rd & 12 when Williams eluded a sack & hit a 22 yd TD pass. SU added an int ret to the 4 to set up a 37 yd FG on the 1H's final play. SU opened the 3Q with a 29 yd FG & TU missed a 49 yd FG. SU drove 68 yds for a TD & TU missed a 34 yd FG. TU was int'd at the SU 44, SOD at the 35, SOD at the SU 25, and int'd at their own 22 on their final 4 poss.

**AT MISSISSIPPI +12 13-20 WIN** The field was very soggy which slowed down both offenses. Both teams settled for short FG's & Ole Miss led 6-3 at half. TU got a 24 yd 3Q TD pass, 10-6. Ole Miss drove 37 yds for a 4Q TD. TU's Kerwin Jones fumbled with no defenders around him & UM rec'd & ran the ball 5 times for a 19 yd TD drive. TU got a 48 yd FG with 1:19 left. TU's final pass ended in an int.

**LOUISIANA-LFT -27' 48-32 LOSS** 24,407 at Homecoming. LL came in with an offense ranked 111th among Div IA teams but rolled up 422 yds. TU led 28-7 in the 2Q & 31-17 at half. A LL 21 yd TD run made it 31-24 & then TU was SOD at the LL 31. TU got an int which set up a 28 yd FG. TU regained momentum & added a 27 yd FG & 55 yd TD drive. LL got a TD with 6:26 left, 45-32, but TU got a 37 yd FG to cap the scoring.

**AT E CAROLINA +10' 7-52 LOSS** I used EC as a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep. EC QB Garrard was int'd 3 times in the 1H, the last 2 at the TU 17 & 18 but EC led 14-7. The 2H was all EC as they got 2 TD's & a FG on their 1st 3 poss & added a 45 yd fmbl ret for a TD, 38-7. EC got 2 long 4Q TD drives & ended up with a 649-216 yd edge.

**MEMPHIS E 7-49 LOSS** UM dominated this as TU did not get their 1st FD until 4:17 was left in the 1Q & had just 71 yds in the 1H. UM had, by far, their best offensive day of the year w/ 500 yds offense including 264 rushing & 236 passing in Travis Anglin's first start. They led 14-0 after 1Q & got a 99 yd drive for a TD to open the 3Q including a 4th & 3 conversion. It was 28-0 at the half & 35-0 in the 3Q.

**AT HOUSTON +13' 31-36 WIN** TU was w/o Dawson & Converse. UH had just 3 FD's in the 2H. TU had 531-393 yd & 31-13 FD edges but 5 TO's. UH drove 35 yds for a TD foll an int. TU got a 48 yd FG but UH got 5 runs for 83 yds (TD), 13-3. TU was int'd at the UH 8 but drove 45 yds for a TD. UH drove 65 yds for a TD with 3:12 left. A 3Q Sanford 63 yd run set up a TD, 27-10. TU drove 62 yds foll an int on a drive that incl a fake punt, 27-17. UH fmbl'd & TU drove 42 yds for a TD. UH got a big PR but was SOD at the 5. UH settled for a 43 yd FG after a fmbl. Hill ret'd an int 75 yds for a TD, 36-24. TU backup Joseph (Ramsey inj'd 3Q) led TU 71 yds for a TD & UH punted w/2:11 left. TU was SOD at the UH 27.

**AT NAVY +8' 21-45 LOSS** Both offenses dominated the 1Q & it was 14-14. Navy blk'd a punt & ret'd it for a TD with :03 left in the 1Q, 21-14. TU had 1 TO & Navy 3 in the 2Q & it was 21-21 at half. TO's doomed TU in the 2H & they had 5 int's. Navy turned two 3Q int's into 55 & 40 yd TD drives. Navy drove 68 yds for a TD & added a 38 yd FG foll an int, 45-24. TU was int'd at the Navy 3 & SOD at the Navy 14. TU had a 25-24 FD edge.

**UAB (OT) +3 20-23 TIE** UAB opened strong & led 10-0. TU got a 35 yd FG, 10-3 at half. In the 2H Ramsey hit a 4 yd TD pass to Dawson & then found him on a 61 yd TD pass & TU added a FG for a 20-10 lead. UAB was forced to punt w/ 8:00 left but pinned TU at the 1. Ramsey's foot was stepped on by an OL & he fell into the EZ for a safety. UAB drove for a TD foll the free kick. Dixon's 2 pt conv was shown on the replay screens as being stopped short but UAB was awarded the points, 20-20. After a pair of punts, a TU WR appeared to be headed for the EZ but was just tripped up at the 19. TU missed a 34 yd FG. TU had a FG blk'd in their portion of OT & UAB got a 47 yd FG to win despite being out FD'd 24-15.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I said I did not envy Chris Scelfo as he was taking over a team that was 12-0 and changing schemes on both sides of the ball. I called for a large dropoff from the 45.0 ppg they averaged offensively even with 8 starters back. Due to the loss of QB Shaun King and implementing the new schemes, the dropoff was dramatic as they only averaged 25.3 ppg. They actually averaged 25 more yards passing per game but only 58.6% completions as compared to 67% the previous year. The more dramatic dropoff came in the running game which averaged only 93 ypg (2.9) in 1999. Defensively they were very young with just 3 starters returning and as expected went from allowing 24.6 ppg to 36.3 including 450 total ypg and 244 ypg on the ground (5.1). Injuries did not help the stop unit as at some points during the season Tulane had 3 DB's, all 3 starting LB's and 5 of its top 8 DL's injured. That side of the ball should be much improved this year as only 2 players depart and they were both backup LB's. Scelfo also had to deal with a much tougher schedule than 1998, I said in last year's magazine that getting half of 1998's 12 wins would be a solid accomplishment and they fell all the way to 3-8 overall. Scelfo should have a much stronger year in 2000 as just 7 seniors departed. After facing 0 ranked teams in 1998, they faced 4 in 1999 and also faced 5 teams ranked in the top 25 nationally on defense after facing just 1 in 98. This year they face 4 bowl teams from 1999 and do have just 5 home games but will return to the plus side of .500 and compete for a bowl berth.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WR | Roydell Williams | 6-2 | 175 | PS#24 |
| WR | Lynaris Elpheage | 5-9 | 168 | PS#30 |
| RB | Ronald McClendon | 5-8 | 180 | PS#42 |
| TE | Kory Thigpen | 6-4 | 235 | PS#29 |
| DL | Lonnie Crayton | 6-3 | 270 | PS#96 |
| DB | Wes Heath | 6-0 | 195 | PS#102 |
| OL | Jimmy Kosienski | 6-7 | 260 | PS#155 |
| RB | Kris Coleman | 6-0 | 225 | PS#190 |
| TE | Eddie Robinson | 6-3 | 235 | PS#70 |
| RB | Mewelde Moore | 6-1 | 195 | PS#279 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB PATRICK RAMSEY JR.** 6-3 228 *11 sts in 99, 3410 yds (60.4%), 25-24 ratio, 99 yds rush & set numerous TU records. **J.P. Losman** (6-3 200 rFr) was **PS#6** & was at **UCLA**.*

**TB TONEY CONVERSE SR.** 5-8 163 *PS#173. 777 yds (5.8), 9 sts in 97. 4 sts in 98, 974 yds (5.6). Miss 4 w/inj in 99. 366 yds (4.1). **Michael Burks** led **Auburn** in rushing in 98.*

**WR ADRIAN BURNETTE SR.** 5-10 186 *4 sts as true, 9 rec (11.1). Sprinter on track tm. 1st in 98, 11 rec, 10 sts ly, 79 rec (13.9). #1 yds rec on tm. Roydell Williams is PS#24.*

**WR TERRELL HARRIS JR.** 5-10 187 *PS#311 2 rec in 9 gms as true. 10 sts in 99, 47 rec (8.2). Zander Robinson (5-9 175 Jr) was PS#140. 4 sts, 15 rec (11.5) in 2 yrs.*

**WR KERWIN COOK SR.** 6-1 200 *4 sts as true, 20 rec (15.1). 9 sts in 98, 31 rec (17.0). 3 sts til inj in 99. Still had 16 rec (12.7). Kerwin Jones (6-2 190 So) PS#130, 21 rec ly.*

**TE Mike Truax Sr.** 6-1 237 *2nd string TE in 97 & 98 but 0 rec. 3 sts in 99, 6 rec (12.3). Tim Pinter (6-5 236 rFr) was PS#95TE. Kory Thigpen is PS#29TE.*

**C TORIE TAULLI JR.** 6-0 259 *PS#104OL in 98. 12 gms as true, 2nd string C. 11 starts at C in 1999. Brendon Drysdale (6-1 287 rFr).*

**RG CHARLES CALDWELL JR.** 6-3 284 *PS#258 in 97, 9 gms as true at LT. RS in 98. 11 sts at RT in 99, Bryson Westbrook (6-3 263 Sr) 2nd string 3 yrs, 2 letters.*

**LG Chrys Bullock Jr.** 6-3 311 *PS#97 in 98. 2nd string as true, 12 gms. 10 gms at LT in 99, 1 st. Mark Tyler (6-0 284 Jr) 2 games in 99.*

**RT COREY SEWELL JR.** 6-2 257 *PS#340. 12 sts at LT as true! Moved to RG in 99, 11 sts. Seth Zaunbrecher (6-4 275 So) PS#413, 4 gms in 99.*

**LT BERNARD ROBERTSON SR.** 6-4 286 *PS#182. 11 sts at RT in 97. 12 sts at RT in 98. **1st tm CUSA**. 10 sts in 99 at LT. Derick Bugg (6-3 284 So) PS#134, 7 gms ly.*

**K SETH MARLER SO.** 6-0 178 *Strong leg. All but 3 KO's in HS into EZ. Hit 15 of 21 FG's here as true, long of 51, 5-7 40+. Lou Groza semifinalist!*

**DE FLOYD DORSEY SO.** 6-0 236 *PS#83, 8 sts as true, 39 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. Glenn Lemoine (6-3 250 Jr) 6 sts, 31 tkls in 99. Derrick Elzy (6-4 223 Jr) 20 tkls ly.*

**DT MITCH MOUTON SR.** 6-5 274 *PS#107TE. 1 st in 98, 29 tkls, 8 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 34 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Terrence Tarver (6-1 250 rFr) PS#152. Roxie Shelvin (6-2 255 So) 2 sts, 17 tkls ly.*

**DT MARLON TICKLES SO.** 6-1 273 *PS#343, 3 sts as true, 24 tkls, 2 sks ly. Matt Glapion (6-5 261 Jr) 6 sts, 27 tkls, 1.5 tfl in 99. Domonick Crockett (6-3 270 Sr) 16 tkls ly.*

**DE KENAN BLACKMON SO.** 6-5 238 *8 sts as rFr, 40 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl. Ryan Brewer (6-4 260 Jr) 29 tkls, 6 tfl in 2Y. Alex Baltard (6-2 224 rFr) PS#153.*

**SLB NOEL ELLIS SR.** 6-2 238 *PS#214DB. 1 st, 59 tkls, 5 tfl in 98. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/106 tkls, 4 sks, 11 tfl. Susp in spg. David Dorsey (6-1 217 Jr) 22 tkls, 2 tfl ly.*

**MLB JERRY PHILLIPS SR.** 6-0 232 *PS#315DB. 11 sts in 98, 107 tkls, 9 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 97 tkls, 5 tfl. Jon-Robert Mouton (6-0 236 Jr) 1 tkl ly. Emmanuel Sewell (6-1 225 rFr) PS#189.*

**WLB DELANDO DAVIS JR.** 6-2 192 *PS#330, 9 tkls as true, 10 sts in 99, 84 tkls, 1 sk, 6 tfl. Corey Jones (5-11 203 Sr) 4 sts as true, 1 st in 98, 85 career tkls, 5 tfl.*

**CB TIM CARTER SR.** 6-1 184 *1 st, 42 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu in 98. All CUSA on track tm. 11 sts ly, 35 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. John Wilson (5-5 166 Jr) 2 sts, 198 rush, 16 rec (10.9) in 99.*

**CB JAMAL JONES JR.** 5-11 175 *All CUSA indoor track tm, 2 sts in 99, 56 tkls, 45 tkls L/3 gms! **Ky Joseph** (5-10 169 Sr) 10 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu.*

**SS SAM KNIGHT SR.** 5-11 190 *PS#147. 2 sts, 27 tkls in 97. 10 sts in 98, 68 tkls, 3 pbu. 9 sts in 99, 58 tkls, 3 sks, 12 tfl, 2 int. Terry Fontenot (5-11 187 So) PS#225, 11 tkls as true.*

**FS QUENTIN BROWN SO.** 5-9 160 *PS#86DB. 4 sts as true, 50 tkls, 2 tfl, 6 pbu. Track champ in HS. Meldon Barnes (5-11 190 Jr) 2 sts in 98. 5 sts in 99, 49 tkls, 2 int.*

**P CASEY ROUSSEL JR.** 6-1 223 *9th in NCAA with 44.2 avg on 55 punts. 46.2 avg in final 8. Seth Marler (6-0 178 So) had 1 punt in 99.*

# TULANE GREEN WAVE

New Orleans, Louisiana
Louisiana Superdome

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UT | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | For just the second time in the 107 years of the Tulane program, the Green Wave is opening with three road games. |
| Sep. 2 | at Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulane is a sparking 10-1 ATS in their road opener but lost LY. Green Wave is 10-1 ATS the week before a bye. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bonus #1: Visitor in UT/Ole Miss series is 5-1 ATS. Bonus #2: Wave is 22-30 ATS in September since 1985. |
| Sep. 16 | at E Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | TU is 3-9-1 ATS the week after a bye. Green Wave is 5-20-1 ATS L/26 as a dog of 10.5 or less. |
| Sep. 23 | at SMU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulane leads the all time series 8-4 SU. TU is 7-2 ATS since 1994 vs current WAC teams. |
| Sep. 30 | Cincinnati | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Greenies are 25-38-3 ATS overall on artificial turf since 1991. Green Wave is 4-0 ATS vs the Bearcats since 1990, 9-2 SU all time. |
| Oct. 7 | at Louisiana-Lft | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulane has beaten the Cajuns by a combined 176-52 score the L/3Y. Greenies are 6-2 ATS the L/3Y as an away favorite. |
| Oct. 14 | S Mississippi (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: TU is 11-17-1 ATS off a SU win since 1991. TU is 3-8 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1988, 0-2 LY. |
| Oct. 21 | at Army | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulane is 4-10 ATS in games right after Homecoming. Green Wave is 2-9 ATS L/11 vs Service Academies. |
| Oct. 28 | at Louisville | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | TU has covered just 6 of 16 times in their 2nd straight AG. Tulane is 5-2 SU in the all time series, they've split the L/4 both SU & ATS. |
| Nov. 4 | Houston | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Green Wave is 3-1 ATS overall vs Houston but has won L/3. TU is 20-14-3 ATS in November since 1989. |
| Nov. 11 | Navy | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulane has been sunk 7 straight times ATS by Navy. TU is 6-10 ATS in their 2nd straight home game, beat Army in this role LY. |
| Nov. 18 | Memphis | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Green Wave is 1-6-2 ATS their L/9 home finales. Tulane is 0-9-2 ATS L/11 versus Memphis. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: LOUISIANA SUPERDOME (69,767)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 3-9 | 1-10 | 2-9 | 2-9 | 7-4 | 11-0 | 3-8 | 29-49 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 3-7-1 | 4-7 | 5-5-1 | 7-3-1 | 7-4 | 4-6-1 | 34-39-4 |
| Home Fav | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-0-1 | 4-2 | 2-1 | 10-8-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-2 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 2-0-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0-1 | 4-9-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 3-2 | 0-0 | 6-2 |
| Away Dog | 4-3 | 2-3-1 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 14-17-1 |
| Favorite | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 5-0-1 | 7-4 | 2-1 | 16-10-1 |
| Dog | 4-5 | 3-6-1 | 3-6 | 4-3-1 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 2-4-1 | 18-26-3 |
| Grass | 3-0 | 1-3-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 12-12-1 |
| Artificial | 1-7 | 2-4 | 2-5 | 4-3-1 | 6-2-1 | 5-3 | 2-3-1 | 22-27-3 |
| vs Conf USA | 1-1 | 0-2-1 | 0-5 | 3-2 | 4-1-1 | 3-3 | 2-3-1 | 13-17-3 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-6 | 3-5 | 4-2 | 2-3-1 | 3-2 | 4-1 | 2-3 | 21-22-1 |
| Off SU Win | 0-3 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-3-1 | 6-2 | 1-2 | 11-13-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-4 | 3-5 | 3-5 | 3-4-1 | 4-0 | 0-0 | 3-3-1 | 19-21-2 |

## Coach: CHRIS SCELFO (Career 4-8)
### *Scelfo' records AT TULANE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Tulane | | 2-1 | Home Favorite |
| 4-8 | Straight Up | 0-0-1 | Home Underdog |
| 4-6-1 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 3-3-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-4 | Away Underdog |
| 2-3-1 | Vs Conf USA | 2-3 | Vs Non-Conf USA |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | Bluebonnet | NL | Houston | 7-47 | L |
| 79 | Liberty | +2' | Penn St | 6-9 | L |
| 80 | All-American | +2' | Arkansas | 15-34 | L |
| 87 | Independence | +6 | Washington | 12-24 | L |
| 98 | Liberty | -7 | BYU | 41-27 | W |

# TULANE (3-8)

CONFERENCE: **USA**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 11**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 48 (20,25,3)**
**Lost: 8 (5,2,1)**

## TULANE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 25.4 | 23 | 93 | 2.9 | 327 | 58.6 | 16.6 | -10 | 1999 | 3 | 36.3 | 21 | 244 | 5.1 | 206 | 60.0 | 12.4 |
| 10* | 45.0 | 27 | 207 | 4.8 | 302 | 67.1 | 11.3 | +17 | 1998 | 6 | 24.6 | 21 | 160 | 4.2 | 261 | 57.6 | 17.1 |
| 3* | 34.1 | 21 | 183 | 4.7 | 236 | 55.0 | 12.3 | +12 | 1997 | 7 | 20.5 | 19 | 148 | 3.8 | 208 | 53.5 | 17.4 |
| 10* | 19.4 | 16 | 127 | 3.4 | 162 | 48.7 | 14.9 | +5 | 1996 | 8 | 24.4 | 21 | 200 | 4.1 | 178 | 60.3 | 15.5 |
| 8* | 17.0 | 16 | 104 | 3.0 | 170 | 49.6 | 16.1 | +4 | 1995 | 8 | 27.6 | 20 | 159 | 3.6 | 206 | 61.8 | 13.3 |
| 7* | 12.3 | 15 | 102 | 3.1 | 158 | 44.8 | 21.2 | -23 | 1994 | 4 | 32.5 | 19 | 194 | 4.3 | 208 | 60.0 | 12.3 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at S Mississippi | 16 | 26-15 | 0.6 | 27-45 | 254 | 0 | 18 | 41-221 | 5.4 | 15-25 | 262 | 0 | +2 |
| SMU | 26 | 42-135 | 3.2 | 32-52 | 404 | 1 | 19 | 30-181 | 6.0 | 16-39 | 233 | 5 | +1 |
| Army | 27 | 30-124 | 4.1 | 34-50 | 447 | 1 | 19 | 64-289 | 4.5 | 5-6 | 131 | 3 | 0 |
| at Syracuse | 21 | 32-125 | 3.9 | 26-56 | 342 | 0 | 28 | 51-243 | 4.8 | 13-22 | 264 | 0 | -5 |
| at Mississippi | 19 | 23-16 | 0.7 | 35-59 | 339 | 3 | 19 | 45-145 | 3.2 | 17-32 | 227 | 1 | -2 |
| Louisiana-Lft | 32 | 37-188 | 5.1 | 37-52 | 396 | 4 | 17 | 43-236 | 5.5 | 10-25 | 186 | 4 | +1 |
| at E Carolina | 13 | 40-66 | 1.7 | 20-35 | 150 | 4 | 33 | 45-278 | 6.2 | 19-36 | 371 | 4 | 0 |
| Memphis | 15 | 36-57 | 1.6 | 19-40 | 203 | 3 | 26 | 46-264 | 5.7 | 19-26 | 236 | 3 | -2 |
| at Houston | 31 | 31-103 | 3.3 | 31-66 | 428 | 2 | 13 | 47-317 | 6.7 | 11-18 | 76 | 1 | -3 |
| at Navy | 25 | 29-102 | 3.5 | 38-56 | 312 | 3 | 24 | 69-417 | 6.0 | 2-3 | 39 | 1 | -2 |
| Alabama-Birm | 24 | 30-95 | 3.2 | 27-45 | 325 | 2 | 15 | 45-92 | 2.0 | 18-27 | 243 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 249 | 356-1026 | 2.9 | 326-556 | 3600 | 23 | 231 | 526-2683 | 5.1 | 145-259 | 2268 | 25 | -10 |
| AVERAGES | 22.6 | 32-93 | 2.9 | 30-51 | 327 | 2.5 | 21.0 | 48-244 | 5.1 | 13-24 | 206 | 1.7 | -0.9 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maryland | +8 | 10-29 | L |
| Wake Forest | -1' | 35-9 | W |
| at Rice | +17 | 17-15 | W |
| at S Mississippi | +17 | 0-45 | L |
| at Mississippi | +21 | 17-20 | W |
| Memphis | +7 | 8-23 | L |
| at TCU | +16 | 11-16 | W |
| SW Louisiana | E | 28-32 | L |
| at Louisville | +14' | 14-34 | L |
| Rutgers | +4' | 40-45 | L |
| at Navy | +8 | 7-35 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Cincinnati | +13 | 34-14 | W |
| Rice | -5' | 14-21 | L |
| at Memphis | +4 | 10-17 | L |
| TCU | -2' | 35-7 | W |
| Louisville | +6' | 20-23 | W |
| at Army | +6' | 10-34 | L |
| S Mississippi | +12 | 28-31 | W |
| Houston | -1 | 17-20 | L |
| Syracuse | +24 | 7-31 | T |
| at Navy | +13 | 21-35 | L |
| at LSU | +24 | 17-35 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | +8' | 31-17 | W |
| Rice | +3' | 24-30 | L |
| at Syracuse | +23 | 19-30 | W |
| Army | -6 | 41-0 | W |
| at Louisville | -1' | 64-33 | W |
| E Carolina | -10 | 33-16 | W |
| at S Mississippi | +7 | 13-34 | L |
| at SW Louisiana | -25' | 56-0 | W |
| Memphis | -12 | 26-14 | T |
| Mississippi | E | 24-41 | L |
| at Houston | -10 | 44-10 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Cincinnati | -1' | 52-34 | W |
| at SMU | -7 | 31-21 | W |
| Navy | -21' | 42-24 | L |
| S Mississippi | -3 | 21-7 | W |
| Louisville | -16' | 28-22 | L |
| at Rutgers | -19 | 52-24 | W |
| SW Louisiana | -36' | 72-20 | W |
| at Memphis | -16 | 41-31 | L |
| at Army | -16 | 49-35 | L |
| Houston | -15' | 48-20 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | -13' | 63-30 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at S Mississippi | +10 | 14-48 | L |
| SMU | -3' | 53-19 | W |
| Army | -14 | 48-28 | W |
| at Syracuse | +14' | 17-47 | L |
| at Mississippi | +12 | 13-20 | W |
| Louisiana-Lft | -27' | 48-32 | L |
| at E Carolina | +10' | 7-52 | L |
| Memphis | E | 7-49 | L |
| at Houston | +13' | 31-36 | W |
| at Navy | +8' | 21-45 | L |
| Alabama-Birm | +3 | 20-23 | T |

# TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Each of the last two years Tulsa has lost its starting QB due to injury. Last year Michael Wall, who had 2 starts in 98 before injury, gave this position some experience. Wall started the first six games and was having a solid year, throwing for 819 yards (62.7%) with a 4-7 ratio but then went down to injury vs TCU. True frosh QB Josh Blankenship, Rader's biggest recruit over the last five years (PS#53), was thrown into the fire. He threw for 1,416 yards (50.6%) with a 7-15 ratio. Both QB's return and I expect Blankenship to take the reigns with the new head coach looking to the future. Wall was still recovering from injury and missed the spring. Blake Yancey (6-2 210 Jr) is a JUCO transfer who led his team to a #13 ranking in JUCO last year. Burns also signed PS #105 QB in James Kilian this year. This position is much more experienced than it was heading into last season and I look for solidly improved numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the top 3 RB's returned and while RB John Mosley was bothered by a nagging ankle injury most of the year, he still finished with 873 yards and a super 5.5 ypc. He will be missed. Towards the end of the season, Ken Bohanon, a power back (6-1 244), came on strong and finished the year with 299 yards (3.4). DJ Barnett (5-11 190 So) had 116 yards (3.3) as a true frosh and figures to be the backup. Jorma Bailey (6-0 185 Fr) was PS #419 RB in 99 after rushing for 1600 yards and 15 TD's in high school. He delayed enrollment until this spring and is listed #3. This unit is not overly deep and one where some true frosh could play immediately. With the loss of its top guy, this unit looks weaker in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year Tulsa returned two of their top 4 receivers but had to replace two starters and then lost an HT TE prior to the season. This year the losses are WR Jerrold Smith (10 sts, 46 rec, 10.3), WR Damon Savage (11 sts, 67 rec, 11.2), TE Pete Muther (4 sts, 12 rec) and TE Kevin Isham (4 sts). Savage and Smith had the bulk of the rec's and yards from this group in 99. I list the two deep below. Burns signed a large amount of true frosh this year and you can expect plenty of them to see immediate playing time. Terrance Smalls was a starter at Illinois and should have a big impact and I like Corey Brown who is 6-1 190 but still timed out at 4.4 in the 40 for the NFL scouts this spring. Despite the losses, this group should be close to last year in terms of talent and output.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year Tulsa returned 3 starters to this unit but they averaged just 3.3 ypc rushing, a drop of almost a full yard from the year before and went from allowing 20 sacks to 41. Two starters, Steve Wiedower and Don Douglass, missed time due to injury. This year 3 starters return and overall 5 players with starting experience are back. C Steve Schiller and G Steve Wiedower were both Honorable Mention WAC and probably would have earned greater acclaim had Tulsa not had such a poor record. This year's O-line should show solid improvement in the numbers and easily outperform the 99 version.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Tulsa has made strides in being tougher up front the last few years. After allowing 310 ypg rushing and 5.8 ypc in 97, they trimmed the ypc to 4.3 and 4.4 the last 2 years as Radar has gone the JC route to shore it up. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and brought in 2 JUCO's, a transplanted TE and 2 frosh who saw significant time. They were respectable, allowing just 188 ypg rushing but they have not put much pressure on opposing QB's the last 2 years with just 17 and 15 sacks. Nine lettermen return this year with the only loss being DT Andy Taylor (11 sts, 39 tkls, 7 tfl). As a whole, this group is a year older and has much more experience than it did heading into last season.

**LINEBACKERS** - Tulsa is switching to the 4-4 defense that Arkansas uses with Bandit and Rover being hybrid LB/DB positions. I will list the BAN here in the LB's and the ROV as a 4th DB. Last year this group was extremely experienced heading into the season but lost starting LB Ryan Cook (6-3 215 Jr) for the year due to a back injury and then lost one other key player to injury during the season. This year they must replace MLB Jeremy McClure (11 sts, 80 tkls, 7 tfl) and backup LB Brendon Swisher (18 tkls). Six players return to this position that have either started 5 or more games or had over 50 tackles in a season so it is very deep for the second straight year and they do get both Cook and Clay Johnson back from injuries. Ashon Farley has led the team in tackles in each of the last 2 years and will contend for 1st team WAC honors this season. Not even listed below is Phillip Abode (6-1 207 Sr) who had 5 starts in 97 and 6 starts in 98 with 84 tackles and 5 tfl combined in those 2 years. Tulsa's defense was nothing special last year and this group will show improvement as long as they catch on to the new schemes and it is definitely an experienced unit.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - After ranking #108 in my pass defense rankings in 97 Tulsa improved to #80 in 98 and last year only had to replace 1 starter but then dropped to #112, allowing 61.3% with a 20-10 ratio. This year they must replace CB Todd Franz (#5 DC of DET) who was voted 1st tm WAC and had 11 starts, 3 int, 8 pbu. Also gone are SS Taquan Gullett (1 st, 12 tkls) and FS Spencer Braggs (1 st, 15 tkls). As mentioned in the LB's they are switching to a 4-4 lineup and I list the ROV as a SS so basically 3 starters return to this unit. Sedrick Lusk had 6 starts in 97 and is a WAC long jump champ in track. It's not an overwhelming unit but is clearly improved and they should make a good sized leap in the pass defense rankings in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This group was usually a strength under Rader as they ranked #48, #41 and #25 in my special teams rankings from 96 to 98. Last year not much went right for the Hurricane and they dropped to #105 with one of the culprits being a -3 in the TD/blk category as well as a poor KR unit. P Casey Lipscomb was forced into action in 98 and improved solidly last season. I look for a big junior season out of him. While the top 2 returnmen are gone, neither put up big numbers and you can look for improvement in those categories. A big sore spot for Tulsa over the past 2 years has been FG kicking and after they connected on just 5 of 12 in 1998, three kickers combined to hit 8 of 15 last year. This should be a priority for Burns and two of the three K's return but those two hit just 4 of 11. Overall, I expect Tulsa to show improvement in the special teams rankings.

LB Ashon Farley has 156 tackles & 17 tfl the last two seasons.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Mosley | 160 | 927 | 54 | 873 | 5 | 5.5 |
| **Ken Bohanon** | **88** | **315** | **16** | **299** | **9** | **3.4** |
| **D.J. Barnett** | **35** | **126** | **10** | **116** | **2** | **3.3** |
| **Josh Blankenship** | **66** | **139** | **183** | **-44** | **0** | **-0.2** |
| **Michael Wall** | **22** | **53** | **95** | **-42** | **0** | **-1.9** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Josh Blankenship** | **235** | **119** | **50.6** | **1416** | **7** | **15** |
| **Michael Wall** | **134** | **84** | **62.7** | **819** | **4** | **7** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Damon Savage | | 67 | 752 | 11.2 | 4 | 47 |
| Jerrold Smith | | 46 | 473 | 10.3 | 2 | 30 |
| **Donald Shoals** | | **30** | **338** | **11.3** | **2** | **68** |
| **Corey Brown** | | **19** | **326** | **17.2** | **1** | **73** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Casey Lipscomb** | **61** | **2482** | **40.7** | **-** | **34.4** | **2** | **12** |
| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Derek Nordstrom | 3-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 30 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ashon Farley** | **85** | **3** | **9** | **4** | **2** |
| Jeremy McClure | 80 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| **Chris Miller** | **61** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| Todd Franz | 57 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 3 |
| **Brad Hawkins** | **52** | **0** | **9** | **0** | **0** |
| **Keithan McCorry** | **43** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **0** |
| **Chris Odom** | **42** | **2** | **3** | **2** | **0** |
| Andy Taylor | 39 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| **Brett Butler** | **39** | **0** | **2** | **3** | **3** |
| **Drew McLaughlin** | **31** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Harold Burgess** | **28** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **0** |
| **Mark Mallory** | **24** | **0** | **6** | **0** | **0** |
| **Da'mond Robinson** | **22** | **1** | **3** | **0** | **0** |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| Spencer Braggs | 16 | 125 | 7.8 | 0 | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | |
| John Mosley | 19 | 281 | 14.8 | 0 | |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**SW MISSOURI ST NL 45-21** - SWM had numerous IA transfers & a brand new offense which had Rader concerned. QB Jay Rodgers (former Indiana starter) hit 14 of 24 for 166 yds. SWM led 7-6 after 1Q thanks to a blk'd punt for a TD. Tulsa fmbl'd but SWM missed a 34 yd FG. Tulsa led just 16-14 at half. Tulsa adjusted & dominated the 3Q & rolled. QB Micheal Wall was an impressive 14-15 passing on the day w/2 TD losses.

**AT OKLAHOMA ST +9' 9-46 LOSS** OSU led 20-6 at half with 204-28 yd & 11-2 FD edges. One of their TD's came on a fumble recovery in the EZ but OSU was still dominant. OSU had 23 4Q pts & finished with a 400-123 yd edge.

**AT TEXAS A&M +31' 13-62 LOSS** Tulsa had 6 turnovers but actually led 7-3 after the 1st quarter. A&M scored four 2Q TD's, aided by Tulsa turnovers, 31-7 at half. Tulsa got a 3Q TD, 31-13 but A&M finished with a 606-192 yd edge in the rout.

**AT SAN JOSE ST +4 10-34 LOSS** With UT's defense aimed at stopping the run SJS hit 21 of 28 passes for 295 yds. UT rec'd a fmbl on the 29 but settled for a FG. After SJS missed a scoring chance UT got a 79 yd TD drive, 10-0. SJS tied it after 1Q & led 17-10 at half. SJS led 24-10 & UT blew 3 scoring chances in the 3Q. They were int'd at the 7, had a 42 yd FG blk'd & were SOD at the 11. SJS tacked on a 39 yd FG & a 30 yd TD run in the 4Q.

**RICE +5 10-20 LOSS** UT opened strong with an 80 yd drive for a TD but Rice tied it late 1Q. UT had 4 TO's. Rice had a 68 yard drive for a TD with 1:01 left 2Q, 14-7. Rice was SOD at the UT 37 & UT had a 1st & goal at the 8 but settled for a FG. Rice got a 31 yd FG, 17-10 after 3Q's. An int at the UT 30 set up a Rice FG. UT fmbl'd at the Rice 20 & was int'd at the 22 with their final drive ending at midfield. UT finished with a 20-17 FD edge & the Owls only had 5 more total yards. Rice had just 1 pass completion.

**AT TCU +17 17-56 LOSS** UT opened with a long TD drive but lost QB Wall (5 for 5 on the scoring march) due to inj. TCU tied it but UT got an early 2Q FG, 10-7. UT drove to the TCU 27 but was SOD. TCU on 2nd & 11 got an 80 yd TD run late in the 1H & then got an int at the 8 setting up another quick TD & stunningly, led 21-10 at half & UT also lost leading tackler Farley to inj. TCU got an 87 yd TD drive, blk'd a punt for a TD & added 70, 52 & 56 yd TD drives in a dominating 2H.

**HAWAII +5' 21-35 LOSS** UT went 51 yds for a TD on its 1st drive but UH had a 281-85 yd edge in the 1H. UH led 14-7 & then went 71 yds to get a TD w/ :10 left. UT got a 69 yd 3Q TD drive but was int'd on 2 consec poss & missed a 28 yd FG. UH got a 39 yd TD drive foll an int, 28-14. UH iced it with an 80 yd TD drive to open the 4Q. UT was SOD & int'd but got a 64 yd garbage drive for a TD with :14 left. Nearly 16,000 fans were on hand at the start of this Homecoming game, but few were there for the finish.

**FRESNO ST +14' 14-28 WIN** Rader had been fired during the week & Henderson was the interim HC. Dreary night, small crowd, misleading final. UT had a 367-272 yd edge but 3 TO's. UT took their 1st 2 poss 92 & 68 yds for TD's. UT had a 160-1 yd edge. UT missed a 44 yd FG. FSU got 2 FG's. FSU got its only offensive TD in the 3Q to tie. Blankenship just missed a 20 yd TD pass. On the next play, FSU's Limbrick ret'd an int 76 yds for a TD & 14 pt turnaround. UT dropped a 65 yd int ret for a TD & then just missed a wide open rec on what would have been an 80 yd TD pass. With :03 left, FSU ret'd an int 52 yds for a TD.

**AT UTEP +14' 43-19 WIN** UT scored on its opening poss for the 7th straight game but this time did not collapse. UT scored on a 71 yd drive, 6-0. They drove 43 yds & 34 yds foll UTEP TO's, 19-0 after 1Q. UTEP drove 80 yds for a TD. UT got a 27 yd FG & led 22-6 at the half. UTEP battled back with 2 Stuckey TD passes, 22-19 and the crowd of 25,527 was on its feet. TO's killed UTEP in the 4Q. A 25 yd int ret for a TD put UT up by 10. They added a TD drive vs a deflated UTEP defense & then Farley ret'd an int 63 yds for a TD for a misleading final. UTEP had a 443-389 yd edge but could not overcome 6 TO's.

**UL MONROE -7' 34-37 LOSS** ULM had a 38:17 T.O.P. & 89-56 play edges. It was 83° at KO & despite a 10 day "Fill the Stadium" campaign they had only 15,137 on hand. On the 1st play UT had a 77 yd TD run but ULM led 10-7 in the 2Q. UT led 20-10 at half. ULM got a TD & then a 64 yd int ret for a TD. ULM then drove 74 yds for a TD early 4Q, 30-20. UT got a 3rd & 10 30 yd pass & then a 29 yd pass setting up a short TD but ULM answered with an 80 yd, 11 play drive that ate up over 6:00, 37-27. On the next play, Blankenship hit a 68 yd TD pass. ULM punted with 1:07 left but UT's final drive ended on an int. ULM had a 28-16 FD edge, UT RB Bohanon had 3 TD plunges.

**SMU +3' 14-28 LOSS** SMU was even more dominating than the final score indicates. Throughout the first 3Q's SMU had a 316-53 yd edge & led 28-0. Tulsa had just 1 FD in the 1H. SMU went 69 yds on their 1st poss for a TD & then 47 & 51 yd passes set up additional TD's in the 1H. Tulsa did the majority of their damage in the 4Q racking up 151 yds & 2 TD's vs the SMU backups.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Can you name the first team in the history of the NCAA to play in five straight New Year's Day bowl games? Naturally, since I'm writing it on this page the answer surprisingly is Tulsa. That period was a long time ago and they have come nowhere near that prosperity with only 5 bowl games since 1964. Dave Rader took over in 1988 and in his second year he guided the Hurricane to the Independence Bowl and two years later a Freedom Bowl berth, but from 1992 to 1999 failed to top 4 wins in a single season. He is now ex-coach Rader. Keith Burns, who was the defensive coordinator for Arkansas, is the new head man and inherits 14 returning starters but calls every position up for grabs. He is installing new schemes on both offense and defense. The defense is switching to the Hogs' 4-4 scheme. Change is in the air for Tulsa this year including a new Field Turf surface which should cut down on injuries. Burns was part of an Arkansas staff that inherited a veteran Hogs' squad that got some tough breaks the previous year and they were able to get an instant turnaround. That is a possibility here as injuries crippled both sides of the ball at times last year and 14 starters are back overall on a team that will be improved on both sides of the ball. The Hurricane also gets to host 3 of the lower division teams in the WAC which could all result in victories. With a new attitude, a veteran team and favorable WAC schedule I look for them to at least double last year's win total.

DE Drew McLaughlin should improve in his 2nd year on defense. Ken Bohanon is the leading returning rusher for the Hurricane.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| LB | Josh Walker | 6-4 221 PS#64 |
| OL | Matt Black | 6-2 285 PS#97 |
| LB | Jason Wiltshire | 6-3 215 PS#140 |
| OL | Zac Newby | 6-3 270 PS#175 |
| WR | Cole McNair | 6-5 200 PS#123 |
| QB | James Kilian | 6-3 200 PS#105 |
| WR | Carl (C.J.) Scott | 5-7 160 PS#192 |
| RB | Donte' Hart | 5-11 185 PS#309 |
| WR | Darrell Wimberly | 6-0 170 PS#221 |
| RB | Eric Richardson | 5-9 170 PS#358 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JOSH BLANKENSHIP SO.** 6-2 197 *PS#53. 5 sts as true, 1416 yds (51%), 7-15 ratio. Michael Wall (6-4 203 Sr) had 6 sts. 1188 yds (51%) in 97 & 98. 6 sts; 63% in 99.*

**RB Ken Bohanon Jr.** 6-1 244 *PS#72LB in 98. 131 yds (4.5) in 3 gms as true. 299 yds (3.4), 5 rec (7.4) in 99, powerful. DJ Barnett (5-11 190 So) 116 yds ly.*

**WR Donald Shoals Jr.** 5-10 180 *21 rec & PR at JC in 98. 30 rec (11.3) here in 99, 300 ret yds. Jarrett Nixon (6-2 215 Jr) PS#272. Cole McNair is PS#123.*

**WR COREY BROWN SR.** 6-1 190 *7 rec in 97. 5 sts in 98, 17 rec (11.9). 5 sts ly, 19 rec (17.2). 4.4 time for NFL scouts. Donald Moten (5-11 185 Jr), 6 rec 2Y.*

**WR Terrance Smalls Sr.** 5-7 175 *PS#44JC in 98. **5 sts at Illinois**, 11 rec (9.2). Trans in 99. Andrew LeCrone (6-3 198 Sr) 1 st til inj in 99, 7 rec (10.9).*

**TE Keith Carey Sr.** 6-1 246 *16 tkls as true, 30 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. Moved to TE in 99, 5 rec (8.0), 4 sts. Jarrod Roach (6-2 195 rFr) PS#285DB.*

**C STEVE SCHILLER SR.** 6-5 288 *10 sts as rFr in 97. 10 sts in 98. 11 sts in 99, 6 gms at 90%+ grade, **HM WAC**. Anthony Taylor (6-0 261 So) +11 lbs ly.*

**RG STEVE WIEDOWER SR.** 6-3 282 *PS#87 in 97. 2nd string as true, lettered. 11 sts in 98, 9 sts in 99, **HM WAC**. Jason Daniluk (6-5 305 So) 11 gms as backup ly.*

**LG Brock Anderson So.** 6-3 312 *PS#261. 9 gms as true, 2 sts. Ron Frederick (6-5 300 rFr) 1 tkl as true but RS. Matt Black (6-2 285 Fr) is PS#97.*

**RT Jake Stoetzner So.** 6-5 300 *6 gms as rFr, 1 st at LT in 99. Tony Katic (6-4 270 rFr) PS#105TE in 99. James Pickard (6-8 300 rFr) PS#406.*

**LT KEVIN SHAFFER JR.** 6-5 279 *PS#337DL in 98. 11 gms as true & lettered. 11 sts in 99 at RT. Phil Franks (6-8 284 Sr) PS#415 in 96, JC trans in 98.*

**K CHRIS EARNEST JR.** 6-2 196 *Hit 1 of 3 FG's, 2-4 xp's as true. Hit only 3 of 9 FG's in 99. Ricky Tallant (5-10 180 So) hit 1 of 2 FG's & did KO's.*

**DE CHRIS ODOM SR.** 6-4 245 *PS#91TE, 2 sts as rFr, 30 tkls, 3 tfl. 11 sts in 98, 42 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 42 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. Jason Collier (6-3 240 rFr) PS#126.*

**DT Beau Gray So.** 6-2 280 *18 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr in 99. Da'Mond Robinson (6-2 249 Sr) 13 sks at JC in 97. RS in 98. 22 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl in 99.*

**DT JEFF HEWITT SR.** 6-2 265 *90 tkls, 10 sks at JC in 98. 11 sts here in 99, 19 tkls, 2 tfl. +25 lbs. Sam Rayburn (6-4 260 rFr) PS#415, 9 tkls, 2 sks as true.*

**DE DREW McLAUGHLIN JR.** 6-3 230 *TE in 98. 8 sts in 99 (miss 2 inj), 31 tkls, 1 sk. Mark Mallory (6-6 251 So) 2 sts, 24 tkls, 6 tfl. Justin Dixon (6-1 222 Jr) 15 tkls, 3 tfl.*

**LB BRAD HAWKINS SO.** 6-2 230 *PS#23. 10 sts as rFr, 52 tkls, 9 tfl. Clay Johnson (6-0 227 Sr) 52 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. 3 tfl ly til inj. Dani Mouri (5-9 232 Sr) 13 tkls.*

**LB ASHON FARLEY SR.** 5-11 222 *5 sts, 60 tkls in 97. 11 sts, 71 tkls, 5 tfl in 98. 10 sts, 85 tkls, 12 tfl. **2nd tm WAC** ly. Ryan Cook PS#89, 5 sts, 66 tkls in 98.*

**BAN Harold Burgess Jr.** 5-11 190 *PS#169RB. 3 sts in 98, 31 tkls. 4 sts at S in 99, 28 tkls, 1 tfl. Gavin Engle (6-1 188 Sr) JC in 98 but inj'd, 14 tkls here ly.*

**CB Sedrick Lusk Sr.** 5-11 178 *WAC long jump champ. 6 sts in 97, 22 tkls, 2 tfl. 8 tkls in 98. 1 sts ly, 17 tkls, 1 pbu. Chad Smith (6-1 192 rFr) PS#220.*

**CB KEITHAN McCORRY SO.** 5-11 177 *PS#289, 10 sts as rFr, 43 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. Frankie Johnson (5-11 188 Sr) 3 sts in 97, 8 tkls, 2 pbu. Inj in 98, 6 tkls ly.*

**ROV BRETT BUTLER SO.** 6-0 180 *Solid cover guy. 8 sts as rFr at FS. 39 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 int, 3 pbu despite being banged up. Sean Nelson (6-1 181 rFr).*

**FS CHRIS MILLER SR.** 5-9 185 *PS#273JC in 98. 5 sts here, 62 tkls, 3 int, 1 pbu. 9 sts at SS in 99, 61 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Terrell Siegfried (5-10 175 So) 1 tkl in 99.*

**P CASEY LIPSCOMB JR.** 6-0 218 *Took over as rFr in 98 due to inj. 38.0 avg on 25 punts in 7 games in 98. 61 punts in 99, 40.7 avg, 34.4 net.*

# TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

Tulsa, Oklahoma
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score TULSA | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulsa is 4-1 ATS their last 5 vs the Big East.<br>Golden Hurricane are 1-4 ATS vs Colorado St since 1988.<br>Tulsa has had 8 consecutive losing seasons for the 1st time in the 105 year history of the school.<br>UT is 2-16 SU, 5-13 ATS S/89 in their 2nd straight away game. |
| Sep. 2 | at N Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This will be the first ever meeting between the 2 schools.<br>Tulsa is 0-4-1 ATS their L/5 lined road openers. |
| Sep. 9 | Oklahoma St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulsa is 9-20 ATS the L/4Y after a SU loss.<br>The home team is 4-0 both SU & ATS in this series. |
| Sep. 16 | at Rice | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Have met each of the L/4Y and Tulsa is 0-4 SU & ATS.<br>Tulsa is 7-12 ATS since 1984 when travelling to a Texas school. |
| Sep. 23 | Louisiana Tech | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LT is 4-0 SU vs Tulsa, won last meeting 27-23 in 1995.<br>Might apply here: Tulsa is 1-12 ATS their L/13 tries as a home favorite. |
| Sep. 30 | at Hawaii | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending the Rice result UT has dropped 21 of 30 conf gms SU.<br>Hurricane's last trip to the islands was a 9-38 SU & ATS loss in 1992. |
| Oct. 7 | UTEP (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulsa is 4-12 ATS the L/4 years in October.<br>Coming into this season UT was 24-38-1 ATS L/63 WAC contests. |
| Oct. 14 | at New Mexico St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Last met in 1990. Tulsa won 35-10 in Las Cruces. Tulsa leads series 15-2 SU.<br>That was the last time Tulsa has played a Big West club in that span. |
| Oct. 21 | TCU | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulsa is 4-9 ATS L/13 sandwiched home games.<br>The road team is 3-1 both SU & ATS the last 4 seasons. |
| Oct. 28 | at Fresno St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY Tulsa played FSU right after former Coach Rader was fired.<br>Prior to this season the Hurricane were 4-15-1 ATS L/20 as a road dog. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: SMU leads the all time series 4-1 ATS. |
| Nov. 11 | at SMU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulsa is 6-3 SU but 2-6 ATS since 1994 after a bye week.<br>Golden Hurricane are 2-9 ATS L/11 road finales. |
| Nov. 18 | San Jose St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending LW's result, UT is 9-17 ATS L/26 November contests.<br>Hurcs are 1-3 ATS when hosting a California team L/3Y. |
| Nov. 25 | Nevada | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Tulsa is 2-5 ATS since 1993 in their home finale.<br>This is the 1st meeting for these schools S/1948. NU leads the series 2-1. |

## STADIUM: SKELLY STADIUM (40,385)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-6-1 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 2-9 | 4-7 | 2-9 | 23-53-1 |
| ATS | 5-5 | 5-4 | 5-5 | 4-7 | 4-6-1 | 3-7 | 2-8 | 28-42-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-3 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-10 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 10-11 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 4-3 |
| Away Dog | 4-1 | 4-1 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 2-3-1 | 0-4 | 1-4 | 14-18-1 |
| Favorite | 1-3 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 4-13 |
| Dog | 4-2 | 5-1 | 4-4 | 3-4 | 4-5-1 | 2-6 | 2-7 | 24-29-1 |
| Grass | 3-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 0-3 | 9-13 |
| Artificial | 2-5 | 4-3 | 3-3 | 3-5 | 2-3-1 | 3-5 | 2-5 | 19-29-1 |
| vs WAC | 2-3 | 2-3 | 3-0 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 2-5 | 17-27 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-2 | 3-1 | 2-5 | 2-1 | 0-2-1 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 11-15 |
| Off SU Win | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 8-13 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-2 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 2-4 | 3-5 | 2-5 | 2-6 | 18-26 |

## Coach: KEITH BURNS (Career 0-0)
### *Burns' records AT TULSA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year at Tulsa | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 0-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs WAC | 0-0 | Vs Non-WAC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | Bluebonnet | NL | Mississippi | 14-7 | W |
| 65 | Bluebonnet | NL | Tennessee | 6-27 | L |
| 76 | Independence | NL | McNeese St | 16-20 | L |
| 89 | Independence | +14' | Oregon | 24-27 | W |
| 91 | Freedom | +2' | San Diego St | 28-17 | W |

# TULSA (2-9)

*CONFERENCE:* **WAC**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 5***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 39 (16,21,2)**
**Lost: 20 (12,7,1)**

## TULSA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
## *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 20.9 | 18 | 114 | 3.3 | 203 | 55.0 | 15.2 | -8 | 1999 | 6 | 35.1 | 21 | 188 | 4.4 | 225 | 61.3 | 11.8 |
| 6* | 20.2 | 21 | 169 | 4.1 | 212 | 56.1 | 18.1 | -6 | 1998 | 7 | 23.5 | 19 | 189 | 4.3 | 157 | 51.9 | 19.8 |
| 7 | 23.5 | 20 | 141 | 4.1 | 226 | 52.3 | 15.6 | -19 | 1997 | 4 | 38.7 | 25 | 310 | 5.8 | 182 | 60.1 | 12.7 |
| 8* | 22.3 | 21 | 175 | 4.1 | 209 | 45.9 | 17.2 | -4 | 1996 | 6 | 30.3 | 21 | 264 | 5.5 | 176 | 48.2 | 14.6 |
| 8* | 21.2 | 18 | 179 | 3.8 | 140 | 48.2 | 15.1 | +10 | 1995 | 6 | 27.3 | 22 | 178 | 4.1 | 225 | 57.4 | 14.8 |
| 4 | 22.2 | 22 | 176 | 4.0 | 204 | 56.1 | 17.0 | 0 | 1994 | 4 | 27.6 | 20 | 206 | 4.5 | 157 | 51.7 | 13.0 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| SW Missouri St | 29 | 59-331 | 5.6 | 16-20 | 228 | 1 | | 15 | 28-130 | 4.6 | 14-24 | 166 | 2 | +2 |
| at Oklahoma St | 9 | 19-(-20) | -1.1 | 16-39 | 143 | 6 | | 20 | 51-212 | 4.2 | 14-24 | 188 | 2 | -1 |
| at Texas A&M | 8 | 32-40 | 1.3 | 13-29 | 152 | 5 | | 30 | 51-217 | 4.3 | 18-40 | 389 | 2 | -3 |
| at San Jose St | 14 | 31-75 | 2.4 | 16-34 | 200 | 2 | | 24 | 37-180 | 4.9 | 21-30 | 295 | 1 | +1 |
| Rice | 20 | 22-34 | 1.5 | 32-52 | 290 | 3 | | 17 | 61-309 | 5.1 | 1-7 | 20 | 0 | -3 |
| at TCU | 16 | 44-103 | 2.3 | 15-28 | 113 | 8 | | 22 | 44-356 | 8.1 | 8-12 | 109 | 0 | -1 |
| Hawaii | 22 | 36-122 | 3.4 | 27-42 | 271 | 3 | | 21 | 31-151 | 4.9 | 23-41 | 283 | 2 | -3 |
| Fresno St | 22 | 38-120 | 3.2 | 19-36 | 247 | 4 | | 14 | 34-112 | 3.3 | 18-27 | 160 | 0 | -3 |
| at UTEP | 24 | 49-184 | 3.8 | 17-28 | 205 | 0 | | 22 | 35-137 | 3.9 | 19-33 | 306 | 1 | +5 |
| UL Monroe | 16 | 29-232 | 8.0 | 12-27 | 219 | 1 | | 28 | 54-215 | 4.0 | 25-35 | 258 | 0 | -2 |
| SMU | 14 | 25-37 | 1.5 | 20-34 | 167 | 8 | | 18 | 40-54 | 1.4 | 24-29 | 300 | 5 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 194 | 384-1258 | 3.3 | 203-369 | 2235 | 41 | | 231 | 466-2073 | 4.4 | 185-302 | 2474 | 15 | -8 |
| AVERAGES | 17.6 | 35-114 | 3.3 | 18-34 | 203 | 3.7 | | 21.0 | 42-188 | 4.4 | 17-27 | 225 | 1.4 | -0.7 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baylor | +9' | 5-37 | L |
| Oklahoma St | +1' | 24-23 | W |
| at Texas A&M | +29 | 9-52 | L |
| E Tenn St | NL | 45-20 | – |
| at Louisiana Tech | -3' | 23-27 | L |
| Wyoming | +8' | 35-6 | W |
| at UTEP | -6 | 38-28 | W |
| at Memphis | +5' | 7-10 | W |
| at BYU | +16 | 35-45 | W |
| at E Carolina | +14 | 7-28 | L |
| Cincinnati | +4' | 5-24 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at SMU | -1 | 10-17 | L |
| at Oklahoma St | +3 | 9-30 | L |
| Iowa | +18 | 27-20 | W |
| at Oklahoma | +9' | 31-24 | W |
| Colorado St | +1 | 20-14 | W |
| BYU | +10 | 30-55 | L |
| at Utah | +13' | 19-45 | L |
| N Mexico | -1 | 23-34 | L |
| TCU | -5' | 24-31 | L |
| at UTEP | -7 | 38-21 | W |
| at Rice | +11 | 14-42 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Cincinnati | +10 | 24-34 | T |
| at Iowa | +26 | 16-54 | L |
| Missouri | +5' | 21-42 | L |
| Rice | +10 | 24-42 | L |
| UTEP | -13' | 18-33 | L |
| at TCU | +7' | 33-22 | W |
| at Colorado St | +23 | 8-44 | L |
| Utah | +10' | 21-13 | W |
| at BYU | +18 | 39-49 | W |
| SMU | +7' | 41-42 | W |
| at N Mexico | +14' | 13-51 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| SW Missouri St | NL | 49-14 | – |
| Oklahoma St | +8' | 35-20 | W |
| at W Virginia | +13 | 21-44 | L |
| San Diego St | -10 | 14-24 | L |
| at Colorado St | +9' | 7-34 | L |
| at Rice | +3' | 10-14 | L |
| Air Force | +11 | 21-42 | L |
| at UNLV | -3' | 20-16 | W |
| at SMU | +9' | 3-33 | L |
| TCU | +5' | 7-17 | L |
| Wyoming | +10' | 35-0 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| SW Missouri St | NL | 45-21 | – |
| at Oklahoma St | +9 | 9-46 | L |
| at Texas A&M | +32' | 13-62 | L |
| at San Jose St | +4 | 10-34 | L |
| Rice | +5' | 10-20 | L |
| at TCU | +17 | 17-56 | L |
| Hawaii | +5' | 21-35 | L |
| Fresno St | +14' | 14-28 | W |
| at UTEP | +14' | 43-19 | W |
| UL Monroe | -7' | 34-37 | L |
| SMU | +3' | 14-28 | L |

# UCLA BRUINS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Replacing a 1st round draft pick and four year starter like Cade McNown is never easy and a young Bruins' QB corps proved that last year. Drew Bennett had the most experience coming in and started the first 3 games. He threw for 641 yards (55.1%) with a 4-4 ratio but then was moved to WR. Cory Paus (PS#15) took over as starter for the next 7 games as a rFr. He showed some solid skills, but also made some freshman mistakes and completed just 48.2% with a 7-9 ratio. He broke his collarbone in week 10 and Ryan McCann started the final game versus USC and in 4 games threw for 338 yards (52.4%) with an 0-3 ratio. Scott McEwan (6-3 199 Jr) was PS#30 and struggled completing just 2 of 15 passes. Whoever wins the starting job should have dramatically better numbers as this group is far more experienced than last year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - I thought enough of DeShaun Foster to put him on the cover of my western region magazines last year. Foster was a Frosh AA with 673 yards (5.3) & 10 TD's as a 3rd string RB in 98. He did not have the type of year in 99 that I expected and October was more trick than treat. During the entire month, he had just 5 carries and on the year finished with just 375 yards (3.4). Keith Brown led the team in rushing with 421 yards (4.3) with six starts and he departs. Jermaine Lewis (5-7 174 Sr) was PS#107RB and in 3 years has 1,051 yards rushing (4.2). Also in the mix at TB is Akil Harris (6-0 209 rFr, PS #34). While there are only 14 players in this year's recruiting class, three of them played RB in high school, and two are among the top 10 recruits (see Top Newcomers) with Norton probably contending for the starting FB slot. I list the top 3 FB's below. As long as Foster stays healthy all year (he missed a good portion of the spring with a minor knee injury), this should be his breakout season and the RB corps will be much improved.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Bruins returned 2 of 3 starters to this position but Brian Poli-Dixon went down early to injury and their other starting WR Danny Farmer missed a few games and was never really 100%. Freddie Mitchell, recovering from a broken leg, was not healthy. This year they lose Danny Farmer (2nd tm PAC 10, 29 rec, 19.8, #4 DC of PIT) and Brad Melsby (22 rec, 12.7, 10 sts). Despite the losses I think this group is improved. Poli-Dixon is a returning starter from 98 when he had 44 rec's (16.2). I list the two deep below. Jerry Owens was PS#8 last year but redshirted due to injuries and should have a big year. Another addition is Drew Bennett who had 3 starts at QB last year and has the athleticism to be a solid WR. Jon Dubravac was going to be redshirted in 99, but was forced to play due to injuries and netted just 4 rec's. Also in the mix is Cody Joyce (6-1 214 Jr, PS #31), Ryan Smith (6-3 201 rFr, PS#127) and Paul Nelson (6-2 199 So, PS #14). One of this year's top recruits is also a WR but will likely be redshirted with the depth here. The Bruins' offense uses 4 TE's every game with 3 on the field a good percentage of the time. The Bruins are 4 deep with talented TE's with 3 VHT's in the group and I list them below.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Bruins had to replace 3 starters and then suffered through a myriad of injuries. By the end of the year only one player started all 11 games, and he did it at two different positions. This year all 5 starters return with 7 players having starting experience. The 2 deep I list below has no less than SIX VHT's. The only losses from last year are OG/C Matt Phelan (5 sts) and OG James Ghezzi (1 st). This should be one of the best offensive lines in the NCAA this year and should be vastly improved. Check out page 4 to see where I rank them overall in the NCAA.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The last two years this group has been made up predominantly of underclassmen and last year was the first year in the new 4-3 defense. This unit is so deep I list three players at each position below and you will notice 6 VHT's in that group. The only loss is DE Pete Holland (10 sts, 25 tkls). The Bruins have been porous versus the run over the last 2 years and this group looks bigger, stronger and more experienced than past editions. This unit is molding into a solid group and I like the bulk in the middle with the starting DT's averaging over 300 lbs.

**LINEBACKERS** - Just like the defensive front, the LB's have been mostly underclassmen the last 2 years. Last year they had to replace their top LB and this year lose just a pair of backups. I list the two deep below and there are 3 VHT's in the group. I expect Marcus Reese to beat out either Tony White or Ryan Nece for one of the OLB spots. This group is deeper and more experienced than last year.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Bruins always do fairly well in my pass defense rankings. In 97 they finished #8 and in 98 they were #17. Last year they had to replace just 1 starter but then had another starter go down to injury and their leading tackler ended up being walk-on SS Joey Strycula. They still managed to finish a respectable #39 in the rankings, allowing 53.2% with a 22-17 ratio taking on a very tough slate of opposing QB's. This year 2 starters depart in Strycula (11 sts, 69 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu) and CB Ryan Roques (9 sts, 4 int, 9 pbu) as well as backup FS Eric Whitfield (3 sts, 3 int). The return of CB's Jason Bell and Marques Anderson who combined for 18 starts in 98 is a big plus. No less than 7 players have starting experience in this improved group.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In Toledo's four years here they have ranked #83, #67, #18 and #46 in my special teams rankings. Last year Ryan Roques disappointed in both PR's and KR's averaging just 6.9 and 20.6 respectively after averaging 12.7 and 27.2 in 98. They had to break in a new K and P and both frosh did reasonably well. Fikse could be the PAC 10's best P and both he & Griffith have strong legs for KO's. They also add the TOP K out of high school this year. Long snapper Jeff Grau is steady and in his 3rd year. I expect the return game to be improved and they should be able to contend for top 25 honors this year.

RB DeShaun Foster looks to rebound from last year's sophomore slump.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keith Brown | 98 | 444 | 23 | 421 | 5 | 4.3 |
| **DeShaun Foster** | **111** | **424** | **49** | **375** | **6** | **3.4** |
| **Jermaine Lewis** | **63** | **242** | **26** | **216** | **1** | **3.4** |
| **Drew Bennett** | **30** | **123** | **58** | **65** | **1** | **2.2** |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| **Cory Paus** | **197** | **95** | **48.2** | **1336** | **7** | **9** |
| **Drew Bennett** | **89** | **49** | **55.1** | **641** | **4** | **4** |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| **Freddie Mitchell** | | **38** | **533** | **14.0** | **0** | **57** |
| Danny Farmer | | 29 | 573 | 19.8 | 3 | 85 |
| Brad Melsby | | 22 | 279 | 12.7 | 3 | 44 |
| **DeShaun Foster** | | **17** | **114** | **6.7** | **0** | **24** |
| **Gabe Crecion** | | **12** | **164** | **13.7** | **2** | **39** |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| **Nate Fikse** | **68** | **2857** | **42.0** | **-** | **36.6** | **0** | **11** |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| **Chris Griffith** | **5-7** | **5-7** | **3-4** | **0-0** | **13-18** | **48** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joey Strycula | 69 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 3 |
| **Robert Thomas** | **68** | **1.5** | **4** | **2** | **0** |
| **Ryan Nece** | **65** | **2** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| **Tony White** | **53** | **1.5** | **6** | **1** | **0** |
| **Ricky Manning** | **53** | **2** | **10** | **9** | **2** |
| **Kenyon Coleman** | **50** | **3.5** | **9** | **8** | **0** |
| Ryan Roques | 48 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 4 |
| **Ken Kocher** | **43** | **0** | **5** | **3** | **0** |
| **Marcus Reese** | **37** | **0** | **4** | **2** | **1** |
| Eric Whitfield | 33 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| **Anthony Fletcher** | **32** | **1** | **4** | **0** | **0** |
| **Rusty Williams** | **28** | **3.5** | **8** | **2** | **0** |
| Pete Holland | 25 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| Ryan Roques | 13 | 90 | 6.9 | 0 |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Lovell Houston** | **18** | **435** | **24.2** | **1** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**BOISE ST -27 38-7 WIN** UCLA had 11 players susp. UCLA had 3 FR & 3 SO start on def but held Boise scoreless for 58:00. BS QB Hendricks tossed 3 2Q int's before being relieved in the 4Q. UCLA led 10-0 & got a 53 yd int ret for a TD. 5 plays later UCLA got an int setting up a 16 yd TD drive. It was 38-0 when Boise got a 99 yd TD drive late.

**AT OHIO ST +11 20-42 LOSS** For the 1st time in 27 gms UCLA was held to under 24 pts as they were w/o 9 starters due to susp. UCLA got a sure int tipped & hauled in by Stanley for a lucky 67 yd TD & added a FG, 10-0. OSU went on an 81 yd TD drive & added 60 & 56 yd TD drives, 21-10 at half. UCLA got a 73 yd 3Q TD drive. After an exchange of int's OSU missed a 43 yd FG. After an exchange of fmbl's OSU got a TD, 28-17. OSU got a 50 yd TD drive, 35-17. UCLA got a 33 yd FG & OSU drove 74 yds for a TD to seal it.

**FRESNO ST -21 35-21 LOSS** UCLA's susp players ret'd. FSU barely missed 2 1Q TD's on long passes & UCLA took a 17-7 lead. FSU was at the UCLA 20 late but an 83 yd int ret set up a UCLA 28 yd FG, 20-7. FSU got a 3Q TD pass & conv'd on 4th & 2 to set up another TD 21-20. FSU fmbl'd a punt setting up a 31 yd UCLA TD drive. In the 4Q, UCLA faced a 3rd & 18 & got a 51 yd pass to set up a TD. UCLA had a 415-313 yd edge.

**AT STANFORD -1 32-42 LOSS** Stan lost starting QB Husak & Borchard replaced him & UCLA starter Paus was inj'd & Bennett hit 19 of 31. SU led 21-3 at half. SU WR Walters caught a 98 yd TD pass. UCLA ret'd its 1st KO for a TD in 19 yrs. A bad snap ended up a 50 yd gain for SU on a "fake punt" to set up a TD, 35-17. UCLA battled back with a pair TD's, 35-32. SU converted a key 3D en route to a clinching TD drive & finished with a 672-355 yd edge.

**AT ARIZONA ST -1' 27-28 LOSS** 120° on the field. ASU's starting QB Kealy was inj'd. UCLA led 14-0 & was int'd deep in ASU terr. ASU got a 32 yd TD run by Redmond. UCLA capped a long TD drive w/ :12 left 1H, 21-7. Redmond got an 80 yd TD run. ASU's #3 QB Goodman came in & his 1st pass was int'd. UCLA settled for a 20 yd FG, 24-14. UCLA fmbl'd and ASU drove just 14 yds for a TD, 24-21. UCLA was int'd at their own 38. ASU missed a 44 yd FG w/ 4:34 left. UCLA nailed a 46 yd FG w/ :53 left. A screen pass was turned outside by Flowers & he raced 49 yds for a TD w/ just :23 left for the ASU win.

**OREGON -3' 34-29 WIN** UO went 88 yds in 3 plays for a TD. UCLA had 5 TO's & UO 4. UCLA got a 47 yd FG & UO rec'd a fmbl on the 22 but after a 1st & goal at the 1 settled for a FG. UCLA got a 48 yd FG & UO led 10-6 late 1H. UCLA drove 18 yds for a TD foll a fmbl & got an 11 yd TD pass after an int with :38 left 2Q to lead 20-10. UCLA got a 3Q 80 yd TD drive & a 65 yd TD pass, 34-10. UO missed a 41 yd FG. UO got an early 4Q 80 yd int TD ret. Then UO got a 1 play, 44 yd TD drive & foll a fmbl on the KO, a 21 yd TD drive, 34-29 with 11:13 left. UCLA had a FG blk'd w/ 5:02 left but UO's final 3 poss ended on an int, SOD at their own 39 & with :04 left a 21 yd pass rec was tk'd at the 1 as UCLA escaped.

**CALIFORNIA -13 0-17 LOSS** UCLA got its 1st FD w/ 2:00 left in the 2Q on a def pen. Cal had a 371-168 yd edge. UCLA's RB's w/o Foster had just 17 yds. Paus hit 9 of 28. Cal had a 40 yd drive for a TD late 1Q. UCLA got an int at the Cal 37 mid 3Q but was int'd at the 2. Cal drove 41 yds for a TD, 14-0. Cal got a late FG. UCLA got 53 of its yds on a garbage drive.

**AT OREGON ST -1 7-55 LOSS** OSU dominated with a 559-210 yd edge & 28-14 FD edge. OSU led 21-0 when UCLA drove 81 yds for a TD but OSU got 1 play TD drives of 50 & 47 yds. It was 42-7 at the half with OSU tacking on two 4Q TD's.

**ARIZONA +3' 7-33 LOSS** UA had 9 sks & held UCLA to -31 net yds rushing. UA's defense had allowed 31.8 ppg their previous 8. UCLA's 1st 2 drives got to the UA 7 (FG blk'd) & went 65 yds for a TD, 7-0. UCLA had a 113-0 yd edge but UA would have a 588-234 yd edge for the game. UA got a 31 yd FG & 58 & 86 yd TD drives on its next 3 poss, 17-7. An 80 yd TD drive opened the 3Q & UA was SOD at the UCLA 1 before getting a 57 yd TD drive. UCLA was SOD at the UA 14 late.

**WASHINGTON (OT)+8' 23-20 WIN** UW took their 1st poss for a TD, 7-0. UCLA lost starting QB Paus but drove 74 yds for a TD. UW missed a 22 yd FG. UCLA ret'd a fmbl for a TD. UW drove 80 yds for a TD & added a 50 yd FG. UCLA allowed just 76 2H yds. UCLA got a 35 yd FG after a fmbl & tacked on a 28 yd FG. UCLA had a 28 yd FG blk'd w/6:04 left. UW nailed a 56 yd FG with 2:32 left. In OT UW was int'd & UCLA got a FG.

**AT USC +6' 7-17 LOSS** Both teams came into the game under .500 for the 1st time since '41. Paus was inj'd & McCann hit 17 of 29 for 204 yds but threw 3 int's. UCLA had 5 TO's. USC drove 81 yds for a 22 yd FG. UCLA was int'd at the USC 8. After rec a fmbl, they were int'd at the 2. UCLA drove 80 yds for a TD but USC got a 22 yd TD pass, 10-7. At half USC had a 295-179 yd edge. USC missed a FG after a 1st & goal at the 3 early 3Q. USC faked a FG for a FD, took a 22 yd FG off the board (roughing the K) & was awarded a 5 yd TD pass although replays showed Kelly's foot was OOB, 17-7. UCLA fmbl'd at the USC 5 & was SOD at the USC 47. UCLA's final 2 poss ended on TO's. USC had a 430-249 yd edge.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

In Bob Toledo's first 13 games UCLA went 5-8. The Bruins, playing in the weak PAC 10 the next 2 years, then reeled off 20 straight victories (school record) until a defeat in Miami in Dec 98. They lost their last 2 in 98 and then last year with just five senior starters and 13 seniors overall, dropped to 4-7 and 2-6 in the PAC 10 making them 4-9 since their 20 game winning streak ended. Last season started with 11 suspended players, the majority of them starters, for the first two games. During the course of the year 26 different players on defense and 19 on offense made at least one start. The offense was injury plagued losing a starting WR and the top RB for most of the season and had QB and offensive line injuries throughout. Offensive production dropped from a school record 39.7 ppg to 9th in the PAC 10 at 20.9 ppg. I expected the defense to be much improved with the wealth of starters returning, but Toledo blames injuries for the fact that the defense still remained 9th in the PAC 10 allowing 444.6 ypg. Their 4 wins in 99 were all versus bowl teams. After benefitting from +20 and +17 in turnover margin the previous two years they had -3, and their win total plummeted. This year 17 1999 starters return and three 1998 starters. Only 12 scholarship seniors (5 starters) this year means that they are young once again. This should be the most improved team in the PAC 10 with the plethora of returning starters and VHT's. The non-conf slate is brutal with Bama and Michigan to open. They also must face both Washington and Oregon on the road. They do have 7 home games however, and they return to a prime contender's role in the PAC 10 and should be playing in the postseason.


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB CORY PAUS SO.** 6-2 209 *PS#15. 7 sts as rFr, 1336 yds (48%), 7-9 ratio, 110 yds rush. Ryan McCann (6-4 218 So) PS#21, 388 yds as rFr.*
**RB DeSHAUN FOSTER JR.** 6-1 217 *PS#12 in 98, Frosh AA as true, 673 yds (5.3), 16 rec (10.2), 270 ret yds. 5 sts in inj plagued 99, 489 total yds offense.*
**FB Ed Stansbury Jr.** 6-2 259 *PS #8QB, 2 sts at LB in 99, 13 tkls. Matt Stanley (6-3 242 Jr) had 1 st, 136 total yds. Pat Norton is PS#46.*
**WR Brian Poli-Dixon Jr.** 6-5 218 *PS#29 in 97. 10 sts, 44 rec (16.2) in 98, Inj in 99. Drew Bennett (6-5 205 Sr) had 3 sts at QB in 99, 641 yds pass, 123 rush.*
**WR FREDDIE MITCHELL JR.** 6-0 188 *PS#17. Inj'd in 98. 6 sts & #1 in 99 w/ 38 rec (14.0). Jon Dubravac (6-4 213 Jr) PS#20. Jerry Owens (6-3 194 rFr) PS#8.*
**TE GABE CRECION SR.** 6-5 241 *PS#18, 7 sts, 12 rec (13.7). Bryan Fletcher (6-5 230 Jr) was PS#31, 3 sts, 9 rec. Mike Seidman (6-5 252 So) PS#1.*
**C TROY DANOFF JR.** 6-4 294 *PS#122OL. Lettered in 6 gms as rFr. 9 sts til torn ACL in 99. Steve Sanchez (6-4 291 rFr) was PS#140DL.*
**RG BRIAN POLAK SR.** 6-4 325 *PS#24, lettered as true. 12 sts at RT in 98. 11 sts ly (9 @RT, 2 @RG). **Blake Worley** (6-6 302 So) PS#8, 10 sts as rFr.*
**LG OSCAR CABRERA SR.** 6-4 303 *PS#118 in 96. Lettered in 97. 7 sts in 98. Started L/9 in 99. Shane Lehmann (6-5 282 rFr) was PS#7OL in 99.*
**RT MIKE SAFFER SO.** 6-5 304 *PS#3 in 98. 7 sts as rFr til inj. Micah Webb (6-6 290 Sr) PS#58DL. 10 sts at NG in 98. Str'vs USC on OL in 99.*
**LT BRYCE BOHLANDER SO.** 6-6 272 *PS#12 in 99, Started L/2 as true, 11 gms. Josh Webb (6-6 295 Sr) PS#13. 9 tkls at DE in 97. OL in 98. Inj'd ly.*
**K CHRIS GRIFFITH SO.** 6-2 193 *PS#165QB. 57 yd FG in HS. 44.3 avg punts, 74% TB's on KO's, 1557 yds pass. 13 of 18 FG's as rFr, long 48. **Chris Kluwe PS#1!***

**DE KENYON COLEMAN SR.** 6-6 278 *480 bench. 9 sts in 98, 7 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 12.5 tfl, 2nd tm PAC 10. Stephen Sua (6-2 267) PS#180. David Ball (6-5 263) PS#69.*
**DT Anthony Fletcher Jr.** 6-4 292 *PS#111. 3 sts in 99, 32 tkls, 5 tfl. Steve Morgan (6-3 285 So) PS#39 in 98. 4 tkls ly. Sala Makakaufaki (6-3 281 So) PS#12TE.*
**DT KEN KOCHER JR.** 6-4 311 *PS#14. 3 tfl as true. 9 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 5 tfl. Rodney Leisle (6-4 293 rFr) PS#47. Rob Kolaczynski (6-1 250 Jr) PS#43LB.*
**DE RUSTY WILLIAMS SO.** 6-4 259 *PS#32DL in 98. 11 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 11.5 tfl. **Sean Phillips** (6-5 294 So) PS#3, 3 tfl. Mat Ball (6-5 262 rFr) PS#70.*
**OLB TONY WHITE SR.** 6-1 247 *12 sts, 69 tkls, 4 tfl in 98. 8 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 7.5 tfl. Santi Hall (6-2 252 Jr) PS#91, 58 tkls, 7.5 sks, 2 yrs. Asi Faoa PS#99.*
**MLB ROBERT THOMAS JR.** 6-2 239 *PS#2, 26 tkls as true. 8 sts in 99, 68 tkls, 5.5 tfl. Chris Jackson (6-3 261 So) PS#9TE, moved to LB in 99, 1 tkl.*
**OLB RYAN NECE JR.** 6-2 224 *9 sts in 98, 85 tkls. 10 tfl as rFr. 9 sts in 99, 65 tkls, 5 tfl. **Marcus Reese** (6-2 208 So) PS#5, 37 tkls, 4 tfl as true.*
**CB Jason Bell Sr.** 6-0 182 *5 sts, 4 pbu in 97. 12 sts in 98, 14 pbu. 2 sts in 99 til inj. **Marques Anderson** (6-0 206 Jr) 11 sts in 97 & 98, 100 tkls, 18 pbu.*
**CB RICKY MANNING SO.** 5-9 178 *PS#16. 9 sts as true, 53 tkls, 12 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Joe Hunter (5-11 169 So) PS#87DB, 4 sts in 99, 2 int, 2 pbu, 21 tkls.*
**SS Jason Stephens Jr.** 6-2 199 *PS#53. 7 sts as rFr, 58 tkls, 5 pbu. 1 st in 99, 17 tkls. Audie Attar (6-0 207 So) PS#125, 9 tkls as rFr. Kevin Brant PS#50WR.*
**FS LOVELL HOUSTON SO.** 6-1 183 *Track. PS#3. 3 sts as rFr, 19 tkls, 18 KR (24.2). Ryan Wikert (6-2 185) PS#58. Julius Williams (6-0 186) 2 sts, 5 pbu ly.*
**P NATHAN FIKSE SO.** 5-9 183 *PS#6K. #2 in PAC 10 in punt avg as true frosh, 68 punts, 42.0 avg & solid net of 36.6. Chris Kluwe is PS #1*

# UCLA BRUINS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UCLA | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UCLA is 6-2 ATS at home after a bye since 1977.<br>The Bruins are 7-11 ATS as a favorite of 20 or more.<br>UCLA is 9-5 ATS in their 2nd straight away game.<br>Bruins are 16-8 ATS their last 24 non-conference games. |
| Sep. 2 | Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only 1 prior meeting; a 36-6 Bama win in the 1976 Liberty Bowl.<br>The Bruins have covered 6 straight home openers. |
| Sep. 9 | Fresno St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UCLA is 5-1 ATS at home in September since 1996.<br>Blue & Gold are 7-2 ATS L/10Y vs WAC schools. |
| Sep. 16 | Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UCLA is 15-7 ATS as a home underdog.<br>Including bowls, the Bruins are 0-6 ATS L/6 vs the Big 10. |
| Sep. 23 | at Oregon | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 7-2 ATS the last 9 meetings. Toledo is 4-0 SU vs. Oregon.<br>UCLA is 3-15 ATS in Pac 10 openers. |
| Sep. 30 | Arizona St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bruins are 1-6 ATS L/7 vs the Sun Devils. Toledo is 0-2 SU & ATS.<br>UCLA is 5-1 ATS L/6 prior to a bye. |
| Oct. 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | at California | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UCLA is 5-2 SU but 3-4 ATS on the road after a bye.<br>Aikman's alma mater is 3-10 ATS L/13 vs the Bears. |
| Oct. 21 | Oregon St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UCLA is 2-7-1 ATS L/10 vs Oregon State.<br>Blue & Gold are 18-33-1 ATS in October since 1988. |
| Oct. 28 | at Arizona | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Totals players take note: LY's 40 pts were the lowest output s/95's 17-10 final.<br>The away team is 4-2 ATS the L/6Y in this series. |
| Nov. 4 | Stanford (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bruins are 4-9-1 ATS overall in this series.<br>UCLA is 0-8-1 ATS when hosting Stanford. |
| Nov. 11 | at Washington | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bruins are 2-9 ATS their L/11 on artificial turf.<br>The favorite is 5-2 ATS the L/7 in this series. |
| Nov. 18 | USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bruins were 18-11-1 ATS in November prior to 2000.<br>UCLA is 15-8-1 & 8-3 ATS in this So Cal series. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bonus: LY was the 1st time since 1941 that both UCLA & USC came into their rivalry game with sub .500 records. |

## STADIUM: ROSE BOWL (94,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 9-2 | 10-1 | 4-7 | 48-29 |
| ATS | 8-3 | 4-6-1 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 3-8 | 39-37-1 |
| Home Fav | 3-2 | 1-3-1 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 4-1 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 17-14-1 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 6-2 |
| Away Fav | 2-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-4 | 0-3 | 9-12 |
| Away Dog | 2-0 | 1-3 | 1-0 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 7-9 |
| Favorite | 5-3 | 2-3-1 | 4-5 | 3-1 | 5-3 | 5-6 | 2-5 | 26-26-1 |
| Dog | 3-0 | 2-3 | 2-0 | 3-4 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 13-11 |
| Grass | 7-2 | 4-3-1 | 6-4 | 5-4 | 7-2 | 4-5 | 3-7 | 36-27-1 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 0-3 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 3-10 |
| vs PAC 10 | 5-3 | 3-4-1 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 25-30-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-0 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 14-7 |
| Off SU Win | 5-2 | 2-2 | 3-3 | 0-4 | 5-3 | 4-6 | 0-4 | 19-24 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-0 | 1-4-1 | 2-2 | 5-1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 15-11-1 |

## Coach: BOB TOLEDO (Career 43-47)
### *Toledo's records AT UCLA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5th Year at UCLA | | 11-6 | Home Favorite |
| 29-17 | Straight Up | 3-2 | Home Underdog |
| 21-23 | Vs The Spread | 4-9 | Away Favorite |
| 9-5 | Off A S/U Loss | 3-6 | Away Underdog |
| 14-18 | Vs PAC 10 | 7-5 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | John Hancock | -6' | Illinois | 6-3 | L |
| 93 | Rose | -6' | Wisconsin | 16-21 | L |
| 95 | Aloha | -5 | Kansas | 30-51 | L |
| 97 | Cotton | -14 | Texas A&M | 29-23 | L |
| 98 | Rose | -9 | Wisconsin | 31-38 | L |

# UCLA (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **PAC 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 9***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 52 (28,22,2)**
**Lost: 15 (9,6,0)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 20.9 | 18 | 108 | 2.9 | 219 | 49.1 | 15.6 | -3 | 1999 | 8 | 28.3 | 21 | 190 | 4.5 | 255 | 53.1 | 15.7 |
| 7* | 39.7 | 22 | 182 | 4.5 | 305 | 58.3 | 12.3 | +17 | 1998 | 3 | 27.0 | 22 | 180 | 4.5 | 258 | 52.1 | 16.2 |
| 9* | 39.8 | 21 | 166 | 4.0 | 264 | 59.8 | 10.8 | +20 | 1997 | 6 | 20.6 | 20 | 115 | 3.3 | 237 | 50.0 | 17.1 |
| 4* | 30.0 | 21 | 154 | 3.7 | 232 | 51.0 | 12.9 | -5 | 1996 | 6 | 28.9 | 19 | 117 | 3.1 | 254 | 49.9 | 12.8 |
| 8 | 28.2 | 22 | 213 | 4.7 | 187 | 50.6 | 14.2 | +2 | 1995 | 9 | 25.0 | 22 | 152 | 3.9 | 251 | 55.8 | 16.1 |
| 7* | 21.7 | 21 | 155 | 4.1 | 246 | 58.3 | 18.4 | -3 | 1994 | 5 | 26.8 | 21 | 203 | 4.2 | 204 | 59.4 | 15.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Boise St | 19 | 41-153 | 3.7 | 20-34 | 248 | 2 | | 21 | 35-156 | 4.5 | 20-40 | 204 | 1 | 0 |
| at Ohio St | 18 | 36-112 | 3.1 | 18-37 | 253 | 0 | | 27 | 53-241 | 4.5 | 21-35 | 266 | 0 | -1 |
| Fresno St | 21 | 41-126 | 3.1 | 22-36 | 289 | 2 | | 22 | 36-115 | 3.2 | 19-34 | 198 | 0 | 0 |
| at Stanford | 22 | 42-148 | 3.5 | 19-31 | 207 | 3 | | 24 | 38-207 | 5.4 | 21-27 | 465 | 2 | +2 |
| at Arizona St | 18 | 34-191 | 5.6 | 15-41 | 235 | 6 | | 18 | 41-173 | 4.2 | 21-38 | 239 | 1 | -2 |
| Oregon | 24 | 48-122 | 2.5 | 21-34 | 332 | 3 | | 19 | 25-99 | 4.0 | 21-48 | 344 | 1 | -1 |
| California | 12 | 26-87 | 3.3 | 9-29 | 81 | 2 | | 16 | 48-248 | 5.2 | 11-22 | 123 | 4 | +1 |
| at Oregon St | 14 | 35-89 | 2.5 | 10-29 | 121 | 4 | | 28 | 45-225 | 5.0 | 20-42 | 334 | 3 | -2 |
| Arizona | 17 | 30-(-31) | -1.0 | 16-39 | 265 | 9 | | 25 | 49-307 | 6.3 | 17-31 | 281 | 0 | +3 |
| Washington | 19 | 45-149 | 3.3 | 13-26 | 171 | 2 | | 15 | 43-102 | 2.4 | 12-25 | 134 | 0 | +1 |
| at USC | 13 | 32-45 | 1.4 | 17-30 | 204 | 2 | | 19 | 50-214 | 4.3 | 17-34 | 216 | 6 | -4 |
| TOTALS | 197 | 410-1191 | 2.9 | 180-366 | 2406 | 35 | | 234 | 463-2087 | 4.5 | 200-376 | 2804 | 20 | -3 |
| AVERAGES | 17.9 | 37-108 | 2.9 | 16-33 | 219 | 3.2 | | 21.3 | 42-190 | 4.5 | 18-34 | 255 | 1.8 | -0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miami (Fla) | +3' | 31-8 | W |
| at BYU | -12 | 23-9 | W |
| Oregon | -6 | 31-38 | L |
| at Washington St | -5' | 15-24 | L |
| Fresno St | -11 | 45-21 | W |
| Arizona | -8 | 17-10 | L |
| at Stanford | -3 | 42-28 | W |
| California | -14 | 33-16 | W |
| at Arizona St | -6' | 33-37 | L |
| Washington | -5 | 14-38 | L |
| at USC | +7 | 24-20 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Tennessee | +19 | 20-35 | W |
| UL Monroe | -32 | 44-0 | W |
| at Michigan | +8 | 9-38 | L |
| at Oregon | -4 | 41-22 | W |
| Arizona St | +4' | 34-42 | L |
| at Washington | +6' | 21-41 | L |
| at California | +2' | 38-29 | W |
| Stanford | -13 | 20-21 | L |
| Washington St | -4 | 38-14 | W |
| at Arizona | +1' | 17-35 | L |
| USC | +3 | 48-41 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Washington St | +1 | 34-37 | L |
| Tennessee | +15 | 24-30 | W |
| at Texas | +10 | 66-3 | W |
| Arizona | -8 | 40-27 | W |
| Houston | -26 | 66-10 | W |
| at Oregon | -11' | 39-31 | L |
| Oregon St | -22' | 34-10 | W |
| California | -23' | 35-17 | L |
| at Stanford | -6 | 27-7 | W |
| Washington | -2' | 52-28 | W |
| at USC | -9' | 31-24 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | -9 | 49-31 | W |
| at Houston | -27' | 42-24 | L |
| Washington St | -23 | 49-17 | W |
| at Arizona | -5 | 52-28 | W |
| Oregon | -10' | 41-38 | L |
| at California | -14 | 28-16 | L |
| Stanford | -28' | 28-24 | L |
| at Oregon St | -16' | 41-34 | L |
| at Washington | -6' | 36-24 | W |
| USC | -5' | 34-17 | W |
| at Miami (Fla) | -9' | 45-49 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boise St | -27 | 38-7 | W |
| at Ohio St | +11 | 20-42 | L |
| Fresno St | -21 | 35-21 | L |
| at Stanford | -1 | 32-42 | L |
| at Arizona St | -1' | 27-28 | L |
| Oregon | -3' | 34-29 | W |
| California | -13 | 0-17 | L |
| at Oregon St | -1 | 7-55 | L |
| Arizona | +3' | 7-33 | L |
| Washington | +8' | 23-20 | W |
| at USC | +6' | 7-17 | L |

# UNLV REBELS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - John Robinson has brought in 2 solid major college transfers making this unit potentially one of the best in the Mt West and probably PAC 10 caliber. Jason Thomas has great size and was PS#5 in 98 & originally signed at USC. He had 32 TD's as a junior in high school and surprisingly was highly rated despite missing his senior season with injury. He is an NFL prospect with 4.4 speed and a cannon for an arm and I expect him to win the starter's job. Jason Vaughan was PS#48 in 96 and signed at Ole Miss. He went to JC and signed here last season. He got in 8 starts before a concussion curtailed his season. He threw for 1,043 yards (53.3%) with a 9-6 ratio and rushed for 105 yards. If he stays healthy he has a shot at keeping his starting job. Matt Ray (6-3 205 So) was PS#130 and when Vaughan got injured he took off his redshirt and threw for 541 yards (53.7%) with a 3-0 ratio, starting the final 3 games as a true frosh. Chris Hayward (6-4 220 So) had 2 starts and 300 yards passing in 98. Ryan Hanson (6-2 225 rFr) was PS#117. This position is much more experienced, has added talent, and is greatly upgraded for the 2000 season.

**RUNNING BACKS** - John Robinson was known for his "Student Body Right" while at USC and last year the Rebels had their top 3 rushers returning plus a super JC transfer. They only managed almost identical figures from 98 rushing for 113.5 yards (3.1). The numbers would have been much stronger had Florida St transfer Jeremi Rudolph not been injured at midseason as he missed a good portion of 4 games and finished with 693 yards (4.5). They do lose BJ Edwards (5 sts, 74 total yards) and TB Coury Hankins (2 sts, 289 rush yds) as well as backup RB Dahrin Footman (124 yds). James Wofford was the #1 rusher in 98 and in his 3 years has 1,672 yards rushing and 27 rec's. The big news this year is the arrival of Kevin Brown who transferred from Wash St. He rushed for 1,046 yards (4.9) and was 2nd Team PAC 10 in 98 before missing last season due to some off-field problems. He probably is the Mt West's best RB. I list the 2 deep below and it is very talented including Washington transfer Jabari Johnson. Not listed is big FB Trevan Sorenson (6-4 240) who returns from a Mormon mission. Also added to the mix is another Flor St transfer in Raymont Skaggs (5-8 175 Sr)! If Rudolph stays healthy and Brown stays eligible, this is one of the most improved RB corps in the NCAA. It's too bad the Rebels are not in the NFL as there would be a lot of other NCAA teams willing to trade some defensive help for some of the surplus of quality RB's that Robinson has at his disposal.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Rebels had to replace 2 out of 3 starters and 2 of the top 3 receivers. This year they suffer just 1 loss but it was their top threat in Len Ware who had 7 starts and leaves among the school's all-time leaders in receiving. In an injury plagued 99 he had 31 rec's (12.1). Nate Turner was a JC transfer who led the team in receiving and Robinson has compared him to Keyshawn Johnson and says he is a definite NFL prospect. Charles James is a big and fast receiver who will give Duane James a fight for one starting spot. TE Peter Tramontanas was moved to C. I list the two deep below and even with the loss of Ware, this unit looks stronger.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year they had to replace 3 starters to graduation and one of the returning starters lost his job so basically just one starter returned. At one point in the season (vs Air Force and San Diego St) they were without 3 starting OL and 3 frosh got the starting nod. This year they are in much better shape. The only losses are C Danny Pacheco who had 9 starts at C but lost his job at season's end, LT Blake Livingood (3 gms) and RT Robert Grundy (98 st'r, only 6 gms as backup in 99). Eight players return with starting experience. Robinson says this unit got a lot bigger and stronger in the offseason and expects them to be more effective and I agree.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - After allowing an ungodly 6.2 ypc rushing in 95, UNLV had made strides dropping to 5.8 and 4.3 ypc the next 2 years. They've taken some steps backwards going to 4.6 and 5.0 ypc allowed in 98 & 99. Last year's defensive front returned just one player with starting experience and they had to replace five with starting experience in 98. This year's only losses are DT Roderick Jones (7 sts, 3 tfl), DE Alonzo Jones (2 sts, 4 tkls), DE A.C. Smith (3 sts, 28 tkls, 5 tfl) and DL Kawika Sagapolu (PS#55, 3 tfl as true). Robinson went the JUCO route again, bringing in 4 more (including two JCAA DE's) that will be in for the fall and I have projected them into the 2 deep. Overall four players return with starting experience and I look for bigger production from Saeed Abdul Malik after transferring in as a JUCO last year. Robinson says it's tough to find big defensive linemen and has opted for a smaller, speedier bunch. This unit looks much more experienced, has some added talent, and should be one of the most improved D-lines in the country.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Rebels returned 2 starters in 99 and moved starting SS Randy Black in so basically had 3 starters back for a veteran unit. This year they lose OLB Jerrad Pierucci (8 sts, 80 tkls, 2 tfl), OLB Dusty Pearce (2 sts, 25 tkls) and move Black back to his SS slot. Despite the losses this group looks even stronger. James Sunia could become the all-time leading tackler here in just his third season and was #1 in the Mountain West in tackles last year. All 3 of the backup LB's are HT's and Robinson brought in a solid athlete in Lamar Owens who has prototypical size and speed for the position. He also brought in another JUCO in Shanga Wilson (6-1 215 Jr) and even landed 3 HT true frosh who I list in the Top Newcomers that could play immediately. I like the added talent in this group and it looks stronger for 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - UNLV had to replace 1 starter and 1 part-time starter from a unit that finished #103 in my pass defense rankings in 98. They also moved SS Randy Black to LB and projected starting CB Amar Brisco was plagued by injuries during the season. The Rebels still managed a solid climb moving up to #44 allowing just 53.3% with 10 TD's and 11 int's vs a solid slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace FS Quincy Sanders (11 sts, #2 tkl'r, #5 DC of WASH) and CB Andre Hilliard (11 sts, 66 tkls, 8 pbu). Black returns to the SS slot and Samuel Brandon also returns after missing the 99 season. Robinson moves RB Joe Haro (PS#85) in to add talent and there are plenty of HT's in the mix. Robinson is touting Kevin Thomas as one of the best DB's in the country and his 24 pbu's set a school record. They also get Brisco back for a 6th year. I actually look for UNLV to improve on their pass defense rankings, which makes them a top 40 unit.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - UNLV is quickly becoming the home to All American punters. I thought it would be extremely hard to replace Joe Kristosik who was 1st Team AA in 98 and led the nation in punting. Ray Cheetany took over for true frosh Ryan McDonald after a few games and simply finished 5th in the NCAA, averaging a super 45.4 per boot. He also handled the KO duties and even completed a pass on a fake punt for 24 yards vs Wyoming. After a finish at #10 in my special teams rankings in 98 thanks to Kristosik, the unit still finished a solid #41 last year buoyed by the #4 KR offense in the land. They allowed 26.1 yp KR and that is an area that needs to be addressed. Cheetany is back but they must replace K Tim O'Reilly who hit just 2 of 5 FG's with a long of 37. Cheetany did nail a 52 yard FG at JC and could take over that spot as well. Overall I look for solid improvement in the special teams numbers this year.

CB Kevin Thomas had an amazing 24 pbu's in '99 & was 1st Team Mt West.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jeremi Rudolph** | 155 | 744 | 51 | 693 | 4 | 4.5 |
| Coury Hankins | 75 | 312 | 23 | 289 | 1 | 3.9 |
| **James Wofford** | 45 | 236 | 4 | 232 | 1 | 5.2 |
| Dahrin Footman | 34 | 142 | 18 | 124 | 0 | 3.6 |
| **Jason Vaughan** | 53 | 105 | 200 | -95 | 0 | -1.8 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Jason Vaughan** | 195 | 104 | 53.3 | 1043 | 9 | 6 |
| **Matt Ray** | 67 | 36 | 53.7 | 541 | 3 | 0 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Nate Turner** | | 45 | 627 | 13.9 | 6 | 46 |
| Len Ware | | 31 | 376 | 12.1 | 0 | 48 |
| Jermaine Curtis | | 14 | 125 | 8.9 | 0 | 21 |
| **Duane James** | | 12 | 145 | 12.1 | 2 | 21 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Ray Cheetany** | 65 | 2950 | 45.4 | - | - | 1 | 14 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Tim O'Reilly | 0-0 | 2-4 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-5 | 37 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **James Sunia** | 119 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Quincy Sanders | 104 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| **Randy Black** | 87 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 1 |
| Jerrad Pierucci | 80 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Andre Hilliard | 66 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 |
| **Tyler Brickell** | 64 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| **Kevin Thomas** | 52 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 5 |
| **Ahmad Miller** | 36 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Ahmad Briggs** | 33 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Anthony Suggs** | 32 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Sharif Hamilton** | 30 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| A.C. Smith | 28 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Dusty Pearce | 25 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Duane James** | | 15 | 116 | 7.7 | 1 |
| KICK RETURNS | | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Duane James** | | 17 | 400 | 23.5 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT N TEXAS -2 26-3 WIN** The offenses struggled but Rudolph earned 97 yds rushing. NT missed a 51 yd FG & had a 41 yd FG blk'd in the 1H. UNLV got a 64 yd drive for a TD early 2Q. UNLV had a 136-96 yd edge but NT got 64 yds vs the prevent nailing a 24 yd FG with :00 left. The 3Q was scoreless. UNLV got a 23 yd FG but after a roughing the K call the Rebels got a 3 yd TD run to cap an 81 yd 13 play drive. On 4th & 3 Attaway was int'd & ret'd 49 yds for a TD. NT was SOD & the Rebels drove 57 yds for a TD with :31 left in a game closer than the final score indicated.

**AT BAYLOR +10 27-24 WIN** This was one of the NCAA's most amazing finishes ever. BU rec'd a fmbl at the UNLV 7 to set up an early TD & led 10-0. UNLV battled back to lead 14-10 after 3Q's. After a BU TD UNLV got a TD mid 4Q but 1:01 later BU answered with a TD with 6:06 left. BU, leading 24-21, had a 1st & goal at UNLV's 8 w/ :28 left & could have gone to a knee but went for the TD & a fmbl was ret'd 100 yds for a TD w/ no time left! Rudolph rushed for 91 yds & the Rebs won 2 in a row under Robinson.

**IOWA ST +3' 0-24 LOSS** ISU had 19-7 FD & 337-106 yd edges. It was ISU's 1st road shutout since 1978 & 1st win outside the state of Iowa since 1991. ISU took its opening KO 80 yds using 11 straight runs. Davis had 208 yds. UNLV missed a 46 yd FG & ISU then went on a 10:00, 17 play drive. They were SOD at the 1. Foll UNLV's punt, ISU got a 30 yd FG. ISU drove 19 yds for a TD foll a bad snap on a punt, 17-0 at half. ISU missed a 3Q FG but got a 5 yd TD pass midway thru the 3Q to close the scoring.

**UTAH +15 14-52 LOSS** Utah completely dominated in their first trip to Vegas since 1981. UNLV had just 68 yds after 3Q's & Utah led 45-7, It was 52-7 when Vaughan's 3 yd TD pass marked the 1st offensive TD in 8Q's. Utah had a 475-153 overall yardage edge.

**AT NEVADA +8 12-26 LOSS** Nevada held UNLV to just 25 yds rushing & 86 passing in the 1H. UNLV did have 246 yds in the 2H but that was after they were already down 20-0 at the half. Rudolph finished with 120 yds. Nevada put it away with an 80 yd 11 play drive in the 4Q, 26-6. UNLV added a penalty aided garbage time TD to account for the final. UNLV still has not beaten Nevada in Reno since 1979.

**AT WYOMING +24' 35-32 WIN** WY was w/o QB Stoner & NG Boyle. With Boyle out UNLV rushed for 129 yds in the 1Q alone & led 21-3 early 2Q with 3 long TD drives. WY got 2 FG's before the half, 21-9. WY drove for a quick TD, 21-16. UNLV got a 43 yd PR for a TD, 28-16. WY was int'd on a tipped ball & UNLV ret'd it 34 yds for a TD, 35-16 with 2:53 left in the 3Q. WY was int'd at the UNLV 8 but got a 27 yd int ret for a TD a few plays later. UNLV's 4th int return went 31 yds for a TD, 35-32 with 10:37 left. WY was SOD at the 45. UNLV had a 34 yd FG blk'd. WY started at their 20 & converted on 4th & 1 at the 34 but was int'd again with 1:17 left. UNLV had not won in Laramie s/79.

**BYU +18' 0-29 LOSS** BYU dominated much more than the final score indicates & had a 399-118 yd edge but settled for FG's of 47, 26, 28 and 31 yds or this would have been an even bigger blowout. Rudolph was inj'd in the 1Q for UNLV.

**AT NEW MEXICO +8' 6-27 LOSS** Rudolph was out & Vaughan was showing signs of a concussion he suffered vs BYU & hit just 11 of 25 for 100 yds. Defenses controlled the 1H w/ 10 punts but NM got a TD. UNLV got a 3Q 52 yd TD, 7-6. NM, which had not scored in the 3Q in over a year, went on its longest drive of the day, 87 yds in 15 plays for a TD. NM added a 44 yd FG, 46 yd 4Q TD drive & a 37 yd FG. NM finished with a 25-14 FD edge & a 412-221 yard advantage.

**AT AIR FORCE +25 16-35 WIN** QB Ray made his first start & hit 10 of 18 for 187 yds. Bonds started for AF. His 1st poss ended on an int at the 21 & the 2nd was a 3 & out. Thiessen replaced him & guided AF 91 yds in 11 plays for a TD. UNLV drove 39 yds for 37 yd FG. AF twice drove 80 yds for TD's & led at half, 21-3. AF's 1st 2 poss of the 2H were 59 & 57 yd TD drives, 35-3. UNLV did most of their damage late going 72 yds for a TD late in the 3Q & 89 yds for a TD early 4Q. AF was SOD at the UNLV 20 & ran out the clock at the UNLV 28. Rudolph had 75 yds on just 8 carries for a 9.4 ypc on the day.

**SAN DIEGO ST +13' 7-37 LOSS** I used a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep and a 4★ Late Phone Play on the Aztecs. UNLV was w/o starting QB Vaughn & 3 OL. SDS got a safety & 87 yd TD pass. UNLV's only TD was set up by a blk'd punt, 9-7. SDS went 74 & 82 yds for TD's, 23-7 at half. The Aztecs missed a 42 yd FG but drove 34 yds after UNLV was SOD and 81 yds for TD's 37-7 & SDS cruised.

**COLORADO ST +22' 17-35 WIN** UNLV got an 80 yd TD drive after a CSU fmbl. CSU got a 79 yd Davis PR to set up a TD. Both teams had long TD drives. UNLV got a 34 yd FG, 17-14 at half. CSU dominated the 2H with a 51 yd TD drive & in the 4Q they got 55 & 59 yd TD drives, 35-17. UNLV was SOD at the CSU 11 & CSU hung on.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

John Robinson did a solid job last year, leading the previously winless Rebels to three victories, but they remained winless at home where they have now dropped 12 consecutive games. The Rebels snapped a 26 game road losing streak and led the nation with the fewest turnovers committed (11). They also ended their conference losing streak at 16 by upsetting Wyoming. The Rebels did get one gift victory on the year in the Baylor game (see Game By Game Results). Last year the Rebels switched their home field to grass and had their third best average attendance in history. They drastically improved their facilities with an $18 million renovation to the 28 year old Sam Boyd Stadium. The Rebels play 12 games this year including 7 on the road. Robinson usually does well on the road and last year they went 3-3 away from home. They are loaded with an all star backfield and I have named their QB and both RB's to my 1st team Mt West this year! The O-line and WR's look solid and they could easily double last year's 14.5 ppg output! The defense (provided the JUCO's live up to their billing) should also show vast improvement. This is perhaps the most improved team in the country and even with SEVEN tough road games they have a shot at a 6 or 7 win season!!


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| | |
|---|---|
| DE | Antan Palepoi 6-5 275 PS#25JC |
| RB | Mike Lemon 6-1 185 PS#99 |
| DL | Scott Parkhurst 6-3 245 PS#39JC |
| LB | Tyler Kruse 6-1 220 PS#95 |
| LB | Adam Seward 6-3 235 PS#107 |
| DL | Marcus Johnson 6-3 290 PS#115 |
| DE | Adrian Watson 6-3 240 PS#100JC |
| LB | Michael Crowder-Jones 6-0 225 PS#173 |
| DB | Jamaal Brimmer 6-2 205 PS#157 |
| WR | Charles James 6-2 175 PS#179JC |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JASON THOMAS SO.** 6-4 240 *PS#5 & orig signed at USC. **Jason Vaughan** (6-4 205 Sr) PS#48 & orig signed at Miss. 8 sts here ly, 1043 yds, 9-6 ratio.*
**RB JEREMI RUDOLPH SR.** 5-9 175 *PS#41 & signed at Fla St. MLB for 2 yrs, PS#19JC ly. 693 yds (4.5) in 7 sts. Jabari Johnson (6-0 200 Jr) trans from Wash,*
**FB KEVIN BROWN SR.** 6-1 230 *PS#78JC in 98. 1046 yds (4.9), 7 sts at Wash St in 98, 2nd Tm Pac 10. James Wofford (6-0 195 Sr) 1672 career yds (816 in 98),*
**WR Duane James Jr.** 5-9 180 *4 sts, 18 rec (10.8) in 98. 4 sts, 12 rec (12.1) in 99. Charles James (6-2 175 Jr) PS#182 in 98, PS#179JC, 4.4 speed,*
**WR NATE TURNER SR.** 6-3 200 *PS#169JC ly. 9 sts here, #1 w/45 rec (13.9). Michael Johnson (5-10 175 rFr). PS#81. Nate Rydalch (5-9 180 Sr) PS#73JC,*
**TE DeJhown Mandley So.** 6-4 240 *3 sts as true in 99, 3 rec (9.3). Broke hand in spg. Brad Osterhout (6-4 260 So) PS#77TE. 1 rec as rFr & 2 tkls.*
**C PETER TRAMONTANAS JR.** 6-5 270 *6 starts at RG as rFr. 8 sts at TE, 3 rec (6.7). Moved & started last 2 at C in 99. Joel Menendez (6-3 275 rFr),*
**RG TONY TERRELL SO.** 6-4 300 *PS#378 in 98. 10 sts as rFr in 99, JR says "future star." Greg Hulett (6-3 285 Jr) PS#115JC in 99 & RS.*
**LG Allen Williams So.** 6-4 270 *PS#119 in 98. 8 gms & 1 st as rFr (inj 2). **Shane Wagers** (6-5 300 Jr) PS#402 in 97. 8 gms in 99 w/3 sts.*
**RT JOHN GREER SR.** 6-5 295 *PS#291DL. 11 sts as rFr, 10 sts in 98 (miss 1 inj). 11 sts in 99. Brian Hart (6-5 290 Sr) PS#207, 3 sts in 98, 8 sts at LG ly.*
**LT BRANDON BAIR JR.** 6-6 280 *PS#299 in 97. 9 sts in 99 at LT. Shoulder surgery in spring. Marquez Ologbosele (6-7 320 So) PS#344, 2 sts in 99,*
**K Ray Cheetany Sr.** 5-11 180 *2nd Tm Mt West as P in 99. Hit 52 yd FG at JC & was 41 of 42 on xp's there. Brian Weems (5-11 170 Jr).*

**DE AHMAD BRIGGS SO.** 6-3 230 *PS#286. 7 sts as rFr, 33 tkls, 2 tfl (inj 4). Antan Palepoi **PS#25JC**. Adrian Watson (6-3 240 Jr) PS#100JC. 16 sks, 8 tfl at JC ly.*
**DT AHMAD MILLER JR.** 6-4 300 *80 tkls, 2 sks at JC in 98. 10 sts here in 99, 36 tkls, 3 tfl. Saeed Abdul Malik (6-4 250 Sr) PS#124JC, 7 tkls, 1 tfl here in 99.*
**DT ANTHONY SUGGS SR.** 6-1 265 *45 tkls, 5 sks at JC in 98. 10 sts here in 99, 32 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl. Vance Fonoimoana (6-5 300 Jr) is JC. Phil Reed (6-3 265 So).*
**DE Scott Parkhurst Jr.** 6-3 245 *PS#39JC. 13 sks, 27 tfl at JC in 99. Justin Conway (6-1 240 Sr) PS#129, inj in 99. Steve Newton (6-3 245 Jr) 3 sts, 20 tkls ly.*
**SLB Lamar Owens Jr.** 6-3 220 *PS#289 in 96. JC in for spring. 4.7 speed. Tosh Burrus (6-0 195 So) PS#163DB, 4 tkls as true. **Tyler Kruse** is PS#95.*
**MLB JAMES SUNIA JR.** 5-10 240 *PS#254. 11 sts, 115 tkls (#1) as rFr, 8 tfl. 11 sts in 99, #1 in Mt West w/119 tkls, 4 tfl. Austin Allen (6-2 230 So) PS#121LB in 98.*
**WLB TYLER BRICKELL SR.** 6-4 225 *1 st as true, 13 tkls, 1 st in 98, 37 tkls, 7 sts in 99, 64 tkls, 2 tfl. Bill Cofer (5-11 220 So) PS#178, 11 tkls ly. Adam Seward is PS#107.*
**CB KEVIN THOMAS JR.** 5-11 180 *11 sts, 41 tkls, 7 pbu in 98, **1st Tm MT West** in 99, 52 tkls, 5 int, **24 pbu!** Sean Mackey (6-1 185 rFr) PS#314. Jamaal Brimmer is PS#157.*
**CB Jamal Wynn So.** 6-0 185 *2 tkls ly. Joe Haro (5-10 190 So) PS#85RB & Med RS in 98. 65 yds rush (8.1) & 8 tkls ly. Derek Olsen (6-3 200 Fr) PS#380DB.*
**SS RANDY BLACK SR.** 6-0 210 *PS#204WR. 11 sts in 97, 80 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu. 6 sts in 98, 66 tkls, 5 pbu. 11 sts at LB ly, 87 tkls, 7 pbu. Amar Brisco (5-10 170 Sr) PS#65WR.*
**FS SAMUEL BRANDON SR.** 6-3 200 *PS#111WR in 98. 3 sts, 12 rec (10.2) in 98, 6 tkls. Inel in 99. **Sharif Hamilton** (6-0 195 Sr) 7 sts at SS in 99, 30 tkls, 1 int, 1 tfl.*
**P RAY CHEETANY JR.** 5-11 180 *Took over P duties as JC trans in 99, 65 punts, super 45.4 average & 2nd Team Mountain West. AA Candidate.*

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | at Iowa St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | N Texas | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | at BYU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | Air Force | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | Nevada | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | at Colorado St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | Wyoming (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | at Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | at Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | New Mexico | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 25 | at San Diego St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 2 | at Hawaii | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

UNLV is 14-5 ATS away on grass the L/4Y.
Rebels are 9-47 SU the last 5 seasons.
Despite a +5 mark last season, UNLV has suffered 5 of 6 straight seasons with a negative turnover ratio.
UNLV was 1-6 SU, 3-4 ATS in their first season in Mt West LY.

BONUS: ISU is 2-0 SU in the series, winning by an avg of 25.5 ppg.

Coach Robinson is 4-1 ATS in his last 5 season openers.
UNLV has played 6 Big 12 teams and is 1-5 SU, 1-1 ATS w/avg loss by 23.7 ppg.

3 meetings in this series- UNLV is 3-0 SU, 1-0 ATS vs the Eagles.
Rebels are 5-3 SU in home openers but 1-3 ATS L/4Y.

This will be UNLV's 1st appearance on network TV (ABC) in over a decade.
BYU Cougars lead this series 6-1 SU & 2-1 ATS.

Pending LW's result, UNLV is 18-13-1 ATS in conf play their L/32 games.
The Falcons led the all time series 4-1 SU, home team is 0-4 ATS L/4Y.

Rebels are 0-3 ATS vs the Wolfpack since 1995.
UNLV is 1-9 SU L/10 in this rivalry and 10-15 overall in the Battle for Nevada.

Could apply here: UNLV is 4-2 ATS off a SU win the L/4Y, but 1-2 LY.
CSU has outscored UNLV 153-68 L/4Y but Rebels did cover LY.

Rebels are 1-3 SU but 4-0 ATS L4Y vs Wyoming.
The L/2 series meeting have each been decided by 3 points.

This will be UNLV's second game vs an SEC school in the program's history.
The first was a 3-62 loss to Tenn as a 53.5 pt dog in the season opener in '96.

Coming into this season, the Rebs were 14-8-1 ATS their L/23 as an away dog.
Despite 2 wins LY, UNLV has covered just 3 of their last 8 Nov games.

NM is the only Mt West tm UNLV has a winning series SU against. They are 4-3.
UNLV is 1-4 SU but has covered 3 of 5 the week prior to a bye.

Rebels lost by just 3 in their last visit to San Diego.
UNLV is 3-1 ATS S/96 when visiting a California team.

Rebels are 1-7 SU but 3-1 ATS L/4Y in their final road game.
This will be the first time S/96 that UNLV ends their season on the road.

## STADIUM: SAM BOYD STADIUM (36,800)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 3-8 | 6-5 | 2-9 | 1-11 | 3-8 | 0-11 | 3-8 | 18-60 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 8-3-1 | 5-5 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 22-21-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-2 | 0-1 | 1-4 | 1-4 | 6-11 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-1-1 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 3-2 | 14-8-1 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 8-3-1 | 4-3 | 4-7 | 4-6 | 20-19-1 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-1 | 4-1 | 3-1 | 4-6 | 15-9 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-2-1 | 1-4 | 1-6 | 1-0 | 7-12-1 |
| vs Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 7-1-1 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-4 | 18-13-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 4-8 |
| Off SU Win | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 4-2 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 7-2-1 | 3-4 | 4-6 | 3-4 | 17-16-1 |

## Coach: JOHN ROBINSON (Career 107-43-4)
### *Robinson's records AT UNLV*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at UNLV | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 3-8 | Straight Up | 1-4 | Home Underdog |
| 5-6 | Vs The Spread | 1-0 | Away Favorite |
| 3-4 | Off A S/U Loss | 3-2 | Away Underdog |
| 3-4 | Vs Conference | 2-2 | Vs Non-Conf |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | Las Vegas | -5 | C Michigan | 52-24 | W |
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# UNLV (3-8)

CONFERENCE:
## MT. WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 9***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 47 (23,22,2)**
**Lost: 22 (11,10,1)**

## UNLV'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 14.5 | 15 | 112 | 3.0 | 146 | 53.0 | 17.7 | +5 | 1999 | 5 | 29.5 | 23 | 234 | 5.0 | 171 | 53.3 | 13.7 |
| 8 | 14.2 | 14 | 115 | 3.1 | 141 | 45.4 | 18.0 | -8 | 1998 | 8 | 35.4 | 22 | 234 | 4.6 | 195 | 58.2 | 12.1 |
| 9* | 25.6 | 23 | 129 | 3.8 | 285 | 52.9 | 16.2 | -17 | 1997 | 8 | 30.2 | 22 | 185 | 4.3 | 196 | 59.6 | 12.6 |
| 7 | 23.0 | 22 | 78 | 2.6 | 307 | 54.2 | 16.7 | -11 | 1996 | 5 | 45.9 | 27 | 270 | 5.8 | 274 | 66.2 | 11.8 |
| 5 | 20.2 | 22 | 185 | 4.5 | 225 | 47.3 | 20.3 | -21 | 1995 | 6 | 47.3 | 27 | 278 | 6.2 | 152 | 63.9 | 11.3 |
| 7 | 23.9 | 19 | 96 | 3.1 | 245 | 48.7 | 14.3 | -5 | 1994 | 7 | 27.7 | 23 | 228 | 4.5 | 179 | 53.1 | 14.7 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at N Texas | 17 | 42-166 | 4.0 | 16-19 | 127 | 2 | 12 | 35-156 | 4.5 | 13-28 | 105 | 0 | -1 |
| at Baylor | 19 | 40-138 | 3.5 | 17-27 | 192 | 4 | 24 | 53-239 | 4.5 | 10-22 | 107 | 1 | +1 |
| Iowa St | 7 | 22-8 | 0.4 | 9-23 | 98 | 1 | 19 | 58-319 | 5.5 | 6-11 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Utah | 10 | 32-63 | 2.0 | 10-23 | 90 | 3 | 26 | 53-284 | 5.4 | 11-18 | 191 | 2 | 0 |
| at Nevada | 21 | 38-177 | 4.7 | 19-33 | 180 | 3 | 27 | 46-220 | 4.8 | 14-27 | 200 | 4 | 0 |
| at Wyoming | 18 | 49-192 | 3.9 | 13-28 | 186 | 3 | 22 | 30-147 | 4.9 | 21-46 | 244 | 2 | +2 |
| BYU | 10 | 37-24 | 0.6 | 10-19 | 94 | 5 | 24 | 35-143 | 4.1 | 23-43 | 256 | 3 | +2 |
| at New Mexico | 14 | 34-118 | 3.5 | 12-29 | 103 | 1 | 25 | 46-195 | 4.2 | 24-40 | 217 | 1 | -1 |
| at Air Force | 16 | 36-138 | 3.8 | 10-18 | 187 | 5 | 30 | 74-418 | 5.6 | 5-10 | 86 | 1 | +1 |
| San Diego St | 10 | 37-77 | 2.1 | 10-20 | 138 | 2 | 25 | 50-274 | 5.5 | 12-24 | 227 | 1 | -1 |
| Colorado St | 19 | 40-126 | 3.2 | 16-29 | 216 | 2 | 24 | 37-180 | 4.9 | 22-33 | 227 | 0 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 161 | 407-1227 | 3.0 | 142-268 | 1611 | 31 | 258 | 517-2575 | 5.0 | 161-302 | 1878 | 15 | +5 |
| AVERAGES | 14.6 | 37-112 | 3.0 | 13-24 | 146 | 2.8 | 23.4 | 47-234 | 5.0 | 15-27 | 171 | 1.4 | 0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Rice | NL | 0-38 | – |
| Arkansas St | NL | 28-23 | – |
| at E Michigan | NL | 6-51 | – |
| at Iowa St | NL | 30-57 | – |
| Hawaii | NL | 30-58 | – |
| at N Illinois | NL | 14-62 | – |
| at San Jose St | NL | 14-52 | – |
| at Nevada | NL | 32-55 | – |
| N Texas | NL | 34-24 | – |
| Utah St | NL | 0-42 | – |
| N Mexico St | NL | 34-58 | – |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Tennessee | +53' | 3-62 | L |
| Air Force | +28 | 17-65 | L |
| Wisconsin | +37 | 17-52 | W |
| at Colorado St | +36 | 16-35 | W |
| Wyoming | +30' | 21-33 | W |
| Nevada | NL | 17-54 | – |
| at BYU | +38 | 28-63 | W |
| at Hawaii | +10 | 28-38 | T |
| Fresno St | +16' | 23-34 | W |
| at TCU | +19' | 34-42 | W |
| San Diego St | +28 | 44-42 | W |
| at San Jose St | +7 | 28-31 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Nevada | +16 | 14-31 | L |
| at Air Force | +21 | 24-25 | W |
| Hawaii | -3' | 25-15 | W |
| Illinois St | NL | 41-6 | – |
| at USC | +25 | 21-35 | W |
| TCU | -8 | 21-19 | L |
| at San Diego St | +7 | 17-20 | W |
| at Fresno St | +11 | 28-46 | L |
| Colorado St | +20' | 19-45 | L |
| at Wyoming | +19' | 23-35 | W |
| San Jose St | -9' | 48-55 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Northwestern | +17' | 7-41 | L |
| Air Force | +17' | 10-52 | L |
| at Wisconsin | +38 | 7-52 | L |
| at Colorado St | +36 | 16-38 | W |
| Nevada | +10' | 20-31 | L |
| at BYU | +32 | 14-38 | W |
| Wyoming | +21 | 25-28 | W |
| at SMU | +21 | 7-10 | W |
| Tulsa | +3' | 16-20 | L |
| at Rice | +15' | 16-38 | L |
| TCU | +7 | 18-41 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Texas | -2 | 26-3 | W |
| at Baylor | +10 | 27-24 | W |
| Iowa St | +3' | 0-24 | L |
| Utah | +15 | 14-52 | L |
| at Nevada | +8 | 12-26 | L |
| at Wyoming | +24' | 35-32 | W |
| BYU | +18' | 0-29 | L |
| at New Mexico | +8' | 6-27 | L |
| at Air Force | +25 | 16-35 | W |
| San Diego St | +13' | 7-37 | L |
| Colorado St | +22' | 17-35 | W |

# USC TROJANS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Carson Palmer (PS#7) has now had 2 full years in the USC offense and has NFL size & arm strength. Paul Hackett is supposed to be an excellent QB coach and should have him groomed for possibly an All American season in 2000. He was leading the PAC 10 in completion % and pass efficiency when he got injured Sept. 25th which is about the time USC's season began to head south. Mike Van Raaphorst (6-5 220 Sr) was PS#15. He has had 15 starts in 3 years throwing for 3,042 yards (51.6%) with a 17-15 ratio and rushing for 79 yards. He's one of the most experienced backups in the country but Hackett likes his own recruits. Matt Cassel (PS#20) should contend for the backup job. As long as Palmer stays healthy, this should be one of the top QB corps in the country and that is why Palmer is the key player on my West Coast cover.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year Hackett committed the offense to senior TB Chad Morton (#6DC of NO) who rushed for 1,141 yards (4.4) but now departs. Sultan McCullough (PS#10) should take over the feature role and is the fastest player in USC history and a PAC 10 track champ. Malaefou MacKenzie (PS/#8) has had an injury plagued career with only 453 yards in 3 years and should be a solid TB if he remains healthy. Petros Papadakis (6-1 210 Sr, PS/#183) was their short yardage RB in 98 with 4 starts and 365 yards (3.9). He broke his foot in August 99 and was awarded a 6th year of eligibility. Miguel Fletcher (5-11 195 So) was PS #38 and is also a sprinter on the track team. Hackett also recruited PS#23 this year in Chris Howard. I list the top 3 FB's below and that position is a little underwhelming for a team that stockpiles talent like USC. Despite the loss of a 1,000 yard rusher, this unit looks just as talented and could really use Sultan McCullough to live up to his potential.

**RECEIVERS** - The Trojans lose a pair WR's to the NFL in Windrell Hayes (9 sts, 55 rec, #5 DC of NYJ) and R. Jay Soward (9 sts, 51 rec, #1 DC of JAX). Soward did not have the type of senior season expected after not showing up for summer workouts. He and Hayes also suffered through some injuries and Hackett signed 3 VHT frosh last year all of whom saw action and they make sure this unit remains strong. Kareem Kelly may be the top receiver in the PAC 10 this year and Marcell Allmond and Steve Stevenson performed well as true frosh. TE looks solid as the top 2 are back and backing them up are Doyal Butler (6-3 245 Jr) who was PS #25 (originally signed at Purdue) and Chad Cook (6-4 225 rFr, PS#39). Hackett signed another VHT this year in Alex Holmes who could play immediately. Despite losing 2 of their top WR's this is still one of the PAC 10's best receiving corps.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - No group in all of college football has under-achieved like this unit has over the last four years. The Trojans have been loaded with VHT's, depth, and experience on this unit but have averaged under 4.0 ypc rushing in each of the last four years despite some quality RB's. This year five players depart with starting experience in LG Jason Grain (5 sts til inj), RG Travis Claridge (12 sts, #2 DC of ATL, 1st tm PAC 10), LT Donta Kendrick (7 sts), C Matt McShane (3 sts) and RT Matt Welch (10 sts in 98, 1 st last year). Five players return with starting experience and they have some excellent rFr and true frosh competing for time as well as a JC. While this unit is not as deep experience wise as it was last year, as long as it isn't again bothered by injuries early in the season, it should be improved.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - This unit is loaded with six players who have six starts or more in their career, five of them having 11 starts or more, and there are plenty of VHT's. I list the two deep below. Ennis Davis (PS#12) is a big DT who was dominating in 98, but was hampered all year recovering from a knee injury in 99. He should be close to 100% and return to form. Bernard Riley is a VHT who got his feet wet as a true frosh. They also transfer in LB Sultan Adbul-Malik who had 15 sacks in 97 & 98 at DE and spent last year at LB. He had a very impressive spring, and had Hackett lamenting the move to LB last year as he is a stronger DE than LB. This is an extremely deep and talented group and clearly one of the best in the country. They make my top 10 DL's this year (see page 5).

**LINEBACKERS** - The Trojans had to replace Chris Claiborne and another starter in 99 but got super JC transfer Markus Steele and the group fared well. This year the only loss is Sultan Adbul-Malik who moves to DE. Five of the top six are back, and as you would expect, there are plenty of HT's in the group highlighted by Steele and Zeke Moreno. They also add Scott Huber (6-2 250 So) who was PS#26TE and moved to LB in the spring. They are good enough to make my top 10 LB list (see page 5).

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Trojans finished #1 in the NCAA in my pass defense rankings in 98 but had to replace 3 starters including an NFL DC. They still managed a super finish at #5 in my pass efficiency defense ratings allowing 53.8% with 19 TD's and 21 int's. This year the only losses are SS David Gibson (12 sts, 1st tm PAC 10, 10 pbu, #6 DC of TB) and backup S Frank Carter (1 st, 7 tfl). If you look at my 2 deep below, three 2nd teamers, Cash, Rideaux and Grootegoed could all win starting jobs. This is a very talented group and once again among the best in the country (see page 5).

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Trojans ranked #69 in 97 but moved up to #36 in Hackett's first year. Last year they dropped a little to #53 in my special teams rankings. The net punting was solid as MacGillivray showed improvement with a net of 36.8. R. Jay Soward's PR exploits will be missed as he averaged 12.1 per return last year. They do have a lot of speedy talent at WR and DB which should fill the void. They also lose their top KR in Chad Morton (#5 DC of NO) but he averaged just 17.9 per return. David Bell has handled KO's for 3 years and has done a solid job. K David Newbury was having a good year until he imploded versus Oregon missing all four FG's. He finished hitting 11 of 20 with a long of 48. David Bell will battle him for the job. The main question mark after spring practice was K and Hackett may still sign a JUCO or true frosh to compete for the position. I expect an improved return game and hence an improvement in the special teams rankings despite the loss of Soward.

QB Carson Palmer looks to bounce back from last year's injury.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chad Morton | 262 | 1201 | 60 | 1141 | 15 | 4.4 |
| **Sultan McCullough** | 90 | 442 | 29 | 413 | 1 | 4.6 |
| **Malaefou MacKenzie** | 25 | 121 | 0 | 121 | 3 | 4.8 |
| R Jay Soward | 9 | 93 | 4 | 89 | 0 | 9.9 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| **Mike VanRaaphorst** | 258 | 139 | 53.9 | 1758 | 8 | 9 |
| John Fox | 125 | 67 | 53.6 | 844 | 4 | 2 |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| Windrell Hayes | | 55 | 720 | 13.1 | 4 | 56 |
| **Kareem Kelly** | | 54 | 902 | 16.7 | 4 | 72 |
| R Jay Soward | | 51 | 655 | 12.8 | 4 | 64 |
| Chad Morton | | 17 | 79 | 4.6 | 0 | 15 |
| **Marcell Allmond** | | 14 | 233 | 16.6 | 2 | 64 |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| **Mike MacGillivray** | 74 | 3067 | 41.4 | - | 36.8 | 0 | 17 |
| **KICKING** | **20-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| **David Newbury** | 5-5 | 4-8 | 2-5 | 0-2 | 11-20 | 48 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Zeke Moreno** | 108 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| **Markus Steele** | 91 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 1 |
| **Ifeanyi Ohalete** | 84 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 2 |
| David Gibson | 81 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 3 |
| **Antuan Simmons** | 49 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 3 |
| **Kris Richard** | 44 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| **Ryan Nielsen** | 39 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Darrell Rideaux** | 31 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| **Ennis Davis** | 31 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| **Sultan Abdul-Malik** | 27 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Aaron Williams | 26 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| **Lonnie Ford** | 25 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Matt Childers** | 24 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| R Jay Soward | 18 | 218 | 12.1 | 1 |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| Chad Morton | 19 | 341 | 17.9 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT HAWAII -26' 62-7 WIN** USC simply dominated & led 41-0 at the half & finished w/ a 529-221 yd edge. UH's only score came on a 21 yd int ret for a TD.

**SAN DIEGO ST -24 24-21 LOSS** USC led 10-0 when they got a 51 yd int ret for a TD. Late 1H, USC missed a 47 yd FG & SDSU QB Hawley hit a 45 yd Hail Mary TD, 17-7. SD went 65 yds to open the 3Q for a TD, 17-14. USC threw a lateral which was ret'd for a TD by SDS but incorrectly ruled as an incompletion. USC continued the drive & got a TD. SDS got a 62 yd int ret for a TD w/ 6:00 left & got 1 more poss but was SOD.

**AT OREGON (OT) +1' 30-33 LOSS** USC had 21 pen. USC drove 24 yds for a TD foll an early fmbl. UO got a 46 yd FG & 38 yd TD drive foll an int. USC settled for a FG, 10-10 at half. UO faked a punt & nailed a FG & added a TD drive. USC lost QB Palmer early due to inj but Van Raaphorst hit 20 of 36. USC drove 80 & 74 yds for TD's, 23-20. UO fmbl'd the KO but USC missed a 30 yd FG. UO got a 26 yd FG w/ :26 left in OT. USC missed a 51 yd FG & UO backup K Katz missed a 33 yd FG after Villegas was inj'd. 2nd OT, each team got a TD but in the 3rd OT USC missed a 37 yd FG & another UO K, Frankel, nailed a FG.

**OREGON ST -13 37-29 LOSS** Palmer out. USC got an 85 yd PR for a TD & had 74 & 84 yd scoring drives & Moreno ret'd a fmbl 17 yds for a TD, 23-7 at half. Moreno also got a 71 yd int ret for a TD & USC added a 15 yd drive foll a fmbl & it was **37-7 after 3Q's**. USC brought in the backups & OSU cut the lead to 37-21. USC's starters came back in & they drove to the OSU 20. On 4th & 11 they eschewed the FG, keeping OSU within 2 scores. OSU got a 53 yd TD pass (backdoor cover) w/ 1:00 to go. USC fmbl'd but OSU was SOD at the USC 33.

**AT ARIZONA +1 24-31 LOSS** 100°. The Trojans were held to it 2nd worst rush total ever (-20). UA had a 95 yd TD drive & split a pair of FG's. USC got a 44 yd fmbl ret for a TD & a FG w/ :04 left. UA had a 332-70 yd edge in the 1H but it was 10-10. USC went 80 yds for a 3Q TD, 17-10. UA drove 65 & 80 yds for TD's, 24-17. UA ret'd a fmbl 24 yds for a TD w/ 1:57 left. USC drove 80 yds & got a TD with :28 left.

**AT NOTRE DAME +8 24-25 WIN** USC dominated the 1H w/ long scoring drives to take a 21-3 lead at half. It rained steadily in the 2H and ND had the 3Q wind. USC got a FG but ND drove 71 yds for a TD. ND got a 37 yd drive for a TD foll a fmbl early 4Q & the wind shifted so ND had it again in the 4Q. ND got a FG w/ 8:07 left, 24-19. ND drove 74 yds for a TD w/ 2:40 left. USC fmbl'd the KO but ND fmbl'd it back but USC was SOD w/ :36 left.

**STANFORD -7' 31-35 LOSS** USC had solid TD drives on their 1st 3 poss, 21-0. SU got an 83 yd 2Q TD drive & USC got a FG foll an int, 24-7 w/ 1:39 left. SU drove 80 yds for a TD w/ :26 left & drove 80 yds in 1:12 to open the 3Q for a TD & ret'd an int 30 yds for a TD, 28-24. USC got a 64 yd TD pass but SU drove 55 yds for a TD early 4Q, 35-31. Soward dropped 2 potential TD's & USC missed a 52 yd FG after having a FD at the SU 19. SU was SOD at their own 45 but USC's was int'd at the 16. USC had a 587-456 yd edge.

**AT CALIFORNIA -5' 7-17 LOSS** Misleading final. USC had a 452-232 yd & 23-9 FD edge. Van Raaphorst hit 14 of 24 but late 2Q O'Neal ret'd an int 67 yds for a TD, 7-0. 3Q, O'Neal's 60 yd PR set up a FG. Fox relieved & hit 12 of 25 for 226 yds & after Van Raaphorst suffered 7 sk's in the 1H Fox was sk'd just twice & hit a 72 yd TD pass 10-7 but 3 plays after an int, Cal got a 68 yd TD drive, USC fmbl'd at the Cal 42 & had 4 TO's.

**ARIZONA ST -6 16-26 LOSS** Fox started. It was 7-7 when USC was int'd & ASU got a 1 yd TD drive, 13-7 (xpng). USC missed a 47 yd FG & ASU drove 70 yds for a TD. USC got a 29 yd FG & ASU missed a 49 yd FG w/ :41 left in the half, 19-10. Van Raaphorst QB'd the 2H. ASU fmbl'd at the USC 12. USC got back in it when DT Davis ret'd an int 30 yds for a TD, 19-16 w/ 8:46 left. ASU ret'd an int to the USC 4 but missed a 23 yd FG. ASU got a Redmond 14 yd TD run w/ 1:47 left to ice it. ASU had 213 yds rushing & 223 passing.

**AT WASH ST -8' 31-28 LOSS** 60° in Nov in Wash! USC led 17-7. WSU drove 48 yds for a TD, 17-14 at half. USC got an 82 yd TD 3Q drive & a 6 yd int ret for a TD, 31-14. WSU drove 80 yds for a TD but was SOD at the USC 3. WSU missed a 43 yd FG. WSU drove 85 yds for a TD w/ 2:14 left. USC punted w/ :13 left. WSU's Hail Mary pass fell inc & USC hung on.

**UCLA -6' 17-7 WIN** Both teams came into the game under .500 for the 1st time since 1941. Paus was inj'd & McCann hit 17 of 29 for 240 yds but threw 3 int's. UCLA had 5 TO's. USC drove 81 yds for a 22 yd FG. UCLA was int'd at the USC 8. After a fmbl rec, they were int'd at the 2. UCLA drove 80 yds for a TD but USC got a 23 yd TD pass, 10-7. At half USC had a 295-179 yd edge. USC missed a FG after a 1st & goal at the 3 early 3Q. USC faked a FG for a FD, took a 22 yd FG off the board (roughing K) and was awarded a 6 yd TD pass although replays showed Kelly's foot was OOB, 17-7 for the fortuitous cover.

**LOUISIANA TECH E 45-19 WIN** USC had long TD drives on its first 3 poss, 21-0. LT drove 57 & 86 yds for a TD's, 21-13. USC led 28-13 at half. LT was int'd at the 1 & Rattay's 3rd int was ret'd 75 yds for a TD, 35-13. Both teams added late scores to account for the final.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

The Trojans have not played up to their talent level for a few years. Last year they showed some inconsistent play and failed to hold 21 point leads over both Notre Dame and Stanford finishing the year a disappointing 6-6, making them 14-11 in Paul Hackett's 2 seasons (they also blew a 21 point lead versus Cal in '98). Losing QB Carson Palmer to injury in the third week of the season while the team was 2-0 and leading Oregon was one of the major reasons for the off year. It was an unusual year in which USC and UCLA both entered their rivalry matchup .under 500 for the first time since 1941. Paul Hackett is an offensive coach and his team averaged 29.0 ppg last year which on paper looks solid. In reality, the offense averaged just 23.7 ppg as the defense and special teams accounted for an amazing 9 TD's. Twice in USC's last 13 games 'Tailback U' has been held to negative yards rushing including -20 at Arizona last year. USC actually benefitted from a +14 turnover margin last year, and still did not have a winning year. I like Paul Hackett as an assistant but he hasn't impressed as a head coach. This year he has the best talent in the Pac 10 led by my #4 ranked defense in the country. He has a Pac 10 schedule that has winnable road games and they avoid co-favorite Washington. Anything less than the Rose Bowl would be disappointing. This is his 3rd year and that is when a team usually has its best year under a new head coach. They should at least get a Pac 10 Co-championship this year as they are solidly improved on both sides of the ball and loaded with NFL caliber talent. They would need a win over Penn St in the opener to be national title contenders.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Matt Grootegoed 5-11 205 PS#3 |
| OL | Joe McGuire 6-5 280 PS#8 |
| TE | Alex Holmes 6-2 295 PS#5 |
| RB | Chris Howard 5-11 180 PS#23 |
| DL | Nate Goodson 6-5 270 PS#33 |
| QB | Matt Cassel 6-5 215 PS#20 |
| DB | Jason Leach 5-11 200 PS#29 |
| WR | Keary Colbert 6-1 185 PS#35 |
| OL | Blair Jones 6-7 265 PS#54 |
| DL | A.J. Single 6-3 255 PS#56 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB CARSON PALMER SR.** 6-5 220 *PS#7. 5 sts as true frosh, 1755 yds (55%), 7-6 ratio, 97 yds rush. #1 in PAC 10 in comp % (73.6) in 99 til inj, 3 sts.*
**RB Sultan McCullough Sr.** 6-0 185 *PS#10. 10.17 in 100m, PAC 10 track champ. 413 yds (4.6). Malaefou MacKenzie (6-0 215 Jr) PS#8, 453 yds (3.7) in 2 yrs.*
**FB CHARLIE LANDRIGAN JR.** 6-0 225 *9 sts in 99, 11 rec & 64 yds (5.8). Chad Pierson (6-1 240 So) PS#268, 16 yds. Brennan Ochs (6-2 230 Sr) 4 sts in 3 yrs.*
**WR Kareem Kelly So.** 6-1 185 *PS#4. 2 sts as true, 54 rec (16.7). PAC 10 Frosh of Yr. Stanley Guyness (6-2 195 Sr) PS#1 in 96. Inj'd L/3Y.*
**WR Marcell Allmond So.** 6-1 190 *PS#5, 3 sts as true, 14 rec (16.6), decathlete on Track tm. Steve Stevenson (6-2 200 So) PS#22, 6 rec as true.*
**TE ANTOINE HARRIS SR.** 6-4 250 *PS#7, 11 sts as true, 12 rec (13.3). 11 sts in 98, 13 rec. 11 sts in 99, 8 rec (12.3). Chad Cook (6-4 225 rFr) PS#39TE.*
**C ERIC DENMON SR.** 6-1 280 *PS#29 in 96. 3 sts in 98. 9 sts in 99 (missed 3 inj), 3 letters, HM PAC 10. Lenny Vandermade (6-4 270 rFr) PS#27.*
**RG ZACH WILSON SO.** 6-5 315 *PS#84OL in 98. 12 gms in 99, started L/7, 2nd tm frosh AA. Lucais MacKay (6-5 285 rFr) PS#61OL.*
**LG Faaesa Mailo Jr.** 6-4 330 *PS#19, 3 sts in 96 as true. Mission in 97 & 98, sumo wrestler. 5 sts in 99, 2 letters, Joe McGuire PS#8OL.*
**RT Trevor Roberts Sr.** 6-4 305 *PS#39 in 96. Lettered in 98. 3 sts at LT in 99, 6 gms. Nate Steinbacher (6-6 320 rFr) PS#33. Phillip Eaves PS#75JC.*
**LT BRENT McCAFFREY SR.** 6-5 275 *PS#159. 13 sts in 98. 9 sts in 99 (inj 3), 3 letters. Jacob Rogers (6-6 275 rFr) PS#25TE. Eric Torres (6-5 310 rFr).*
**K DAVID NEWBURY JR.** 5-9 170 *JC trans in 99. Hit 11 of 20 FG's long of 48, only 6 of 15 from 30+. David Bell (6-0 190 Sr) handled KO's L/3 yrs.*

**DE MATT CHILDERS SR.** 6-4 260 *PS#31JC in 98. 6 sts in 99, 24 tkls, 5 sks. Shamsud-Din Abdul-Shaheed, PS#69, 7 sts, 11 tfl in 98. 5 sts, 22 tkls ly.*
**DT RYAN NIELSEN JR.** 6-5 275 *PS#61, 12 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. 10 sts in 99, 39 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Bernard Riley (6-3 305 So) PS#2, 5 tkls as true.*
**DT ENNIS DAVIS SR.** 6-4 300 *PS#12, 6.5 tfl in 97. 11 sts, 1st tm PAC 10 in 98, 16 tfl! 12 sts ly (rec from inj), 7 tfl, now 100%. Bobby DeMars (6-4 250 Jr) PS#32.*
**DE SULTAN ABDUL-MALIK SR.** 6-3 240 *PS#67. 9 sts in 97 & 13 sts in 98 at DE, 15 sks. 12 sts at LB in 99, 4 sks. Lonnie Ford (6-3 250 Jr) PS#6TE, 11 sts, 10 tfl ly.*
**SLB Kori Dickerson Jr.** 6-4 220 *PS#23TE in 97. 24 tkls, 1 st, 5 tfl, 2 yrs. Chris Prosser (6-2 225 rFr) PS#66. AJ Single is PS#56 (6-3 255).*
**MLB ZEKE MORENO SR.** 6-3 245 *PS#53. 12 sts in 98, 66 tkls, 11 tfl. 12 sts in 99, #1 w/ 108 tkls, 7 tfl. Aaron Graham (6-1 225 So) PS#39, 4 tkls as true.*
**WLB MARKUS STEELE SR.** 6-3 220 *PS#18JC, 10 sts here in 99, 91 tkls, 12 tfl, 6 pbu, 4.5 speed. Darryl Knight (6-3 215 Jr) PS#29, 2 sts, 35 tkls, 2 yrs.*
**CB KRIS RICHARD JR.** 6-0 180 *PS#47. 11 sts in 99. 44 tkls, 6 int, 9 pbu. Chris Cash (5-11 170 Jr) PS#24JC, in for spring. Kevin Arbet (5-11 175 So).*
**CB ANTUAN SIMMONS SR.** 5-10 185 *PS#9. 10 sts, 71 tkls, 12 tfl as true. 5 sts, 3 int, 14 pbu in 98. 10 sts, 3 int, 10 pbu ly. Darrell Rideaux PS#3, 2 sts as true.*
**SS IFEANYI OHALETE SR.** 6-2 225 *4 sts at SS in 98, 52 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu. 11 sts at FS in 99. 84 tkls, 2 int, 15 pbu. Troy Polamalu (5-10 210 So) PS#141, 2 sks ly.*
**FS Frank Strong Jr.** 6-1 220 *PS#34RB 215 yds as true. Moved to FS in 99. Matt Grootegoed PS#3. DeShaun Hill (6-0 195 So) PS#259JC.*
**P MIKE MacGILLIVRAY JR.** 5-10 205 *PS#40. 86 punts in 98, 37.6 avg but 27 inside 20 & only 4 TB's. 74 punts in 99, solid 41.4 avg & net of 36.8.*

# USC TROJANS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score USC | Final Score Opp | Win/Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 11-3-1 ATS L/15 in the Washington series.<br>Trojans are 11-4 ATS in their second straight away game.<br>USC is 23-16 ATS off a SU loss, 5-5 under Hackett.<br>Men of Troy are 5-2 L/7 as away chalk.<br>USC has covered 4 in a row vs Notre Dame. |
| Aug 27 | † Penn St (Kickoff Classic) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Southern Cal lost 7-24 to PSU in the 1996 opener.<br>USC is 5-2 ATS L/7 vs the Big 10. |
| Sep. 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | Colorado | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | S Cal is 4-2 ATS L/6 & 3-0 L/3 vs current Big 12 schools.<br>Trojans are 7-1 ATS their last 8 home openers. |
| Sep. 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | San Jose St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | USC is 8-5 ATS as a home fav under Hackett, 2-4 LY.<br>Trojans were 17-10 ATS in September since 1991, prior to TY. |
| Sep. 30 | at Oregon St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Trojans are 17-0 SU, 15-1-1 ATS in this series.<br>USC is 14-7 ATS on artificial turf since 1992. |
| Oct. 7 | Arizona | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The favorite is 5-1 ATS the last 6 in this series.<br>Trojans are 7-15 ATS L/22 October games. |
| Oct. 14 | Oregon | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | May apply here: USC is 10-2-2 ATS as a home dog since 1985.<br>The visitor is 5-2 ATS L/7 in this series, USC lost ATS LY in OT. |
| Oct. 21 | at Stanford | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | USC is 22-4-1 straight up vs Stanford.<br>The SU winner is 9-1 ATS in this series. |
| Oct. 28 | California | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Trojans are 3-9 ATS L/12 sandwiched home games.<br>"So Cal" is 3-7 ATS the L/10 vs their "No Cal" rivals. |
| Nov. 4 | at Arizona St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | USC is 5-10 ATS vs Arizona State since 1980.<br>Trojans are 34-20-3 ATS as a dog since '76, 3-8 ATS L/11 as AD. |
| Nov. 11 | Washington St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 6-11ATS overall, but 5-1 the /6 in this series.<br>USC is 8-4 ATS their L/12 November games. |
| Nov. 18 | at UCLA | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog is 9-2 ATS the L/11 in this left coast rivalry.<br>USC is 3-7 in their last 10 road finales. |
| Nov. 25 | Notre Dame | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Trojans have covered 4 straight home finales.<br>The underdog is 5-1 ATS L/6 in this series. |

## STADIUM: LA MEMORIAL COLISEUM (92,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE:GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 7-5 | 7-3-1 | 8-2-1 | 6-6 | 6-5 | 8-4 | 6-6 | 48-31-2 |
| ATS | 8-4 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 4-8 | 6-5 | 9-3 | 4-8 | 41-40 |
| Home Fav | 4-1 | 3-3 | 2-4 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 6-1 | 2-4 | 19-19 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 |
| Away Fav | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 12-10 |
| Away Dog | 3-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 7-11 |
| Favorite | 5-2 | 5-4 | 4-7 | 3-6 | 3-3 | 8-1 | 3-6 | 31-29 |
| Dog | 3-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 10-11 |
| Grass | 5-4 | 4-5 | 3-6 | 2-6 | 5-4 | 7-3 | 3-5 | 29-33 |
| Artificial | 3-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 12-7 |
| vs PAC 10 | 6-2 | 6-2 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 6-2 | 1-7 | 28-28 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-2 | 0-3 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 13-12 |
| Off SU Win | 4-3 | 4-3 | 3-5 | 1-4 | 2-4 | 4-3 | 2-3 | 20-25 |
| Off SU Loss | 4-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 3-3 | 3-1 | 4-0 | 1-5 | 16-12 |

## Coach: PAUL HACKETT (Career 27-31-1)

### *Hackett's records AT USC*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Year at USC | | 8-5 | Home Favorite |
| 14-11 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 13-11 | Vs The Spread | 3-2 | Away Favorite |
| 5-5 | Off A S/U Loss | 2-4 | Away Underdog |
| 7-9 | Vs PAC 10 | 6-2 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | Freedom | -8 | Fresno St | 7-24 | L |
| 93 | Freedom | -17 | Utah | 28-21 | L |
| 94 | Cotton | -6' | Texas Tech | 55-14 | W |
| 95 | Rose | -3 | Northwestern | 41-32 | W |
| 98 | Sun | -16 | TCU | 19-28 | L |

# USC (6-6)

CONFERENCE:
## PAC 10

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 6***
**DEFENSE: 10**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 44 (18,23,3)**
**Lost: 19 (12,6,1)**

## USC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 29.0 | 21 | 145 | 3.6 | 258 | 56.2 | 13.9 | +14 | 1999 | 6 | 23.2 | 20 | 117 | 3.2 | 256 | 53.7 | 16.1 |
| 6* | 26.6 | 16 | 127 | 3.7 | 217 | 52.9 | 12.9 | +11 | 1998 | 8 | 18.5 | 18 | 156 | 3.8 | 177 | 49.7 | 17.9 |
| 8 | 21.2 | 18 | 139 | 3.6 | 200 | 53.1 | 16.0 | +9 | 1997 | 7 | 21.2 | 20 | 94 | 2.7 | 266 | 55.5 | 17.0 |
| 4* | 27.1 | 18 | 114 | 3.3 | 249 | 51.7 | 13.4 | +7 | 1996 | 6 | 22.3 | 20 | 173 | 4.1 | 191 | 56.4 | 16.4 |
| 6 | 29.6 | 22 | 151 | 4.0 | 264 | 61.7 | 14.0 | +4 | 1995 | 7 | 17.7 | 19 | 133 | 3.5 | 206 | 58.0 | 19.2 |
| 6* | 29.7 | 20 | 131 | 3.4 | 279 | 65.1 | 13.8 | +13 | 1994 | 5 | 20.3 | 19 | 162 | 4.1 | 222 | 51.6 | 19.0 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Hawaii | 29 | 60-279 | 4.7 | 19-26 | 250 | 1 | 16 | 22-27 | 1.2 | 21-47 | 194 | 8 | +3 |
| San Diego St | 15 | 42-96 | 2.3 | 16-24 | 188 | 2 | 16 | 31-74 | 2.4 | 19-36 | 174 | 4 | +4 |
| at Oregon | 19 | 31-31 | 1.0 | 29-49 | 362 | 4 | 25 | 46-104 | 2.3 | 23-40 | 275 | 4 | 0 |
| Oregon St | 21 | 39-170 | 4.4 | 17-31 | 197 | 3 | 29 | 39-129 | 3.3 | 26-57 | 340 | 3 | +3 |
| at Arizona | 17 | 29-(-20) | -0.7 | 23-41 | 291 | 8 | 23 | 52-307 | 5.9 | 15-24 | 243 | 2 | -2 |
| at Notre Dame | 23 | 32-113 | 3.5 | 23-41 | 298 | 1 | 23 | 45-119 | 2.6 | 19-30 | 257 | 7 | 0 |
| Stanford | 24 | 39-172 | 4.4 | 25-51 | 415 | 4 | 20 | 37-160 | 4.3 | 21-33 | 296 | 2 | 0 |
| at California | 23 | 33-70 | 2.1 | 26-49 | 382 | 9 | 9 | 37-82 | 2.2 | 10-26 | 150 | 1 | -2 |
| Arizona St | 17 | 25-105 | 4.2 | 27-48 | 239 | 0 | 21 | 49-213 | 4.3 | 18-29 | 223 | 1 | -1 |
| at Washington St | 16 | 44-201 | 4.6 | 12-22 | 117 | 0 | 25 | 32-112 | 3.5 | 25-43 | 308 | 1 | +2 |
| UCLA | 19 | 50-214 | 4.3 | 17-34 | 216 | 2 | 13 | 32-45 | 1.4 | 17-30 | 204 | 6 | +4 |
| Louisiana Tech | 27 | 55-309 | 5.6 | 11-20 | 137 | 0 | 24 | 13-35 | 2.7 | 35-68 | 405 | 3 | +3 |
| TOTALS | 250 | 479-1740 | 3.6 | 245-436 | 3092 | 34 | 244 | 435-1407 | 3.2 | 249-463 | 3069 | 42 | +14 |
| AVERAGES | 20.8 | 40-145 | 3.6 | 20-36 | 258 | 2.8 | 20.3 | 36-117 | 3.2 | 21-39 | 256 | 3.5 | 1.2 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| San Jose St | -35 | 45-7 | W |
| Houston | -37' | 45-10 | L |
| at Arizona | -6 | 31-10 | W |
| Arizona St | -20 | 31-0 | W |
| at California | -14 | 26-16 | L |
| Washington St | -14 | 26-14 | L |
| at Notre Dame | -4 | 10-38 | L |
| at Washington | -4 | 21-21 | L |
| Stanford | -14' | 31-30 | L |
| at Oregon St | -16 | 28-10 | W |
| UCLA | -7 | 20-24 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Penn St | +3 | 7-24 | L |
| at Illinois | -3 | 55-3 | W |
| Oregon St | -26 | 46-17 | W |
| at Houston | -20 | 26-9 | L |
| California | -16 | 15-22 | L |
| Arizona | -8' | 14-7 | L |
| at Arizona St | +6 | 35-48 | L |
| at Washington St | -3' | 29-24 | W |
| Washington | -3 | 10-21 | L |
| at Stanford | -7' | 20-24 | L |
| at UCLA | -3 | 41-48 | L |
| Notre Dame | +13 | 27-20 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Florida St | +11' | 7-14 | W |
| Washington St | -7 | 21-28 | L |
| at California | -3' | 27-17 | W |
| UNLV | -25 | 35-21 | L |
| at Arizona St | +2' | 7-35 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +6 | 20-17 | W |
| Oregon | -8 | 24-22 | L |
| at Washington | +17 | 0-27 | L |
| Stanford | -3' | 45-21 | W |
| at Oregon St | -12 | 23-0 | W |
| UCLA | +9' | 24-31 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Purdue | -7' | 27-17 | W |
| San Diego St | -19' | 35-6 | W |
| Oregon St | -14 | 40-20 | W |
| at Florida St | +13 | 10-30 | L |
| Arizona St | -3' | 35-24 | W |
| California | -11 | 31-32 | L |
| at Washington St | -9 | 42-14 | W |
| at Oregon | +7 | 13-17 | W |
| Washington | -6 | 33-10 | W |
| at Stanford | -10' | 34-9 | W |
| at UCLA | +5' | 17-34 | L |
| Notre Dame | -8' | 10-0 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Hawaii | -26' | 62-7 | W |
| San Diego St | -24 | 24-21 | L |
| at Oregon | +1' | 30-33 | L |
| Oregon St | -13 | 37-29 | L |
| at Arizona | +1 | 24-31 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +8 | 24-25 | W |
| Stanford | -7' | 31-35 | L |
| at California | -5' | 7-17 | L |
| Arizona St | -6 | 16-26 | L |
| at Washington St | -8' | 31-28 | L |
| UCLA | -6' | 17-7 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | E | 45-19 | W |

# UTAH UTES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Darnell Arceneaux was PS#23 and is 11-2 as a starting QB. Last year he suffered a severe concussion vs Wyoming and almost moved to a different position but is back at QB. Arceneaux has over 2,600 career yards passing with a 19-13 ratio and added mobility to this position for the Utes with 765 rushing yards. TD Croshaw saw plenty of action last year. While Arceneaux was injured Croshaw, a better passer, was PS#148 and threw for 1,296 yards (56%) with a 14-8 ratio. He would have led the Mountain West in pass efficiency if he had enough attempts to qualify. Tony Alvarez (6-1 183 Sr) was PS#319JUCO. He had a 31-10 ratio at JUCO in 98 but got in just 3 pass attempts here in 99. Joel Gines (6-1 208 So) originally signed in 95 & Lance Rice (6-1 188 rFr) provide the youth along with Brett Elliott (PS #44 this year). With Arceneaux and Croshaw they have two solid veteran QB's with different styles which will make it tough on opposing defenses.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Utes had an outstanding RB corps in 99 led by Mike Anderson (#6 DC of DEN). Anderson averaged over 100 ypg rushing in his 2 year career at Utah and rushed for 1,231 yards (5.4) as a senior. He had an incredible bowl game with 254 yards rushing. Omar Bacon (PS#51) had 507 yards (3.8) in relief of Anderson who missed 2 games with injury. Those are some big losses. McBride does have a couple of HT's to turn to in D'Shaun Crockett (PS#49) and Thomas Fortune (PS#61). I have expected Fortune to become a factor in each of the last 2 years but he has just 81 yards rushing. He is powerful and this could be his break through season. Crockett is the speedy back, and was the fastest RB on the team last year. Edwin Benton (5-10 194 rFr) was PS#182. Nick Morgan (6-0 223 Sr) has 235 yards rushing and 2 starts in 3 years here. To bolster the group McBride signed a pair of JUCO's in Dameon Hunter (5-11 230, PS#252) and Adam Tate (6-1 230). Hunter rushed for 336 yards and Tate for 932 at JUCO last season. This looks like a decent unit, but naturally will be weaker without Anderson as the main ball toter.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Utes had to replace their top 2 WR's due to graduation and then were hit hard by injuries. Starting TE Andy Kassotis was injured in the preseason and saw very little action. WR Chris Christensen was leading the team with 13 rec's after just 2.5 games when he went down with a season ending injury. JUCO Dennis Smith (PS #71 JUCO), who I expected to win a starting slot, was redshirted. By the end of the year Steve Smith had emerged as the leading receiver, but he was injured in the season finale and missed the bowl game. This year, two players depart in SB Boo Bendinger (3 sts, 33 rec, 13.6) and SB Donny Utu (2 sts, 25 rec, 12.1). Kassotis also graduates but the 3 players who filled in for him at TE last year are back. Not listed below is Michael Richardson (6-2 270 Jr) who had 4 sts at RG and 3 at TE. This is a very fast unit with Russell being perhaps the fastest player in the Mt West. Also at WR are Jason Anderson (6-1 196 Jr), who was PS #120 QB and originally signed at BYU and Anthony Arceneaux (5-9 165 rFr) who is Darnell's brother. This unit is much more experienced than the 99 version, and should put up stronger stats as long as they stay healthy.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Utes had a veteran offensive line last year with 4 returning starters but were hit hard by injuries, 8 different players drew starts with only 2 players starting more than 8 games. This year they must replace C Rod Talaeai (8 sts after move from DL), RT Josh Cochran (7 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Luis Park (12 sts, 1st team Mt West) and backup OG Fisi Moleni. Steve McCane was the projected starter at C but missed the first half of the year with injuries. When finally healthy he started the last 4 games, and I list him as a returning starter. Four players are back with starting experience and McBride has brought in 2 JUCO's, a solid DL and 3 touted rFr to add depth and compete for spots. Also starting TE Richardson played some at G in the spring and may end up there. McBride also signed TWO VHT true frosh but they will both likely go on a mission. Even with the losses, this unit could be improved.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Utes lose a good one in John Frank who leaves as both the career sack and tfl leader and last year was voted Defensive Player of the Year in the Mountain West Conference. He was 1st team All Conference the last 2 years and had 13 sks and 7 tfl, and will be playing on Sundays this year (#6DC of PHI). Also leaving are DT Richard Seals (6 sts, 9 sks, #7DC of NYJ) and DE Chuck Pine (1 st, 6 sks). Last year 3 starters had to be replaced and while 3 are back this year, players who combined for 28 of the team's 36 sacks from last season depart. Frank's replacement Marcus Jones is much smaller but has 4.5 speed and will provide a different type of pass rusher. They are solid in the middle with Ma'ake Kemoeatu (power) and Garrett Smith (big, but speedy). Frank is a huge loss but this unit is more experienced than last year and is still strong.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Utes had to replace three starters from a banged up unit in 98 but had 2 players returning with 7 or more starts. This year they will most likely have to replace MLB Howard Christianson (10 sts, 7 tfl, 69 tkl). He had knee surgery last year and while still eligible, will probably not play due to injury. MLB Taulia Lave (4 sts, 39 tkl, 5 tfl) also departs. Basically two starters return with Kautai Olevao bring the star having won 1st team All Conference the last two years, and he has NFL potential. I like the talent at MLB and although neither is a HT, they both have good size and speed. If Christianson were to come back this unit would be vastly improved but as it is, it will still look stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Ron McBride does an excellent job with this unit and the Utes have ranked in the top 40 of my pass efficiency defense rankings in each of the last SIX years and have finished #12 and #13 the last 2. Last year they allowed just 49.9% completions with a 7-16 ratio. That unit had 3 starters returning. There is a potential for this year's group to have 3 starters returning. The only definite losses are CB Jay Hill (12 sts, 6 int, 11 pbu, 2nd tm Mt West), CB Teneil Ethridge (4 sts, 11 pbu) and SS Colby Knight (4 sts, 49 tkl). They may lose SS Kimball Christianson (3 yr st'r, 64 tkl) as he may opt not to return for a fifth season to attend medical school. They have 2 quality starters back in Andre Dyson (Kevin's brother) and Jason Potter and an HT rFr in Arnold Parker. There is a chance that Brandon Dart could come back for an unheard of 7th season. He was HM WAC in 1996 with 96 tackles. McBride also brings in a solid JUCO. If Christianson elects not to return, I'll call this unit down a notch, but if he does come back, they could be even stronger.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - McBride also does an excellent job with the special teams as they recorded 4 top 40 finishes in my special teams rankings over the last 6 years. After ranking #31 in 1998 they moved up last year to #22 with some spectacular efforts. At the start of the year, Courtney Richins was the top PR with a nifty 13.3 avg until injury. He returns as does his replacement Steve Smith who had an outstanding 17.1 PR avg including 3 TD's. Patrick Dyson was back to handle KR's after avg'g a super 32.9 in 98 but he dropped to 19.4 last year and Steve Smith avg'd 28.2 on 6 KR's. P Chris Hunter departs, but only had a net of 34.4 in 99. P/K Golden Whetman led JUCO's in punting with a 44.5 avg in 97. McBride's very tough on K's. Ryan Kaneshiro missed a key kick vs BYU 2 years ago and after hitting 8 of 13 with a long of 47 in 98, did not see action in 99. Golden Whetman hit his first 4 FG's but missed his last 3. He did have 48 TB's on 70 KO's, but was replaced by Cletus Truhe. Truhe hit 7 of 12 FG's last year and departs. Whetman and Kaneshiro will battle for the FG job. Sheldon Deckart, who blocked 2 punts last year, is also back. This looks like a potential top 20 group this year.

LB Kautai Olevao has skills no nice he's been named All Conference twice!

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mike Anderson | 229 | 1287 | 56 | 1231 | 12 | 5.4 |
| Omar Bacon | 134 | 534 | 27 | 507 | 3 | 3.8 |
| **Nick Morgan** | 12 | 88 | 0 | 88 | 0 | 7.3 |
| **D'Shaun Crockett** | 18 | 66 | 2 | 64 | 1 | 3.6 |
| **Darnell Arceneaux** | 57 | 219 | 178 | 41 | 1 | 0.7 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Darnell Arceneaux** | 180 | 91 | 50.6 | 1436 | 10 | 7 |
| **TD Croshaw** | 155 | 86 | 55.5 | 1296 | 14 | 8 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Steve Smith** | 43 | 860 | 20.0 | 8 | 59 |
| **Clifford Russell** | 39 | 697 | 17.9 | 3 | 80 |
| Boo Bendinger | 33 | 448 | 13.6 | 5 | 67 |
| Donny Utu | 25 | 302 | 12.1 | 3 | 56 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chris Hunter | 62 | 2520 | 40.6 | - | 34.4 | 0 | 19 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cletus Truhe | 0-0 | 5-7 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 7-12 | 46 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jason Potter** | 74 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| **Howard Christianson** | 69 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| **Kimball Christianson** | 64 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| **Ma'ake Kemoeatu** | 63 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| John Frank | 62 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| **Wes Tufaga** | 55 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| **Kautai Olevao** | 53 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Colby Knight | 49 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Garrett Smith** | 47 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| **Andre Dyson** | 42 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 6 |
| Jay Hill | 42 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 6 |
| Taulia Lave | 39 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Richard Seals | 37 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Steve Smith** | 29 | 495 | 17.1 | 3 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Patrick Dyson** | 12 | 233 | 19.4 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT WASH ST +2 27-7 WIN** Utah had 23-17 FD & 424-323 yd edges & WSU had 5 TO's. Utah made 2 FG's foll fmbl's & a 35 yd 3Q TD pass. WSU went to their 2nd QB but on his 1st play he fmbl'd & Utah drove 21 yds for a TD. Early 4Q Utah got a FG but roughing the K set them up for a TD, 27-0. WSU got a 4Q 80 yd drive for a TD w/9:02 left.

**UTAH ST -16' 38-18 WIN** 45,224 fans. Misleading final. USU had 25-17 FD & 369-316 yd edges. A 27 yd PR set up USU for a TD on their 1st poss & a 40 yd PR netted a 24 yd FG, 10-0. Arceneaux missed his 1st 5 passes but then led an 80 yd TD drive. USU was int'd in the EZ in the 2Q & Utah added 2 TD's, 21-10 at half. USU drove for a TD, 21-18. QB Crosbie appeared to run for a 60 yd TD but was ruled OOB which infuriated USU HC Arslanian. On 3rd down Arslanian wanted a pass interf call. Instead of kicking a 37 yd FG, Arslanian was hit for a 15 yd pen & USU missed a 52 yd FG. Utah then drove 65 yds for a TD. Utah closed it out with a 22 yd int ret for a TD & added a late 26 yd FG.

**AT UNLV -15 52-14 WIN** Utah completely dominated. UNLV had just 68 yds after 3Q's & Utah led 45-7. Utah had a 475-153 overall yardage edge.

**AT BOISE ST -16' 20-26 LOSS** Arceneaux saw his perfect 9-0 record as a starter end as he hit just 10 of 24 & re-injured his hand. Boise dominated the 1Q with a 147-29 yd edge. They got a 10 play drive for a TD & an 80 yd TD pass, 14-0. Arceneaux hit a 52 yd TD pass, 14-7 at half. Utah got a 26 yd int ret for a TD, 14-13 (xpng). Three turnovers set up Boise for 3 FG's & the Broncos drove for another FG, 26-13. Croshaw led an 81 yd TD drive but did not get the ball back until less than 20 seconds remained.

**UL MONROE -28 42-0 WIN** This was Utah's 1st shutout since 1984. Utah was w/o Anderson & Arceneaux was banged up but led 2 drives that ended in a missed FG & a 56 yd TD pass. Croshaw hit 9 of 17 but had 4 TD passes!! Utah's OL was also banged up but the Utes led 21-0 at half. It was 35-0 after 3Q's & Utah added an 18 yd int ret in the 4Q. Utah allowed just 219 yds overall & ULM did not cross midfield in the 2H.

**AT AIR FORCE +4 21-15 WIN** Light snow obscured the yd lines it was 28° at KO. AF had the only drive of the 1H going 59 yds & nailing a FG. Utah missed a 57 yd FG, 3-0 at half & AF had a 132-83 yd edge. AF fmbl'd on the 1st play of the 3Q & Utah drove 13 yds for a TD. Smith ret'd a punt 61 yds for a TD 2:00 later, 14-3. AF settled for a 28 yd FG. Utah went 80 yds for a TD w/ 14:54 left. AF was int'd at the Utah 21 but drove 75 yds for a TD with 6:32 left, 21-12. AF settled for a 33 yd FG with :58 left & Utah rec'd the onside kick.

**SAN DIEGO ST -6' 38-16 WIN** SDS had 4 TO's to 0 for Utah. All of SDS's 1st five 1H poss went into Utah terr. They punted, settled for 42 & 32 yd FG's, missed a 43 yd FG and got a 75 yd TD pass for 13 pts. Utah got a fluke play for their 1st TD as a WR fmbl'd & SDS pounced on it but the ball popped in the air & Smith raced 54 yds for a TD. Utah added 67 and 80 yd TD drives, 21-13 at half. SDS fmbl'd at the Utah 37 & settled for a 30 yd FG & trailed 21-16 despite 7 poss into Utah terr. Utah got a FG, 24-16 w/ 11:30 to go. SDS QB Hawley fmbl'd & Utah rec'd for a TD. Utah got an int on the next play at the SDS 30 & on 3rd & 12 Anderson got a 32 yd TD run w/ 1:21 left for the very misleading final.

**AT COLORADO ST +1' 24-31 LOSS** Thurs Night ESPN & a winner for my Private Play Hotline with Over 43'. CSU PR Davis returned punts for 214 yds & 2 TD's & Utah QB Arceneaux (sick) only played 2 series. CSU led 24-3 at half. Utah drove 90 yds for a TD & then blk'd a 51 yd FG & ret'd it for a TD. After a CSU punt, Utah got a 1 play 59 yd pass to Smith to tie with 11:24 left. The next 4 poss ended in punts & Davis' 56 yd PR for a TD gave CSU the win.

**WYOMING -8 29-43 LOSS** I used a 4★ Late Phone Selection on WY. It was a sloppy game with 10 TO's (Utah 6). Utah drove 81 yds for a TD & got a 46 yd FG after a long PR. WY drove 51 yds for a TD, 10-6 (xpng). Both teams missed chances & Utah had a 10-6 FD edge at half & also led by that score. WY drove 71 yds for a 3Q TD. WY got to the Utah 27 but a FG was blk'd & ret'd for a TD & Utah led 17-13. WY had another long TD drive & got a safety early 4Q & then drove 83 yds for a TD, 29-17. WY rec'd a fmbl for a TD, 36-17. Croshaw hit an 80 yd TD pass, 36-23. WY drove 37 yds for a TD foll an int & Utah got an 80 yd garbage drive for a TD with :34 left. WY had a 539-392 yd edge.

**NEW MEXICO -12 52-7 WIN** Utah drove 80 yds for a TD & NM drove 70 yds for a TD. NM missed a 45 yd FG foll an int & the rest of the game belonged to the Utes. They drove 67 yds for a TD & Steve Smith got 70 & 52 yd PR's for TD's. An 18 yd TD pass to Anderson made it 35-7 at half & Utah cruised from there.

**AT BYU +6' 20-17 WIN** BYU had a 107-34 yd edge in a defensive 1Q & led 3-0. Utah had an 81-(-16) yd edge in the 2Q & got 30 & 38 yd FG's, 6-3. BYU got a 77 yd TD pass & Utah a 70 yd TD less than 2:00 of the 3Q. Utah drove 43 yds for a TD after an int, 20-10. BYU missed a 38 yd FG. Utah fmbl'd on the BYU 44 w/ 4:00 left. BYU got a TD w/ 2:20 left. Utah punted. BYU was int'd w/ 1:09 left & the Utes hung on.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Utah won 9 games last year for only the second time since 1964. The Utes have now had NINE straight winning seasons under Coach McBride but last year he was under fire after his flirtation with the Hawaii coaching job in the offseason. The burners were turned up when they dropped back to back games on national TV to fall to 6-3 but they rebounded to win the last three and Utes fans ended the season with high spirits. He has now led the Utes to five bowl games with the previous high for a Utah head coach being one. In 1998 they had four losses by a combined nine points. Last year, despite four road games in Mountain West play, they won a share of the title and then beat Fresno St in the Las Vegas Bowl. Utah broke their previous single season attendance record last year averaging 39,249. They are switching from their Sportgrass turf of the last few years to an actual grass field. The Utes had been catching flak for a soft non-conference slate but now have 3 PAC 10 opponents to open the season. The offense has 7 starters back including two solid QB's and an outstanding WR corps. Replacing RB Anderson will be tough but they have some viable candidates and the offense overall should be more potent. The defense has 7 starters (and maybe more). Replacing DE John Frank will not be easy, but they should be at least as strong as last year's fine group. The Mt West schedule maker has them poised for a big year. They have 4 conference home games and get all of the toughest teams in Salt Lake. Their 3 road trips are vs teams from the lower half of the division and hence winnable. They also match up well vs the PAC 10 foes and have a great shot at topping last year's 8 wins during the regular season. One of my 5 sets of power ratings actually has them going undefeated so this could be a big year for McBride & the Utes.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| OL | Paul Fisher 6-8 290 PS#22 |
| OL | Scott Fisher 6-8 315 PS#53 |
| QB | Brett Elliott 6-3 210 PS#44 |
| DB | Cody Weight 6-0 180 PS#95JC |
| OL | Phil Blackmon 6-6 305 PS#148JC |
| OL | Steve Dahl 6-5 317 PS#200 |
| OL | Mike Dudzinski 6-7 300 PS#227 |
| DB | Bo Nagahi 5-9 175 PS#163 |
| WR | James Neslen 6-1 190 PS#166 |
| OL | Talo Tavale 6-4 295 PS#240JC |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB TD CROSHAW SR.** 6-1 182 *PS#148 in 97. 5 sts in 99 incl bowl, 1296 yds (55.5%), 14-8 ratio only 2 yds rush.* ***Darnell Arceneaux*** *has 3504 career yds.*
**RB D'Shaun Crockett So.** 5-7 187 *PS#49DB in 98. 4.4 speed. RB/CB in 99, 64 yds (3.6), 2 KR (28.5). Thomas Fortune (6-3 229 Jr) was PS#61, 81 yds, (4.3) in 2 yrs.*
**SB Chris Christensen Sr.** 5-11 176 *1 st in 98. 3 sts til inj in 99, was #1 at time w/13 rec (13.5). Philippe Wells (6-2 178 Sr) PS#235 JC, 3 sts here ly.*
**WR STEVE SMITH SR.** 5-8 177 *JC trans ly. 4.35 speed. 43 rec, super 20.0 ypc, 8 TD's, 664 return yds. 2nd tm MW WR, 1st tm MW PR. 10 sts in 99.*
**WR CLIFFORD RUSSELL JR.** 5-11 177 *PS#309 in 98. 4.37 speed. 9 sts in 99, 39 rec (17.9), 3 TD's. Johnny Lundy (5-11 184 Sr) PS #144 JC in 99.*
**TE SCOTT PRICE JR.** 6-3 242 *Signed in 94, mission. 9 gms in 98. 6 sts in 99, 3 rec, (6.7). Matt Nickel (6-6 258 Sr) has 10 sts, 16 rec (12.7), 2 TD in 2 yrs.*
**C STEVE McKANE SR.** 6-1 257 *PS#145LB. 2 sts as rFr. 10 gms in 98. Inj in 1H of 99, started L/4, 3 letters. Dustin McQuivey (6-3 270 rFr) PS#132OL.*
**RG SAM WHITE SR.** 6-3 287 *4 sts as true. 10 sts in 98,* ***2nd tm WAC.*** *8 sts in 99 (miss 4 inj). Joe McCullum (6-6 315 Sr) PS#73JC in 99.*
**LG Ed Ta'amu Sr.** 6-1 310 *PS#198 in 97. 2 tkls, 1 pbu in 98. 1 tkl at DE in 99, moves to OL. Shawn Tidwell (6-2 266 rFr) PS#314DL.*
**RT Jordan Gross So.** 6-5 302 *Orig signed in 98. 5 sts as "true" frosh in 99. Phil Blackmon (6-6 305 Jr) PS#147JC, Talo Tavale (6-4 295 Jr) PS#244JC.*
**LT DOUG KAUFUSI JR.** 6-6 305 *6 sts as rFr til inj. 12 sts in 99, 365 bench, avg'd 8 deleaters per gm. Sean Souza (6-5 304 rFr) PS#222OL.*
**K GOLDEN WHETMAN SR.** 6-0 213 *15 of 17 at JC in 97. Hit 4 of 7 here in 99, long 48. 48 of 70 KO's were TB's. Ryan Kaneshiro (5-9 182 Jr) hit 8 of 13, long 47 in 98.*

**DE Marcus Jones So.** 6-1 238 *PS#273LB, 2 tkls as true. Dylan Bird (6-3 232 So) PS#204, 4 tkls in 99. Jeremy Lyman (6-1 218 So) PS#318, orig at Nebraska*
**DT GARRETT SMITH SO.** 6-3 280 *PS#110DL. +35 lbs but fast. 7 sts as rFr, 47 tkls, 2 sks. Ed Johnson (6-4 293 Sr) PS#191JC. Matt Jenkins (6-3 260 Jr) is PS#294JC.*
**DT MA'AKE KEMOEATU SR.** 6-5 308 *4 sts in 98, 19 tkls, 1 sk. 12 sts in 99, #4 w/63 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl. Lauvale Sape (6-1 267 Jr) PS#258, 4 tkls in 99.*
**DE ANDY BOWERS SR.** 6-5 278 *Mission in 94-96. 14 tkls as "true." 12 tkls in 98. 7 sts in 99, 33 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. Josh Savage (6-4 262 rFr) PS#295.*
**SLB KAUTAI OLEVAO SR.** 6-2 268 *PS#175 in 95. 6 sts as true. Mission in 96 & 97. 9 sts in 98, 77 tkls, 12.5 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 53 tkls, 7 tfl. 1st tm WAC & Mt West L/2Y.*
**MLB Stan Moleni Jr.** 6-1 242 *PS#250LB. 9 tkls at BYU as true in 98. Trans in 99. Sheldon Deckart (6-2 240 So) signed in 95. 4.51 speed & 14 tkls in 99.*
**ROV WES TUFAGA SR.** 6-0 240 *PS#213DB in 97. 4 sts in 98, 37 tkls, 2 tfl. 7 sts in 99, 55 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. Matt Ward (6-3 235 Sr) PS#226JC ly, 2 tkls here.*
**CB ANDRE DYSON SR.** 5-10 174 *10 tkls as true. 7 sts in 98, 3 int, 11 pbu. 12 sts in 99, 6 int,* ***19 pbu,*** *2nd tm MW. Desmond Davis (5-8 174 So) PS#110.*
**CB Jeff Ray Sr.** 5-11 160 *PS#222QB in 98. JC in 98. 2 sts here in 99, 11 tkls, 2 pbu. Yohance Scott (6-0 185 Jr) PS#263JC, 4 int ret for TD's at JC ly.*
**SS JASON POTTER SR.** 5-11 204 *PS#154RB in 93. JC in 96. 12 sts here in 99, 74 tkls, 3 tfl, 5 pbu. Kimball Christianson (6-3 203 Sr) PS#93QB,* ***30 sts,*** *171 tkls, 6 pbu, 3 yrs.*
**FS Arnold Parker rFr.** 6-2 212 *PS#63LB in 99. Patrick Dyson (5-11 195 Sr) 3 tkls in 98. 24 tkls, 1 pbu in 99. Richard Peterson (6-0 208 Sr) JC trans ly.*
**P Golden Whetman Sr.** 6-0 213 *Had 43.1 avg as Sr in HS. Led JC's in 97 with solid 44.5 avg. Dennis Smith (6-3 216 Jr) was JC trans ly & RS.*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UTAH | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This does not apply this year because of a bye, but Utah is 8-1 ATS prior to playing BYU.<br>All games are on grass TY, but Utah is 1-7 ATS L/8 on art turf.<br>Utes are 24-12 ATS L/36 tries as an underdog.<br>Utah is switching from SportGrass to real natural grass this season. |
| Sep. 2 | Arizona | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Utah is 24-13 ATS (3-0 LY) in September the L/10 seasons.<br>This will only be Utah's 3rd non-Saturday game in the L/10Y. |
| Sep. 9 | at California | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Utah is 5-1 ATS their L/6 road openers.<br>Could apply here: Utes are 22-10 ATS as an away dog under McBride. |
| Sep. 16 | Washington St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Coming into this season Utah was 20-11 ATS their last 31 non-conf games.<br>There were 3 series meetings in the L/20Y, Utes are 3-0 ATS. |
| Sep. 23 | Air Force (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Utes have won & covered 5 of 7 Homecoming games, but lost LY.<br>Salt Lake is nice in Sept. Utah is 12-6 ATS at home in Sept S/91. |
| Sep. 30 | at Utah St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Utes are 18-5 SU vs the Aggies, 8-3 ATS L/11 meetings.<br>Utah is just 7-10 L/17 but was 4-1 ATS LY as a double digit fav. |
| Oct. 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: Utes are 7-3 ATS after a bye week. |
| Oct. 14 | at San Diego St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Utah is 4-7 ATS vs the Aztecs since 1986.<br>The underdog has covered 4 of the last 6 in this series. |
| Oct. 21 | Colorado St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The road team is 6-2 ATS in this series since 1989.<br>5 of the 8 games in that span have been decided by 7 or less. |
| Oct. 28 | at New Mexico | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The underdog has covered 7 of the L/12 meetings, but...<br>Utah has won & covered the last four - all as chalk. |
| Nov. 4 | UNLV | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Utes are 2-5 ATS at home in November since 1994.<br>Jamal Anderson's alma mater leads the all time series 4-1 SU, won ATS LY. |
| Nov. 11 | at Wyoming | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Utah is 5-2 ATS vs Wyoming in the last 7 series meetings.<br>Pending the Sept. 30th result, Utah was 10-2 ATS prior to a bye. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 24 | BYU (Fri) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Utes are 7-4 ATS in their home finale.<br>The visitor is 8-0 ATS in this Holy War. |
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## STADIUM: RICE-ECCLES STADIUM (45,634)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 7-5 | 9-2 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 52-26 |
| ATS | 6-6 | 6-4 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 8-3 | 42-35 |
| Home Fav | 2-3 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-4 | 4-1 | 16-15 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-3 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 9-11 |
| Away Dog | 2-3 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 3-1 | 14-5 |
| Favorite | 3-3 | 4-4 | 2-3 | 3-5 | 3-4 | 5-5 | 5-2 | 25-26 |
| Dog | 3-3 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 3-1 | 17-8 |
| Grass | 1-2 | 2-2 | 5-5 | 5-4 | 5-3 | 6-5 | 7-2 | 31-23 |
| Artificial | 5-4 | 4-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 11-12 |
| vs WAC | 5-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 5-2 | 30-25 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 12-10 |
| Off SU Win | 4-2 | 5-2 | 4-2 | 3-5 | 3-2 | 2-5 | 5-2 | 26-20 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-3 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 13-11 |

## Coach: RON MCBRIDE (Career 71-46)
### *McBride's records AT UTAH*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11th Year at Utah | | 22-18 | Home Favorite |
| 71-46 | Straight Up | 4-6 | Home Underdog |
| 62-49 | Vs The Spread | 12-13 | Away Favorite |
| 22-16 | Off A S/U Loss | 22-10 | Away Underdog |
| 42-37 | Vs WAC | 20-12 | Vs Non-WAC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | Copper | +9' | Washington St | 28-31 | W |
| 93 | Freedom | +17 | USC | 21-28 | W |
| 94 | Freedom | +3' | Arizona | 16-13 | W |
| 96 | Copper | +8 | Wisconsin | 10-38 | L |
| 99 | Las Vegas | -4' | Fresno St | 17-16 | L |

# UTAH (9-3)

CONFERENCE:
## MT. WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 48 (24,21,3)**
**Lost: 19 (10,7,2)**

## UTAH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 31.7 | 19 | 163 | 4.0 | 230 | 53.0 | 12.4 | +9 | 1999 | 5 | 17.5 | 18 | 143 | 3.9 | 188 | 49.9 | 18.9 |
| 6* | 30.8 | 22 | 206 | 4.3 | 209 | 57.0 | 13.5 | -7 | 1998 | 8 | 20.6 | 18 | 97 | 3.1 | 246 | 50.9 | 16.7 |
| 6 | 23.0 | 20 | 178 | 4.2 | 200 | 58.3 | 16.5 | -4 | 1997 | 5 | 18.2 | 18 | 131 | 3.3 | 177 | 50.3 | 17.0 |
| 8* | 26.1 | 20 | 157 | 4.4 | 242 | 57.7 | 15.3 | -2 | 1996 | 7 | 25.8 | 22 | 226 | 4.8 | 143 | 49.7 | 14.3 |
| 3 | 26.9 | 23 | 162 | 3.8 | 257 | 53.1 | 15.6 | -1 | 1995 | 4 | 20.9 | 20 | 156 | 4.1 | 215 | 52.0 | 17.7 |
| 6* | 34.7 | 21 | 157 | 3.9 | 261 | 63.1 | 12.1 | +13 | 1994 | 7 | 17.5 | 18 | 102 | 2.7 | 193 | 49.5 | 16.8 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Washington St | 23 | 41-175 | 4.3 | 22-36 | 249 | 2 | 17 | 28-98 | 3.5 | 22-38 | 225 | 2 | +3 |
| Utah St | 17 | 41-137 | 3.3 | 12-24 | 179 | 1 | 25 | 34-167 | 4.9 | 23-44 | 202 | 2 | +1 |
| at UNLV | 26 | 53-284 | 5.4 | 11-18 | 191 | 0 | 10 | 32-63 | 2.0 | 10-23 | 90 | 3 | 0 |
| at Boise St | 15 | 25-60 | 2.4 | 13-32 | 242 | 3 | 18 | 46-114 | 2.5 | 17-28 | 215 | 6 | -2 |
| UL Monroe | 21 | 42-181 | 4.3 | 15-30 | 277 | 0 | 11 | 28-42 | 1.5 | 17-34 | 177 | 5 | +2 |
| at Air Force | 13 | 38-93 | 2.4 | 10-20 | 120 | 4 | 22 | 61-275 | 4.5 | 9-18 | 132 | 1 | +2 |
| San Diego St | 18 | 38-152 | 4.0 | 18-26 | 288 | 1 | 21 | 44-303 | 6.9 | 12-29 | 194 | 2 | +4 |
| at Colorado St | 12 | 32-117 | 3.7 | 18-30 | 241 | 3 | 13 | 37-133 | 3.6 | 13-23 | 119 | 1 | 0 |
| Wyoming | 16 | 31-45 | 1.5 | 22-44 | 347 | 3 | 25 | 52-190 | 3.7 | 21-38 | 349 | 7 | -2 |
| New Mexico | 29 | 53-287 | 5.4 | 12-21 | 182 | 1 | 16 | 35-182 | 5.2 | 13-32 | 101 | 3 | -1 |
| at BYU | 13 | 40-96 | 2.4 | 15-33 | 228 | 1 | 19 | 28-20 | 0.7 | 22-52 | 309 | 4 | +1 |
| Fresno St (Bowl) | 25 | 33-334 | 6.2 | 11-24 | 214 | 3 | 16 | 20-132 | 4.1 | 14-28 | 147 | 0 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 228 | 467-1961 | 4.0 | 179-338 | 2758 | 22 | 213 | 445-1719 | 3.9 | 193-387 | 2260 | 36 | +9 |
| AVERAGES | 19.0 | 39-163 | 4.0 | 15-28 | 230 | 1.8 | 17.8 | 37-143 | 3.9 | 16-32 | 188 | 3.0 | 0.8 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oregon | +6' | 20-27 | L |
| Stanford | +2' | 20-27 | L |
| at N Mexico | +4 | 36-9 | W |
| Fresno St | -1 | 25-21 | W |
| at UTEP | -19 | 34-21 | L |
| San Diego St | -5 | 21-24 | L |
| Colorado St | E | 14-19 | L |
| Air Force | -2 | 22-21 | L |
| Utah St | -17 | 40-20 | W |
| at Wyoming | +3 | 30-24 | W |
| at BYU | +5' | 34-17 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Utah St | -13' | 17-20 | L |
| at Stanford | +6 | 17-10 | W |
| at SMU | -5 | 21-17 | L |
| Fresno St | -9' | 45-17 | W |
| Kansas | +3 | 45-42 | W |
| at UTEP | -17 | 34-27 | L |
| TCU | -16 | 21-7 | L |
| Tulsa | -13' | 45-19 | W |
| at Rice | -5 | 10-51 | L |
| at N Mexico | -1 | 31-24 | W |
| BYU | +6' | 17-37 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Utah St | -16 | 14-21 | L |
| at Louisville | +4 | 27-21 | W |
| at TCU | -4 | 32-18 | W |
| UTEP | -27 | 56-3 | W |
| at Fresno St | -10 | 13-27 | L |
| SMU | -8 | 19-20 | L |
| at Oregon | +7 | 13-31 | L |
| N Mexico | -2' | 15-10 | W |
| at Tulsa | -10' | 13-21 | L |
| Rice | E | 31-14 | W |
| at BYU | +5' | 20-14 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Utah St | -7 | 20-12 | W |
| Louisville | -16 | 45-22 | W |
| Hawaii | -24 | 30-21 | L |
| Boise St | -17 | 28-31 | L |
| at Wyoming | +8' | 24-27 | W |
| Fresno St | -7' | 24-16 | W |
| at San Diego St | -2' | 20-21 | L |
| at San Jose St | -7 | 49-17 | W |
| UTEP | -18 | 34-27 | L |
| at N Mexico | -11 | 41-7 | W |
| BYU | -2 | 24-26 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Washington St | +2 | 27-7 | W |
| Utah St | -16' | 38-18 | W |
| at UNLV | -15 | 52-14 | W |
| at Boise St | -16' | 20-26 | L |
| UL Monroe | -28 | 42-0 | W |
| at Air Force | +4 | 21-15 | W |
| San Diego St | -6' | 38-16 | W |
| at Colorado St | +1' | 24-31 | L |
| Wyoming | -8 | 29-43 | L |
| New Mexico | -12 | 52-7 | W |
| at BYU | +6' | 20-17 | W |

# UTEP MINERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - UTEP used a 2 QB rotation last year. Rocky Perez, who had 5 previous starts, started all 12 games and threw for 1,198 yards (56.8%) with a 4-4 ratio. However, Jason Stuckey had the bigger numbers as he threw for 1,918 yards (64.4%) with a 15-13 ratio. The two combined for a 132.7 pass efficiency rating and Stuckey finished 6th nationally with a pass efficiency rating of 146.5. His completion percentage set a school record and versus N Mexico St he threw TD's on 3 consecutive plays. Unfortunately this year Stuckey departs. Perez is back for his 4th year and has 17 career starts and 2,247 career yards passing with a 7-12 ratio and 325 yards rushing. He will likely receive the lion's share of the playing time. There are some capable players vying for the backup position. Gerred Lunnon (6-5 205 rFr) was PS#203 and probably has the strongest arm on the team. John Schaper (6-3 195 rFr) was PS#178 and has solid speed and strength. Wesley Phillips (6-4 205 Jr, Wade Phillips' son) saw limited action last year and is one of their more improved players. He hit 15 of 22 for 249 yards in the spring game. John Carnevali (6-2 185 Sr) was a JC transfer in 98. They must replace their most effective QB but I like the potential here and this unit should come close to matching last year's solid numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Miners had one of their most explosive offenses in recent years and I attribute a lot of that to their super RB corps. The offense came to life when Elzie Johnson returned from injury and started the last 10. Johnson, a solid blocker and receiver, was a key component of the offense. Paul Smith, with 4.4 speed at 238 lbs, had NFL scouts on campus and was the #5 DC of SF. He finished the year with 1,258 yards (4.6) and was 1st team WAC. Unfortunately for Nord, both players depart. I list the 2 deep below and the feature back could end up being Rovann Cleveland. Also in the mix are Chris Porter (6-0 215 Jr), who was PS#380, and 4 true frosh who are listed among the Top Newcomers this year. While there is some decent talent here, I do not see an NFL caliber talent like Paul Smith therefore this group definitely looks weaker in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last season the Miners had to replace their top 2 WR's from 98 but did return super TE Brian Natkin who was 1st team WAC for the 2nd straight year. Natkin is the top returning TE in the country in terms of catches and yardage. Nord moved FB Joey Knapp (6-5 230 Jr, PS#155WR) to 2nd string TE and he brings some speed to the position and finished with 13 rec's (9.2) in 99. True frosh Justin Hunt (6-5 225) could also contend. Nord says he will utilize more 2 TE sets in 2000 with the shortage of depth at WR. While the 2 starting WR's return, they do lose their #3 receiver in James Thompson (33 rec, 17.0) and there is a chance that Terrance Minor (6-2 170 Jr) may miss the season after a knee injury suffered in 99. I list the 2 deep below. Also in the mix are Chris Taylor (6-1 170 Sr), who was a track champ in HS and played DB the last 2 years, and true frosh Will Smith (6-2 190). With almost everyone back, this unit looks stronger.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - It appeared that UTEP would return 4 starters last year. The Miners lost one prior to the season and OT Brent Hunt was injured in the offseason and never regained his starter's job. C Carey Clayton was voted 1st team WAC in 99 and is one of the 4 starters again expected to return. Nord says they expect to be more athletic in the offensive line than they have been in the past. The only starter lost from last year is LT Robert Carter (12 sts, 2 yr st'r). Hunt also graduates. The majority of the 2nd stringers are back and keep in mind last year in practices they got to face UTEP's outstanding defensive line everyday including Brian Young (#5 DC of STL). I list the two deep below and this unit is much more experienced than last year and should be solidly improved.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Talentwise UTEP probably had the WAC's best defensive line last year and Brian Young did not disappoint. Young was simply named the WAC Defensive POY, leading the team with 121 tackles, 8 sacks, 8 tfl and 20 QB hurries. Last year the Miners' had to replace their top 2 NT's and then lost VHT Darrion Yates (PS#4) prior to the season. They still returned 2 NFL caliber players in Brian Young and DE Leif Larsen (6 sts, 69 tkls, 2 tfl, #6 DC of BUF). Also gone is DE John Crutcher (4 sts, 6 tkls). Nord speaks highly of DE's Menson Holloway, Gabe Williams and Rick Fette and all have solid speed for big men. I list the 2 deep below and Fade Bouras will help when he returns from injury. This is a solid group but last year's was probably one of the Miners best ever and I'll call this group weaker in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Miners have had to replace 2 starters in each of the last 2 years including their leading tackler last season. This year two starters depart again. Gone are WLB Robert Weathers (12 sts, 106 tkls, 6 tfl, 2nd tm WAC), RAT Hal Stansbury (12 sts, 38 tkls, 3 tfl) and backup MLB Eric Wells (7 tkls, 1 st). If you check out my 2 deep below you will see there are actually a couple of HT's in the group which is rare for UTEP. Trey Merkens was last year's #4 tackler and Bubba Wiseman came on strong despite missing the first few games of last year with injury. Weathers will be tough to replace but I think this unit could be improved this season.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - At the start of last year the secondary looked like a weakness with just 1 returning starter entering fall as FS Eric Gibson, PS#86 was lost during summer. However, over the last 7 games they allowed just 156.7 ypc passing. FS Derek Walker was a 2nd team All WAC pick in his first year as a starter and CB Nick Salinas had 3 int's and a team high 13 pbu's which were one short of a school record. UTEP had 15 int's in 99, the highest total since 89. This year they lose Salinas (12 sts, 64 tkls) but everyone else returns as this was a very young group last year with the majority of them being underclassmen. FS Derek Walker may move to OLB in the new 8 man front. They finished last year ranking a surprising #58 in my pass defense rankings, allowing just 52% completions with a 14-15 ratio and this group will be stronger in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Perhaps one of the key reasons UTEP did not get to the magical .500 barrier in 99 was on its poor performance on special teams in 99. Their opponents' average starting field position was 25 yards better than UTEP's. They gave up large chunks of real estate on both KR's and PR's, finishing near the bottom of the country in net punting and KR defense. Their return game itself was also poor and UTEP finished dead last (#115) in my special teams rankings. The coverage units were poor but have some solid K's. Ricky Bishop was a Lou Groza semifinalist 2 years ago and hit a solid 26 of 35 FG's over the last 2 years including 11 of 14 on FG's inside the 50 last year. He will handle KO's this year taking over for the departed Ola Kimrin. P Glenn Beard had a decent 39.7 average as a JC transfer last year and should benefit from a better coverage unit. UTEP can only improve on the return game especially with all of the key players back. After starting out the year averaging a miserable 8.9 per KR in the first 3 games, Terrance Minor averaged 21.9 in his 15 returns after taking over the duties. Javier Sanchez was 17th nationally in PR's in 98 averaging 12.5 but had just 2 returns last year and figures to see more action there. This actually has the makings of a good special teams unit and it wouldn't surprise me to see them bolt all the way into the upper half of the rankings.

K Ricky Bishop was 1st Team WAC in 1998 & has hit 73% of his FG's.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Paul Smith | 272 | 1322 | 64 | 1258 | 12 | 4.6 |
| Elzie Johnson | 40 | 160 | 7 | 153 | 1 | 3.8 |
| Jay Stuckey | 63 | 205 | 143 | 62 | 3 | 1.0 |
| **Rocky Perez** | **63** | **165** | **117** | **48** | **3** | **0.8** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Jay Stuckey | 225 | 145 | 64.4 | 1918 | 15 | 13 |
| **Rocky Perez** | **176** | **100** | **56.8** | **1198** | **4** | **4** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Lee Mays** | | **60** | **881** | **14.7** | **9** | **90** |
| **Brian Natkin** | | **59** | **648** | **11.0** | **4** | **35** |
| James Thompson | | 33 | 562 | 17.0 | 2 | 47 |
| **Allan Ray** | | **27** | **437** | **16.2** | **1** | **70** |
| Elzie Johnson | | 22 | 208 | 9.5 | 2 | 21 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Glen Beard** | **62** | **2463** | **39.7** | **–** | **–** | **2** | **11** |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| **Ricky Bishop** | **5-5** | **3-3** | **3-6** | **0-1** | **11-15** | **49** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brian Young | 121 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Rob Weathers | 106 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| **Derek Walker** | **92** | **0** | **3** | **3** | **0** |
| **Trey Merkens** | **77** | **1** | **2** | **0** | **2** |
| **A.J. Sheppard** | **76** | **0** | **1** | **5** | **2** |
| Leif Larsen | 69 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Nick Salinas | 64 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 3 |
| **Camar Jackson** | **58** | **1** | **5** | **0** | **0** |
| **Crance Clemons** | **50** | **0** | **1** | **6** | **2** |
| **Bobby King** | **43** | **0** | **4** | **0** | **1** |
| **Menson Holloway** | **43** | **2** | **5** | **0** | **0** |
| Hal Stansbury | 38 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Bubba Wiseman** | **36** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Crance Clemons** | **16** | **92** | **5.8** | **0** |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **Terrance Minor** | **15** | **329** | **21.9** | **0** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**NEW MEXICO -4' 13-10 LOSS** UTEP dominated more than the final indicates. NM got a 32 yd FG after a long fmbl ret. NM got an int ret to the UTEP 1 but was SOD. UTEP got 2 FG's, just 6-3 at half despite a 195-55 yd edge. UTEP went 85 yds for a 3Q TD. QB Perez was inj'd & Stuckey hit just 3 of 9 in his place. NM got the cover on a 20 yd TD pass w/ :19 left foll a muffed punt.

**AT OREGON +22 28-47 WIN** Windy. UO QB Feeley hit just 2 of 10 in the 1Q. UTEP drove for a 49 yd FG but UO got a 22 yd TD pass in the 2Q. UTEP took a screen 90 yds for a TD. UO settled for a 25 yd FG. Feeley had a pair of 35 yd TD passes, the latter w/ 1:08 left 1H, 24-10. UTEP got a TD early 4Q but fmbl'd at its own 26 to set up a UO TD & Fletcher ret'd a punt 57 yds for a TD. UO blk'd a punt for a safety & then drove for a TD, 47-16. UTEP got a pair of Smith TD's, the latter a 71 yd run w/ just 2:32 left for the backdoor cover.

**AT KANSAS ST +32' 7-40 LOSS** KSU ret'd the opening KO 76 yds to set up a TD. A 58 yd TD pass made it 14-0 after 1Q. Leading only 14-7, KSU got a 69 yd int ret for a TD. A FG & safety put KSU up 26-7 after 3Q's. The Cavs added a 41 yd TD pass. KSU was int at the 11 but Murphy added a 12 yd TD run with :30 left to give KSU the cover.

**NEW MEXICO ST +3 54-23 WIN** Largest crowd ever in the Sun Bowl at 52,247 (NMS had just upset #22 Ariz St). UTEP had a 505-260 yd edge. NMS lost their top 2 RB's to inj. NMS led 6-3 after 1Q. UTEP drove 99 yds for a TD, 10-6. NMS ret'd the KO 89 yds for a TD. UTEP's next poss Stuckey hit Mays for an 80 yd TD pass. UTEP rec'd a fmbl 1:00 later & got a 33 yd TD pass. NMS settled for a 26 yd FG just before the half, 23-16. After a UTEP 3Q TD, NMS pulled within 7. UTEP drove for a 20 yd FG & Paul Smith had 44, 2 & 1 yd TD runs in the 4Q.

**AT HAWAII -5' 3-33 LOSS** I used a 4★ Late Phone Play on UH & they dominated. UH had a 269-173 yd edge at half but missed a 54 yd FG, fmbl'd at the 3, was int'd in the EZ and settled for 27 & 30 yd FG's, 13-3. They missed a 41 yd FG in the 3Q but drove 86 & 56 yds for TD's, 27-3. UH was int'd in the EZ but then went 63 yds for a TD w/ 5:14 left.

**SMU -9' 42-28 WIN** UTEP got an 80 yd TD run by Smith. SMU drove 45 yds to tie with the help of a 55 yd KR. SMU led 14-7 after 1Q. UTEP drove 63 yds for a TD then got a TD pass after an int. UTEP led 28-14 at the half, 35-14 after 3Q's. SMU conv'd on 3rd & 15 & blk'd a punt to set up TD's, 35-28. UTEP got a 52 yd int ret for a TD & the cover with under 1:00 left.

**AT ARIZONA +22 21-34 WIN** Perez hit 17 of 23 for 233 yds. UA RB Canidate rushed for 202 yds. UTEP took its opening drive 94 yds for a TD. A 42 yd pass keyed UTEP's next TD drive, 14-0. Canidate got a 60 yd TD run. UTEP brought Stuckey in at QB & his first pass was int'd & ret'd 34 yds for a TD. UA added a TD, 21-14 at half. UTEP got a 3Q 7 yd TD run. UA got a TD and w/ 7:38 left added a TD. UTEP dropped a TD pass in the EZ. UA had a 553-381 yd edge.

**AT FRESNO ST (OT) +10' 23-24 WIN** UTEP had 448-311 yd & 30-14 FD edges. FSU had just 6 FD's in 3Q's. FSU got a 65 yd TD pass in the 1Q. UTEP hit a 23 yd FG late. FSU, taking advantage of the prevent, went 70 yds for a TD. UTEP got a 31 yd FG, 14-6 at half. FSU added a 36 yd FG in the 3Q foll a fmbl. UTEP drove to the FSU 1 but settled for a FG & drove for a TD, 17-17. UTEP fmbl'd at the FSU 5 in the 4Q, OT. FSU & UTEP got TD's but Bailey went for 2 & was stopped.

**SAN JOSE ST -6' 42-26 WIN** Perez was inj'd & Stuckey hit 19 of 28. Smith had 188 yds on 28 carries. UTEP got a 23 yd int ret for a TD. SJS RB Whitaker keyed a TD drive w/ 47 yds rushing, 7-7. UTEP then scored 3 TD's on their next 3 poss, 28-7. A short pass to Whitaker went 73 yds, 28-14 at half. On 3rd & 20 UTEP got a 31 yd pass which kept alive a TD drive, 35-14. SJS Bailey ret'd a punt 81 yds for a TD with 7:35 to go & SJS added a TD with 3:50 left. UTEP got a TD & had a 456-315 yd edge & 23-14 FD edge.

**TULSA -14' 19-43 LOSS** UT scored on its opening poss for the 7th straight game but this time did not collapse. UT scored on a 71 yd drive, 6-0. They drove 43 yds & 34 yds foll TO's, 19-0 after 1Q. UTEP drove 80 yds for a TD. UT got a 27 yd FG & led 22-6 at the half. UTEP battled back with 2 Stuckey TD passes, 22-19 and the crowd of 25,527 was on its feet. TO's killed UTEP in the 4Q. A 25 yd int ret for a TD put UT up by 10. They added a TD drive vs a deflated UTEP defense & added a 63 yd int return for a TD for a misleading final. UTEP had a 443-389 yd edge but could not overcome the 6 TO's.

**AT RICE +8' 30-29 WIN** UTEP opened driving 83 yds for a TD. Rice got a 40 yd FG & 80 yd TD drive. A pooch kick was fmbl'd by UTEP at their own 5 setting up another Rice TD, 16-7. UTEP drove 77 yds for a TD & added a FG to lead 17-16 at half. Rice QB Richardson's 42 yd TD run capped a 78 yd TD drive, 22-17. Rice drove 35 yds for a TD foll an int, 29-17. UTEP went 86 yds for a TD. Rice converted on 4th & inches & crossed midfield but Richardson missed a wide open rec & they punted w/ 2:50 left. UTEP drove 78 yds for a TD. Rice was int'd after getting 1 FD on their final drive. UTEP finished with a 28-16 FD edge.

**AT TCU +10' 24-52 LOSS** TCU drove 44 & 9 yds for TD's after UTEP TO's, 14-0. TCU got a FG but UTEP drove 85 yds for a TD. UTEP rec'd a fmbl at the 24 but settled for a FG. UTEP, after a fmbl, drove 35 yds for a TD with :40 left 1H, 17-17. TCU went back to the option in the 2H. Tomlinson had 16 carries on 17 3Q plays resulting in 71 & 58 yd TD drives and he set the NCAA single game record with 406 yds on 43 carries. UTEP was SOD at the 40. In the 4Q Tomlinson got back to back 70 & 63 yd TD runs.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

UTEP won 5 games in 1999 for only the third time since 1972 and their 4-1 home record was the best in 11 years. They ranked second in the WAC in total offense at 393.3 ypg which was their best in 11 years. Their home attendance of 36,455 was their second highest mark since they began playing in the Sun Bowl in 1963. Head Coach Charlie Bailey stepped down in December and OC Gary Nord takes over. The Miners offense ranked 21st in the nation in passing in 99. In each of Nord's 3 seasons, UTEP has made progress going from 97th in 1997 in the NCAA's total offense rankings to 51st in 1998 and 43rd in 1999. They also set a school record last year with 250 FD's. The toughest game of the year last year was the Fresno St loss on the road, a game in which UTEP had a 448-311 yard edge but lost in OT. Six turnovers vs Tulsa also hurt as they had a 443-389 yard edge but lost. UTEP, which has the smallest budget in the WAC, needs big money non-conf games and facing teams the caliber of Oregon, Kansas St and Arizona (like 1999) on the road makes it tough to achieve a winning record. The non-conf slate is tough again. Nord brings in a new defensive coordinator in Larry Hoefer, who was the LB coach at Texas Tech last season. TT's "Swarm" defense is known for stacking an 8 man front to stop the run. With a weaker defensive line, it will be interesting to see how much they will improve on last year's poor 32.4 ppg allowed. With the offense being more pass oriented and the defense taking more chances, it may not be much. Although they deserved better than their 5-7 record last year, most of their winnable WAC games are on the road this year and matching last year's 5 wins will be an accomplishment.


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| | |
|---|---|
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| OL | Robert Clayton 6-3 290 PS#269 |
| RB | Ray Mietkiewicz 6-1 240 PS#275 |
| RB | John James 5-10 190 PS#290 |
| TE | Jonas Crafts 6-3 245 PS#92 |
| QB | Jon Schaper 6-2 220 PS#250 |
| RB | Joe Young 6-0 205 PS#450 |
| RB | Robert Rodriguez 6-1 225 PS#450 |
| WR | Chris Lewis 5-11 180 PS#290 |
| WR | Will Smith 6-2 190 PS#290 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB ROCKY PEREZ SR.** 6-0 205 *3 sts in 97, 728 yds (51%). 2 sts in 98, 521 yds (48%). 12 sts in 99, 1198 yds (57%) 4-4 ratio, 325 career yds rushing.*

**RB Javier Sanchez Sr.** 5-9 188 *66 yds rush in 98, 284 ret yds. Med reds ly. Sherman Austin (5-7 170 So) had 356 total yds ly but only 4 rush yds.*

**FB Jauron Reid So.** 6-0 215 *Texas Top 100 out of HS. RS in 98. 12 yds in 99.* ***Rovann Cleveland*** *(6-0 225 rFr) was PS#184RB in 99 & RS.*

**WR ALLAN RAY SR.** 6-2 200 *3 sts in 97, 16 rec (14.6). 1 st in 98, 13 rec (10.6). 12 sts in 99, 27 rec (16.2). Terrance Minor (6-2 170 Jr) 5 rec til inj.*

**WR LEE MAYS JR.** 6-3 190 *Track tm. 17 rec (11.5) in 98. 12 sts in 99, #1 w/60 rec (14.7), 13 KR (17.4). Paul Tessier (5-11 180 Sr) PS#185JC.*

**TE BRIAN NATKIN SR.** 6-3 245 *5 sts in 97, 15 rec. 11 sts in 98. 34 rec (10.6), 12 sts in 99, 59 rec (11.0).* ***1st tm WAC L/2Y.*** *#1 ret TE in rec in NCAA.*

**C CAREY CLAYTON SR.** 6-4 275 *11 sts in 97 as rFr. 10 sts in 98 (susp 1). 12 sts in 99, 3 letters,* ***1st tm WAC!*** *Chris Kerr (6-5 235 rFr) PS#312 in 99.*

**RG LAWRENCE NORMAN JR.** 6-1 295 *PS#448, 9 gms as true. 12 sts at RT in 99, punishing blocker. Trey Darilek (6-6 270 So), 12 gms as true.*

**LG JEFF SEETON SR.** 6-5 290 *2 sts at LB in 97. 11 sts at RG in 98. 12 sts in 99. Eric Streich (6-0 285 Sr) JC trans in 99, 12 gms as backup.*

**RT Keith Warren Jr.** 6-6 270 *Prop 48 in 98. 12 gms as backup in 99, lettered. Curtis Castle (6-2 260 So) ankle inj in 99, redshirted in 98.*

**LT ARIEL FAMALIGI SO.** 6-2 315 *DL & wrestler in HS. 12 sts here as rFr in 99, solid size. Jake Fowler (6-4 265 So) RS in 98, added 20 lbs in 99.*

**K RICKY BISHOP SR.** 5-9 170 *3 of 5 FG's, long 42 in 97 til inj. 15 of 20 FG's, long of 48 in 98, 1st tm WAC. 11 of 15 FG's in 99, long of 49.*

**SLB TREY MERKENS SR.** 6-1 245 *4.75 spd. 18 tkls as true. 8 sts in 98, 71 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 77 tkls, 3 tfl. Jared White (6-0 225 rFr) PS#273.*

**DE Menson Holloway Sr.** 6-2 270 *Big & 4.76 speed. 2 sts in 97, 6 tkls. 2 tkls in 98. 6 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 7 tfl. Daniel Kerr (6-4 235 rFr) PS#279OL.*

**NT BOBBY KING JR.** 6-3 275 *14 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 11 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int. Fade Bouras (6-2 270 Jr), 1 st, 36 tkls in 99. Missed spg w/inj.*

**DE Gabe Williams So.** 6-5 215 *18 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Big wing span. Rick Fette (6-4 225 So) was PS#268DL in 99, fastest DL here, 6 tkls as true.*

**RAT Karmul High So.** 6-4 220 *PS#125DB in 98, med reds. Moved to LB ly, 21 tkls as backup. Elie Kamienski (6-1 230 rFr) was PS#450 in 99.*

**MLB Bubba Wiseman So.** 6-0 255 *Big. Top 50 LB in Texas in HS. Started last 4 in 99 (inj early) 36 tkls. Barry King (6-1 250 Jr) was PS#108LB, 22 tkls ly.*

**WLB CAMAR JACKSON SO.** 6-3 230 *7 sts in 99 as rFr, 58 tkls, 1 sk, 5 tfl, lost job to Wiseman. Wesley Woods (6-1 212 rFr) was PS#450 in 99.*

**CB Paul Smith So.** 6-2 170 *Good size. 30 tkls as true frosh in 99. Jared Robinson (6-0 165 Fr) 8 ints, 47 tkls, 5 pbu as senior in HS.*

**CB CRANCE CLEMONS JR.** 5-10 160 *PS#238, 14 tkls as true. 12 sts in 99, 50 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu, 16 PR's (5.8). Weldon Cooks (6-3 175 So) 10 tkls as true.*

**SS AJ SHEPPARD SR.** 5-10 185 *QB of secondary. 11 sts in 98, 68 tkls, 3 int, 3 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 76 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Brian Walker (5-10 180 Jr).*

**FS DEREK WALKER SR.** 6-2 195 *PS#280 in 96. 18 tkls in 97 & 98. 12 sts in 99, 92 tkls, 3 pbu, 3 tfl, 2nd tm WAC. DJ Walker (6-3 210 So) 19 tkls as true.*

**P GLENN BEARD SR.** 6-2 230 *JC trans in 99 & participated in spring. 62 punts here for 2463 yds in 99, 39.7 avg. 11 inside the 20 & solid hang time.*

# UTEP MINERS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score UTEP | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miners have not had a winning SU season since 1988. Home team is 7-4 ATS & Miners are 9-5 ATS in the New Mexico series. UTEP is 4-0-1 ATS L/5 vs the Pac 10. |
| Sep. 2 | at Oklahoma | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Texas El Paso is 21-69-1 (23%) SU since 1992. Miners are 3-8 ATS their L/11 road openers. |
| Sep. 9 | SMU | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UTEP is 1-6 ATS in their conference opener. The home team is 1-3 ATS in this series, UTEP is 1-3 SU. |
| Sep. 16 | at Texas A&M | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UTEP is 13-19-1 ATS (41%) vs non-conf opponents since 1989. Pending the result of the opener, UTEP is 11-6 ATS L/3Y as an away dog. |
| Sep. 23 | Hawaii | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UTEP is 7-14 SU L/21 but 7-4-1 ATS L/12 vs the Rainbows. Should apply here: Miners are 14-5 ATS L/3Y after a SU loss. |
| Sep. 30 | New Mexico St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miners have dropped 8 of 11 ATS vs the Aggies. UTEP is 2-8 ATS in their 2nd straight Sun Bowl encounter. |
| Oct. 7 | at Tulsa | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miners have covered 10 of their L/13 October games. Strange but true: UTEP is 19-5 ATS in games 4 through 11 the L/3Y. |
| Oct. 14 | at San Jose St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mention this ad & deduct $17 off this week's Late Phone Package. Call 1-800-654-3448. Series is split overall at 2-2 SU & ATS but UTEP has won & covered L/2Y. |
| Oct. 21 | Fresno St (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miners are 0-5-1 SU but 3-3 ATS vs FSU - lost LY in OT. UTEP is 2-7 ATS prior to a bye week. |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | at Nevada | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Miners are 3-6 ATS the week after a bye. Miners have a 7-3 ATS Nov mark L/3Y but were 1-2 ATS LY. |
| Nov. 11 | Rice | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The road team was 3-0 ATS & 2-1 SU in this series in the 90's. Miners are 13-3 ATS in sandwiched home games since 1994. |
| Nov. 18 | at TCU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UTEP is 4-10 ATS in their final away game. The home team is 3-0 both SU & ATS in this series, avg win by 21.3 ppg. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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## STADIUM: SUN BOWL (52,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 1-11 | 3-7-1 | 2-10 | 2-9 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 5-7 | 20-59-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 5-5 | 3-7-1 | 5-6 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 7-5 | 39-37-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 7-4 |
| Home Dog | 2-2 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 12-11 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-4 |
| Away Dog | 3-3 | 2-3 | 1-4-1 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 3-2 | 4-2 | 19-18-1 |
| Favorite | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 8-8 |
| Dog | 5-5 | 5-4 | 3-7-1 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 5-2 | 31-29-1 |
| Grass | 3-3 | 1-3 | 1-3-1 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 14-17-1 |
| Artificial | 2-3 | 4-2 | 2-4 | 3-3 | 5-2 | 4-2 | 5-4 | 25-20 |
| vs WAC | 3-5 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 5-3 | 6-2 | 4-3 | 27-28 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 1-1 | 0-2-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 12-9-1 |
| Off SU Win | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 9-11 |
| Off SU Loss | 4-5 | 3-3 | 3-4-1 | 3-5 | 4-2 | 5-2 | 5-1 | 27-22-1 |

## Coach: GARY NORD (Career 0-0)
### *Nord's records AT UTEP*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year at UTEP | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 0-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs WAC | 0-0 | Vs Non-WAC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | Sun | NL | Florida St | 47-20 | W |
| 56 | Sun | NL | George Washington | 0-13 | L |
| 65 | Sun | NL | TCU | 13-12 | W |
| 67 | Sun | NL | Mississippi | 14-7 | W |
| 88 | Independence | -1 | S Mississippi | 18-38 | L |

# UTEP (5-7)

*CONFERENCE:* **WAC**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 43 (18,23,2)**
**Lost: 17 (9,8,0)**

## UTEP'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 25.5 | 21 | 132 | 3.5 | 262 | 60.7 | 15.4 | -3 | 1999 | 5 | 32.4 | 19 | 208 | 5.0 | 183 | 52.1 | 12.1 |
| 10* | 20.5 | 20 | 167 | 4.1 | 207 | 52.5 | 18.2 | 0 | 1998 | 6 | 27.5 | 20 | 234 | 5.4 | 211 | 56.3 | 16.1 |
| 3 | 14.7 | 18 | 137 | 3.0 | 169 | 44.6 | 20.7 | -1 | 1997 | 7 | 28.3 | 16 | 165 | 4.4 | 184 | 55.5 | 12.3 |
| 6* | 16.6 | 15 | 134 | 3.3 | 147 | 50.0 | 16.9 | -8 | 1996 | 5 | 28.5 | 18 | 195 | 4.6 | 145 | 52.8 | 11.9 |
| 4 | 21.9 | 20 | 162 | 4.0 | 201 | 53.0 | 16.5 | -9 | 1995 | 5 | 40.5 | 25 | 241 | 5.2 | 246 | 59.9 | 12.0 |
| 9* | 19.7 | 17 | 180 | 4.0 | 151 | 42.2 | 16.8 | +2 | 1994 | 7 | 32.6 | 23 | 234 | 5.2 | 250 | 55.4 | 14.8 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| New Mexico | 20 | 46-105 | 2.3 | 18-29 | 165 | 2 | | 11 | 28-77 | 2.8 | 13-23 | 102 | 1 | -3 |
| at Oregon | 17 | 34-158 | 4.6 | 20-34 | 271 | 3 | | 23 | 39-195 | 5.0 | 15-27 | 228 | 0 | -2 |
| at Kansas St | 13 | 26-66 | 2.5 | 18-41 | 181 | 1 | | 20 | 47-193 | 4.1 | 12-23 | 265 | 1 | +1 |
| New Mexico St | 20 | 46-229 | 5.0 | 13-25 | 276 | 1 | | 20 | 46-130 | 2.8 | 10-19 | 130 | 4 | +2 |
| at Hawaii | 11 | 39-84 | 2.2 | 9-19 | 89 | 4 | | 24 | 25-160 | 6.4 | 31-51 | 372 | 0 | 0 |
| SMU | 26 | 43-150 | 3.5 | 26-35 | 333 | 4 | | 22 | 44-209 | 4.8 | 13-32 | 184 | 2 | +4 |
| at Arizona | 19 | 32-115 | 3.6 | 20-30 | 266 | 1 | | 21 | 52-396 | 7.6 | 11-19 | 157 | 2 | +1 |
| at Fresno St | 30 | 51-147 | 2.9 | 26-45 | 301 | 3 | | 14 | 29-87 | 3.0 | 15-28 | 224 | 2 | -2 |
| San Jose St | 23 | 46-241 | 5.2 | 19-28 | 215 | 4 | | 14 | 32-90 | 2.8 | 14-36 | 225 | 2 | +3 |
| Tulsa | 22 | 35-137 | 3.9 | 19-33 | 306 | 1 | | 24 | 49-184 | 3.8 | 17-28 | 205 | 0 | -5 |
| at Rice | 28 | 31-110 | 3.5 | 31-45 | 360 | 2 | | 16 | 51-302 | 5.9 | 5-13 | 71 | 0 | -2 |
| at TCU | 21 | 28-38 | 1.4 | 28-43 | 384 | 1 | | 22 | 61-475 | 7.8 | 4-8 | 31 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 250 | 457-1580 | 3.5 | 247-407 | 3147 | 27 | | 231 | 503-2498 | 5.0 | 160-307 | 2194 | 14 | -3 |
| AVERAGES | 20.8 | 38-132 | 3.5 | 21-34 | 262 | 2.3 | | 19.3 | 42-208 | 5.0 | 13-26 | 183 | 1.2 | -0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Mexico St | +2 | 17-45 | L |
| at Arizona St | +25 | 20-45 | T |
| Valdosta St | NL | 34-24 | – |
| at Hawaii | +12 | 21-42 | L |
| Utah | +19 | 21-34 | W |
| at Air Force | +26' | 46-56 | W |
| Tulsa | +6 | 28-38 | L |
| San Diego St | +15 | 16-45 | L |
| at Colorado St | +25 | 10-56 | L |
| at Fresno St | +22 | 14-47 | L |
| N Mexico | +13 | 17-12 | W |
| Wyoming | +19 | 19-42 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Arizona | +27 | 3-23 | W |
| N Mexico St | -6 | 14-7 | W |
| at San Jose St | -1 | 25-26 | L |
| at N Illinois | -1 | 37-6 | W |
| Utah | +17 | 27-34 | W |
| at TCU | +5' | 0-18 | L |
| Rice | +5' | 21-48 | L |
| at BYU | +30 | 18-40 | W |
| SMU | +7 | 0-30 | L |
| Tulsa | +7 | 21-38 | L |
| at N Mexico | +20 | 17-44 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at LSU | +37 | 3-55 | L |
| N Mexico | +16' | 20-38 | L |
| at Utah | +27 | 3-56 | L |
| N Mexico St | -2' | 24-16 | W |
| at Clemson | +32' | 7-39 | W |
| at Tulsa | +13' | 33-18 | W |
| San Jose St | -3 | 7-10 | L |
| BYU | +20 | 14-3 | W |
| at SMU | +19 | 14-28 | W |
| TCU | -2 | 24-17 | W |
| at Rice | +19 | 13-31 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Texas Tech | +17' | 3-35 | L |
| Oregon | +20' | 26-33 | W |
| at N Mexico St | -7 | 24-33 | L |
| Colorado St | +13' | 17-20 | W |
| at N Mexico | +4' | 22-19 | W |
| San Jose St | -6 | 28-21 | W |
| at Fresno St | +10' | 6-32 | L |
| Hawaii | -15' | 30-13 | W |
| at Utah | +18 | 27-34 | W |
| BYU | +10' | 14-31 | L |
| at San Diego St | +13' | 29-34 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| New Mexico | -4' | 13-10 | L |
| at Oregon | +22 | 28-47 | W |
| at Kansas St | +32' | 7-40 | L |
| New Mexico St | +3 | 54-23 | W |
| at Hawaii | -5' | 3-33 | L |
| SMU | -9' | 42-28 | W |
| at Arizona | +22 | 21-34 | W |
| at Fresno St | +10' | 23-24 | W |
| San Jose St | -6' | 42-26 | W |
| Tulsa | -14' | 19-43 | L |
| at Rice | +8' | 30-29 | W |
| at TCU | +10' | 24-52 | L |

# VANDERBILT COMMODORES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Three QB's shared the starting job in 98 including Greg Zolman who started four of the last five that year and threw for 969 yards (47.6%) with a 4-7 ratio. Last year he was a key reason for Vandy's offensive turnaround as he had all 11 starts and threw for 2,059 yards (51.3%) but finished with just a 10-16 ratio. He also rushed for 184 yards and 5 TD's. Should he hold on to his starting job, he will put up better numbers. David Wallace (6-4 215 Jr) was PS#88QB and had 6 starts in 98 as a true frosh throwing for 678 yards (46%) with a 4-11 ratio. He only attempted 9 passes last year and missed the spring with a broken hand. Benjamin Walker (6-4 205 rFr) was PS#99 and will likely be the #3 QB. All 4 may have to step aside for super Florida transfer Tim Olmstead (PS#4). Olmstead redshirted at Florida in 97 and got in just 3 plays in 98, transferring to Vandy last April. Naturally he has the strongest arm of the bunch. I like the added talent available and this unit should be solidly improved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Vandy tried more of a two back set last year using a FB more often. They alternated carries at TB between Rodney Williams and Jared McGrath. McGrath (SEC's 4th leading active rusher) appeared to be more effective and averaged 4.9 ypc as a power runner. Rodney Williams, with more speed, led the team in rushing with 644 yards (4.4). They are back but Widenhofer wants to stop the rotation and rely on one feature back this year. OC Steve Crosby was going to use a FB more extensively but Lew Thomas, who was perfect for the position, missed the first four games and was bothered by injuries in the 2H of the season. He started 3 games at the FB position in 99 and if healthy, should be solid. Chris Mitacek (PS#222) was forced into the starting lineup as a true frosh due to Thomas' injury. Widenhofer signed 3 RB's this year including one who is listed among the Top Newcomers. With basically no losses from this position, it should be improved in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - This unit saw a lot more action this year than in previous seasons. The leading receiver in 98 had 27 receptions with the #2 man having just 12. Almost everyone returned last year. When they do not use a FB they use an HBack and Todd Yoder excelled there with 7 starts and 25 rec's (14.4). The leading receiver was Tavarus Hogans (11 sts, 53 rec, 15.8). Hogans was the fastest man on the team and hauled in more rec's than any other Vandy receiver in the 90's last year. Unfortunately, this year both depart. They are solid at the TE position as Elliott Carson is now a 4 year starter and I list his backup below. Anthony Jones was the #2 receiver in 98 but he sat out the 99 season. He returns to the lineup for 2000. Dan Stricker performed well as a frosh and should be improved. I list the two deep at WR below. This unit does have solid talent but with the loss of the top two, I'll call it weaker in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Commodores had to replace 2 starters last year, but did get a 98 starter returning to the lineup so basically they had 4 starters returning. This year they lose OT Raminte Byndom (11 sts, 4 yr st'r) and C Jeff Barnett (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st tm SEC). Those are some big losses. I list the two deep below and 5 players have starting experience. This group is less experienced, and with the loss of perhaps their top 2 OL's, I'll call it a notch or two weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The defense switched to a 3-4 last year and the DL took a little bit of time to adjust. They also had 2 starters at the beginning of the year in Tyler Unzicker and Chuck Losey, who either lost their jobs or were injured and overall 6 players returned with starting experience. Ryan Aulds missed the first 2 games due to suspension, but is probably the top DL here. This unit actually goes three deep in quality players, and in the second year of the system with no losses, they should be solidly improved.

**LINEBACKERS** - Vandy returned three of four starters last year including star Jamie Winborn and the defense was much improved. One note about Winborn leading the SEC in tackles the last 2 years, after almost every game it seemed the Vanderbilt defensive coaches would award 5 to 6 more tackles to Winborn than the stat crew did during the game. Four of the top five tacklers last year came from this group and three of four starters return once again. The only loss from the two deep is ILB Lamont Turner (11 sts, 78 tkls, 5 tfl). This looks like a top notch LB corps.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Vandy traditionally fared well in my pass efficiency defense rankings finishing #26 and #28 in 96 and 97. They slipped to #86 in 98 and only moved up to #73 last year allowing 55.1% but with a 13-6 ratio. This year they must replace SS Ainsley Battles (11 sts, 2nd tm SEC, 3 yr st'r), but 7 of the top 8 are back and a lot of freshmen saw playing time in 99. Their starting CB's Jimmy Williams & Rushen Jones form a solid tandem. Vandy should definitely finish in the upper half of my pass defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Vandy has ranked 63rd and 60th in my special teams rankings over the last 2 years. K John Markham keeps improving his distance on KO's and last year they allowed just 16.4 per return, among the tops in the country. They lost starting P Joe Webb to injury prior to the year and Markham had to handle both duties. He did well averaging 40.8 on punts and hitting 12 of 16 FG's with a long of 49. Webb is back and should relieve Markham of the punting responsibilities. All the top returnmen are back and they can only improve, I look for a higher finish in my special teams rankings this year.

LB Jamie Winborn will contend for this year's Butkus Award.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rodney Williams | 148 | 690 | 46 | 644 | 8 | 4.4 |
| Jared McGrath | 118 | 600 | 25 | 575 | 1 | 4.9 |
| Lew Thomas | 19 | 74 | 8 | 66 | 0 | 3.5 |
| Greg Zolman | 79 | 184 | 274 | -90 | 5 | -1.1 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| Greg Zolman | 300 | 154 | 51.3 | 2059 | 10 | 16 |
| David Wallace | 9 | 4 | 44.4 | 47 | 0 | 1 |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| Tavarus Hogans | | 53 | 837 | 15.8 | 1 | 84 |
| Todd Yoder | | 25 | 361 | 14.4 | 2 | 31 |
| Elliott Carson | | 25 | 267 | 10.7 | 3 | 28 |
| Rodney Williams | | 16 | 172 | 10.8 | 1 | 58 |
| Dan Stricker | | 12 | 187 | 15.6 | 2 | 41 |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| John Markham | 60 | 2446 | 40.8 | - | 35.7 | 2 | 17 |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| John Markham | 4-4 | 3-3 | 5-7 | 0-2 | 12-16 | 49 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jamie Winborn | 141 | 6 | 17 | 2 | 0 |
| Ainsley Battles | 120 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 0 |
| Matt Stewart | 92 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 0 |
| Lamont Turner | 78 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Nate Morrow | 74 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Jimmy Williams | 59 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| Harold Lercius | 55 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Doyle Crosby | 51 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Ryan Aulds | 48 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Rushen Jones | 44 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Russ Nicoll | 41 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Wally Conyers | 35 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Antulan Bradford | 25 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| Jimmy Williams | 38 | 285 | 7.5 | 1 |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| Jimmy Williams | 17 | 376 | 22.1 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**ALABAMA +14' 17-28 WIN** The 1Q had more punts (7) than completions (6), VU got a 58 yd drive for a TD. UA drove 51 yds for a TD w/ :38 left to tie. VU got a 41 yd 3Q FG. Bama drove 79 yds for a TD. UA fmbl'd a punt & VU got a 21 yd TD drive, 17-14. VU dropped a sure int ret for a TD. VU punted from its 5 & UA got a 21 yd TD drive. On the next poss UA RB Alexander took a short pass & raced 51 yds for a TD.

**N ILLINOIS -17 34-31 LOSS** NI had lost the previous week to Div IAA W Illinois. VU got a 49 yd FG. NI got a 38 yd TD pass foll an int & added a 1 yd TD after a fmbl & scored again on a blk'd punt ret'd for a TD, 21-3 after 1Q. A good portion of the 28,514 fans were gone in the 3Q when NI got a 61 yd TD pass, 28-3. VU drove for a TD then hit an HB option TD pass, 28-17. Vandy got a 4Q 61 yd TD pass & NI a FG. VU went for a 22 yd FG with just 3:52 left down by 8 (fans booed). Williams ret'd a punt 65 yds for a TD & VU escaped.

**AT MISSISSIPPI (OT) +16' 37-34 WIN** UM had a 251-120 yd 1H edge & led 17-7. VU opened the 3Q with a 57 yd drive for a FG & 69 yd TD drive to tie. VU went 87 yds for a TD early 4Q. Ole Miss got a 40 yd TD pass to tie & then a 46 yd TD run by McAllister. Vandy got a 47 yd KR by Williams & the TD with :49 left. In OT UM got a 34 yd FG & VU an 8 yd TD pass to get its 1st SEC road win in 5 years.

**AT DUKE +3' 31-14 WIN** Vandy blk'd a Duke punt to set up a 38 yd TD drive, 7-0 after 1Q. Vandy had a 51 yd FG bounce off the upright. Duke got a 67 yd drive for their 1st TD of the year but Vandy, thanks to a 31 yd run on a fake punt and a 15 yd pen, got a TD, 14-7. Duke got a 45 yd TD pass to tie. Vandy drove 62 yds in 14 plays for a TD & then got a 43 yd int ret to set up a 6 yd TD drive, 28-14 with 3:43 left 3Q. Vandy added a 48 yd FG & later was SOD at the Duke 8. Vandy had a 431-325 yd edge.

**MISSISSIPPI ST +5' 14-42 LOSS** VU came in 3-1 but fmbl'd on the 1st play setting up a short MS TD (xpng). Late 1Q MS went on a long TD drive (2 ptng) 12-0. VU crossed the 50 just once in the 1H. MS added 47 & 34 yd FG's & a 78 yd TD pass to Love, 25-0. It was 32-0 in the 3Q. VU got 1 TD & then ret'd a fmbl 6 yds for a TD, 32-14. MS got a 3Q TD drive & the only 4Q score with a 29 yd FG. MS had a 454-171 yd edge.

**CITADEL NL 58-0** - In a rare occurrence for VU every player on the roster saw action. It was the most pts VU had totalled since 1969. On VU's 2nd play they got a 59 yd TD run. :55 later Zolman hit a 36 yd TD pass. Reserve ILB Bradford was the team's leading tkl'r. VU led 28-0 after 1Q & then 38-0 at half. The reserves did the rest & Vandy was kind to their overmatched foe & did not attempt a 4Q pass.

**GEORGIA +7' 17-27 LOSS** VU led 10-0 after 1Q. The 1st time GA crossed midfield in the 2Q VU ret'd an int 59 yds for a TD. GA got a FG, 17-3. On the 1st poss of the 3Q VU had a 1st & goal at the GA 1 but was int'd in the EZ. GA had a tipped pass caught for a TD, 17-10. VU faked a punt from its own 27 & was foiled & GA got a TD to tie. VU was int'd in the EZ. GA went 68 yds for a TD with 8:58 left. VU was int'd at the GA 32. GA got the spread covering FG w/3:19 left. VU was int'd at the GA 31 to end their final threat.

**AT S CAROLINA -4' 11-10 LOSS** Teams combined for just 21 FD's & 352 yds. VU missed a 45 yd FG. Late 1H VU got an int at the SC 11 which set up a 21 yd FG. SC blk'd a punt 1 play before half to set up a 29 yd FG. VU missed a 47 yd FG in the 3Q. SC got a 43 yd FG foll an int & VU fmbl'd the KO for a safety. VU drove 90 yds with 6 of their 11 FD's & got a TD & 2 pt conv w/7:16 left, 11-8. SC had a 3rd & 7 from the VU 27 but dropped a wide open TD pass & they missed a 46 yd FG. VU took an intentional safety on the final play.

**AT FLORIDA +28 6-13 WIN** VU had a 369-269 yd edge. VU got a FD at the UF 33 but lost 16 yds & punted. Early 2Q VU dropped a snap on a fake 52 yd FG & UF rec'd. UF went 57 yds for a TD. UF blk'd a punt setting up a 29 yd FG, 10-0. VU was int'd in the EZ from the 12. UF got a 3Q 33 yd FG & VU settled for a 28 yd FG. VU fmbl'd at the UF 28. VU nailed a 44 yd FG w/ 3:30 left. VU got a FD at the UF 25 but on 4th & 3 a pass fell inc. VU had ex-UF QB Olmstead & he interpreted every UF audible which greatly helped.

**KENTUCKY +3 17-19 WIN** Vandy had 389-252 yd & 23-11 FD edges. UK got a 12 yd TD drive foll a fmbl. Vandy drove 70 yds for a TD. A 51 yd run by White set up a UK FG, 10-7. Vandy drove 69 yds but settled for a 20 yd FG, 10-10. At half Vandy had a 244-124 yd edge. Int grounding in the EZ cost Vandy a safety on their 1st 3Q poss & UK got an 80 yd TD pass late 3Q, 19-10. Vandy was SOD at the UK 19 & missed a 53 yd FG. VU drove 62 yds for a TD, 19-17. UK fmbl'd with 3:00 left but Vandy fmbl'd 3 plays later.

**AT TENNESSEE +23 10-38 LOSS** UT dominated with a 476-179 yd edge including 315 rushing yds. The Vols led 17-0 before Vandy drove 68 yds in 3 plays for a TD. VU got a 36 yd FG but UT converted on 3rd & 10 & 4th & 3 on an 85 yd drive for a TD with 2:05 left in half, 24-10. After a scoreless 3Q UT drove 59 yds in 12 plays for a TD & then got a 51 yd TD run by Smith, 38-10. Vandy did not threaten in the 4Q.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

The Commodores had a better year than expected winning five games and narrowly missing out on a bowl. During the first part of the season it was their offense leading the way. It took the defense time to adjust to the new 3-4 scheme. In the first 5 games Vandy allowed 371 ypg total offense. Over the last six they allowed just 269.5 ypg. Over the second half of the season LB Coach Herb Paterra took over many of the defensive coordinator duties and during the offseason Widenhofer promoted him to DC. Paterra was the Defensive Coordinator of the Detroit Lions from '89-'95. Dino Folino, who was last year's DC, remains on the team as secondary coach. The offensive ppg was almost stagnant for 4 straight years as they averaged just 11.1, 11.1, 12.6 and 12.9 ppg. Last year it was solidly improved as they averaged 22.9 ppg. Vandy's defense went from #64 in the country in '98 to as high as #13 at one point last year, finishing at #23. They led Alabama and Georgia in the 4Q and almost upset both Kentucky and Florida, having the ball down by a TD or less late. They have a pair of solid signal callers and a veteran offense that has 7 starters back and should be even more potent. The defense has NINE starters back and if they continue to improve like they did last year they will rival VU's great defense of 1997 which contained 4 NFL DC's. The schedule maker was not kind as they draw perhaps the top 3 teams from the SEC West and instead of home games vs beatable opponents, they have Florida and Tennessee coming to town which lessens their chance of bagging home wins. Vandy should be able to flirt with a winning record once again but will likely need a November win to accomplish it.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Chris Young 6-2 185 PS#33 |
| OL | Greg Robson 6-4 272 PS#144 |
| LB | Patrick Brunner 6-3 240 PS#129 |
| RB | Norval McKenzie 5-11 205 PS#169 |
| DB | Tim Meyer 6-3 190 PS#126 |
| WR | Lorenzo Parker 5-11 175 PS#119 |
| DB | Gary Wright 5-9 170 PS#187 |
| OL | Aaron Carter 6-3 265 PS#282 |
| OL | Brian Kovolisky 6-7 260 PS#319 |
| TE | Robert Dinwiddie 6-5 245 PS#96 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB GREG ZOLMAN JR.** 6-4 198 *PS#156. 4 sts as rFr, 969 yds (48%), 4-7 ratio. 11 sts in 99, 2059 yds (51%), 10-16 ratio. Tim Olmstead (6-2 194 Jr) PS#4 Fla trans.*

**RB RODNEY WILLIAMS JR.** 5-11 215 *5 sts as rFr, 608 yds (4.8). 9 sts in 99, 644 yds (4.4).* ***Jared McGrath*** *(5-10 203 Sr) has 1594 career yds (4.4), 31 rec (5.5).*

**FB Lew Thomas Jr.** 6-0 212 *286 yds (4.3) as true. 3 sts in 98, 7 gms, 66 yds rush, 9 rec (12.8). Chris Mitacek (5-11 205 So) was PS#222, 2 sts as true.*

**WR Anthony Jones So.** 6-2 175 *PS#41WR. 2 sts in 98, 12 rec (21.3). RS in 99. Nezih Hasanoglu (6-3 212 Jr) had 3 sts in 98, 19 rec (13.2), 11 gms, 1 rec ly.*

**WR DAN STRICKER SO.** 6-3 190 *PS#60WR in 98. 8 sts as rFr, 12 rec (15.6). MJ Garrett (6-3 185 So), 1 rec as true. Shane Daly (6-1 190 Jr) PS#179.*

**TE ELLIOTT CARSON SR.** 6-5 250 *PS#45. 9 sts as rFr, 9 rec (15.2), 10 sts in 98, 25 rec (7.6), 10 sts in 99, 25 rec (10.7), 2nd Tm SEC. Tom Simone (6-5 237) PS#106.*

**C Dustin Wuest So.** 6-3 272 *PS#282OL in 98. 2nd string C in 99 as rFr. Jamie Byrum (6-4 254 So) PS#386OL in 98. 3 gms as 2nd string ly.*

**RG MICHAEL SALTSMAN SR.** 6-4 290 *PS#187OL. Started last 7 as true, 11 sts at LG in 97. RS in 98. 11 sts at RG in 99. Duncan Cave (6-1 291 Sr) Navy trans.*

**LG JIM MAY SO.** 6-4 305 *PS# 338OL. Started last 7 at LG as rFr. Jason Tant (6-3 263 rFr) PS#128. Jordan Pettit (6-4 274 rFr) PS#200OL.*

**RT Darren Rothenberg Sr.** 6-3 311 *PS#161. 1 start in 98. Started 1st 4 at LG in 99. 3 letters. Pat Green (6-7 332 Sr) PS#283, 1 start, 17 gms in 97 & 98.*

**LT BRIAN GRUBER SR.** 6-7 305 *PS#367OL. 11 sts at LG in 98. 11 sts at LT in 99. Brent Peacher (6-5 311 So) PS#181OL. Jordan Hill (6-7 274 So) PS#362.*

**K JOHN MARKHAM SR.** 6-1 210 *Hit 7 of 12 FG's, long 49 as true. Hit 13 of 21 FG's long 49 in 98. Solid 12 of 16 FG's in 99, long 49, 2 misses 50+! Solid KO's.*

**DE RUSS NICOLL SR.** 6-5 302 *11 sts in 99, 41 tkls, 7 tfl. Wally Conyers (6-7 251 Jr) PS#62, 2 sts, 52 tkls, 7 tfl, 2 yrs. Ryan Nungesser (6-3 262) PS#152.*

**NT RYAN AULDS SR.** 6-3 252 *PS#114. 11 sts as rFr, 9 tfl. 11 sts in 98, 34 tkls, 6 tfl. 9 sts in 99 (susp 2) 48 tkls, 5 tfl. Tyler Unzicker has 3 sts, 3 tfl, 2 yrs.*

**DE DOYLE CROSBY JR.** 6-4 278 *PS#221. 11 sts as rFr, 47 tkls, 10 tfl. 7 sts in 99, 51 tkls, 8 tfl. Chuck Losey (6-4 255 Jr) 7 sts as true, 23 tkls. 3 sts ly, 14 tkls.*

**OLB MATT STEWART SR.** 6-4 228 *PS#145. 11 sts, 65 tkls, 11 tfl in 98. 11 sts, 92 tkls, 6.5 sks, 10 tfl in 99. Michael Adam (6-3 247 So) PS#147, 5 tkls as true.*

**ILB Antulan Bradford Jr.** 6-0 218 *PS#158RB, 5 tkls as true. 25 tkls, 2 tfl in 99. Hunter Hillenmeyer (6-4 230 So) 3 tkls ly. Libnir Telusca (6-3 235 rFr).*

**ILB JAMIE WINBORN JR.** 6-0 232 *11 sts as rFr, 131 tkls, 8 sks, 7 tfl. 11 sts in 99,* ***1st tm SEC****, 141 tkls, 5.5 sks, 17 tfl. #1 in SEC in tkls. Brandon Walthour (6-3 218 So).*

**OLB NATE MORROW JR.** 6-3 236 *18 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 11 sts in 99, 74 tkls, 6 sks, 4 tfl. Reggie Washington (6-3 246 So) Size & speed. 5 tkls in 99, 1 sk, 8 gms.*

**CB JIMMY WILLIAMS SR.** 5-10 193 *PS#65. 5 sts, 710 yds as true. 11 sts at CB in 98, 2nd tm SEC, 4 int, 8 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 59 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu, 38 PR (7.5).*

**CB RUSHEN JONES SO.** 6-1 190 *11 sts as rFr, 44 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu, size & speed. Brian Taylor (5-11 191 Jr) 4 sts in 98, 5 pbu, 44 tkls. 20 tkls, 2 pbu in 99.*

**SS Jonathan Shaub So.** 6-1 204 *PS#264RB. 17 tkls, 1 sk as true. Jerrol Jackson (6-2 195 So) 4 tkls, 1 pbu in 99. Steve Rock (5-9 196 Sr) 20 tkls, 2 yrs.*

**FS HAROLD LERCIUS JR.** 5-11 192 *3 sts in 98, 16 tkls, 1 sk. 11 sts in 99, 55 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu, 1 sk. Justin Giboney (6-0 180 So) 2 tkls, 4 gms as true.*

**P JOE WEBB SR.** 6-3 192 *76 punts as true, 38.9 avg, 36.4 net. 62 punts (37.6) in 98. Inj'd in 99.* ***John Markham*** *had 60 punts, 40.8 avg in 99.*

# VANDERBILT COMMODORES

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score VANDY | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This is be Vandy's 2nd season playing their home games on natural grass. They are 27-19 ATS their L/46 grass games. Commodores are not exactly a brick house at 0-4 SU, 1-3 ATS vs Mississippi St. Vandy had a negative turnover ratio every season in the '90s. |
| Sep. 2 | Miami (Oh) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Vanderbilt is 7-1 ATS their L/8 season openers. Vandy is 13-7 ATS their L/20 vs non-conference foes. |
| Sep. 9 | at Alabama | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Commodores have covered 6 of the L/8 vs the Crimson Tide. Could apply here: Vandy is 8-2 ATS L/10 as a dog of 25 or more. |
| Sep. 16 | Mississippi | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Vandy is 2-11 ATS after playing Alabama. VU is 2-5 ATS the last 7 meetings with Ole Miss. |
| Sep. 23 | Duke | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Vandy scored 123 pts vs non-SEC teams (in 3 games) and only 129 pts (in 8 games) vs conference foes last season. |
| Sep. 30 | at Auburn | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | This game marks the start of 3 straight road games, a scheduling situation. that VU has faced two other times S/94. They are 0-2 ATS in the trip opener. |
| Oct. 7 | at Wake Forest | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Last meeting was a 35-14 VU win in 94 as a 6' pt fav. Vandy is 6-2 ATS in their second straight road game. |
| Oct. 14 | at Georgia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor has covered 8 in a row in this series. Commodores are 12-6 as a double digit away dog the L/18. |
| Oct. 21 | S Carolina (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Vandy is 3-12 ATS L/15 games prior to a bye. Commodores are 1-5 ATS L/6 lined Homecoming games. |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS INFO: VU is 2-5 ATS after Homecoming. |
| Nov. 4 | Florida | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Commodores are 12-7 ATS in November since 1994. Vanderbilt is 11-5 ATS as a double digit home dog. |
| Nov. 11 | at Kentucky | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UK has beaten Vandy SU each of the L/4 years but... Commodores are 12-3 ATS the L/15 vs the Wildcats. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 25 | Tennessee* | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Vanderbilt is 17-11 ATS their L/28 after a bye, pending 11/4 result. The visiting team is 13-7 ATS the L/20 series meetings. |
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## STADIUM: VANDERBILT STADIUM (41,448)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 5-6 | 2-9 | 2-9 | 3-8 | 2-9 | 5-6 | 23-54 |
| ATS | 6-5 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 5-5 | 5-6 | 4-7 | 5-5 | 37-38 |
| Home Fav | 2-0 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 6-4 |
| Home Dog | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 14-16 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 3-3 |
| Away Dog | 0-4 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 3-1 | 14-15 |
| Favorite | 3-0 | 3-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 9-7 |
| Dog | 3-5 | 3-3 | 5-5 | 5-4 | 3-5 | 4-6 | 5-3 | 28-31 |
| Grass | 1-3 | 3-0 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 5-5 | 18-17 |
| Artificial | 5-2 | 3-5 | 3-3 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 19-21 |
| vs SEC | 3-5 | 4-4 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 25-31 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 12-7 |
| Off SU Win | 2-2 | 4-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 14-9 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-3 | 1-4 | 3-5 | 2-5 | 4-3 | 3-5 | 1-3 | 17-28 |

## Coach: WOODY WIDENHOFER (Career 22-54-1)
### *Widenhofer's records AT VANDERBILT*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4th Year at Vanderbilt | | 2-2 | Home Favorite |
| 10-23 | Straight Up | 5-8 | Home Underdog |
| 14-18 | Vs The Spread | 0-2 | Away Favorite |
| 8-11 | Off A S/U Loss | 7-6 | Away Underdog |
| 9-15 | Vs SEC | 5-3 | Vs Non-SEC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | Gator | NL | Auburn | 25-13 | W |
| 74 | Peach | NL | Texas Tech | 6-6 | T |
| 82 | All-American | -9 | Air Force | 28-36 | L |
| | | | | | |
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# VANDERBILT (5-6)

CONFERENCE: **SEC** EAST

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 7** **Returning: 53 (23,28,2)**
**DEFENSE: 9** **Lost: 15 (11,4,0)**

## VANDERBILT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 22.9 | 17 | 115 | 3.2 | 202 | 51.3 | 13.9 | -8 | 1999 | 8 | 23.3 | 15 | 136 | 3.5 | 180 | 55.1 | 13.6 |
| 6 | 12.9 | 15 | 117 | 3.2 | 151 | 46.3 | 20.7 | -11 | 1998 | 4 | 33.5 | 22 | 175 | 4.3 | 266 | 61.5 | 13.2 |
| 9* | 12.6 | 15 | 130 | 3.3 | 145 | 44.6 | 22.0 | -9 | 1997 | 6 | 18.6 | 15 | 106 | 2.8 | 169 | 53.6 | 14.8 |
| 5* | 11.1 | 12 | 69 | 2.0 | 135 | 41.8 | 18.4 | -6 | 1996 | 10 | 21.3 | 18 | 151 | 3.5 | 166 | 53.0 | 14.9 |
| 7* | 11.1 | 14 | 121 | 3.1 | 110 | 44.8 | 20.8 | -6 | 1995 | 10 | 25.5 | 20 | 138 | 3.5 | 229 | 60.6 | 14.4 |
| 4 | 18.5 | 18 | 227 | 4.7 | 91 | 42.3 | 17.2 | -1 | 1994 | 3 | 25.2 | 21 | 169 | 4.2 | 204 | 55.4 | 14.8 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Alabama | 13 | 36-110 | 3.1 | 12-24 | 120 | 7 | 18 | 37-142 | 3.8 | 15-24 | 201 | 3 | +1 |
| N Illinois | 17 | 35-117 | 3.3 | 19-36 | 240 | 1 | 14 | 40-92 | 2.3 | 17-31 | 212 | 5 | -2 |
| at Mississippi | 23 | 38-90 | 2.4 | 22-39 | 344 | 3 | 17 | 38-183 | 4.8 | 17-21 | 245 | 3 | -2 |
| at Duke | 22 | 50-162 | 3.2 | 17-29 | 269 | 3 | 16 | 22-74 | 3.4 | 15-35 | 251 | 0 | 0 |
| Mississippi St | 12 | 32-32 | 1.0 | 14-24 | 139 | 6 | 21 | 42-144 | 3.4 | 15-26 | 310 | 3 | -1 |
| Citadel | 19 | 44-313 | 7.1 | 11-18 | 163 | 1 | 9 | 41-63 | 1.5 | 6-16 | 56 | 4 | +2 |
| Georgia | 16 | 30-26 | 0.9 | 16-30 | 241 | 3 | 19 | 46-146 | 3.2 | 16-25 | 192 | 2 | -3 |
| at S Carolina | 11 | 33-86 | 2.6 | 9-19 | 103 | 3 | 10 | 36-95 | 2.6 | 9-22 | 68 | 2 | -1 |
| at Florida | 18 | 35-130 | 3.7 | 17-39 | 239 | 2 | 16 | 40-126 | 3.2 | 14-24 | 143 | 5 | 0 |
| Kentucky | 23 | 36-119 | 3.3 | 19-39 | 270 | 2 | 11 | 35-111 | 3.2 | 14-31 | 141 | 6 | -3 |
| at Tennessee | 11 | 33-85 | 2.6 | 7-21 | 94 | 2 | 19 | 53-315 | 5.9 | 14-21 | 161 | 1 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 185 | 402-1270 | 3.2 | 163-318 | 2222 | 33 | 170 | 430-1491 | 3.5 | 152-276 | 1980 | 34 | -8 |
| AVERAGES | 16.8 | 37-115 | 3.2 | 15-29 | 202 | 3.0 | 15.4 | 39-136 | 3.5 | 14-25 | 180 | 3.1 | -0.7 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | +13 | 25-33 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +18 | 0-41 | L |
| TCU | +3' | 3-16 | L |
| Arkansas | +8' | 7-35 | L |
| Georgia | +9 | 6-17 | L |
| at S Carolina | +17' | 14-52 | L |
| at Mississippi | +12 | 10-21 | W |
| Kentucky | +5 | 14-10 | W |
| Louisiana Tech | -9' | 29-6 | W |
| at Florida | +43 | 7-38 | W |
| at Tennessee | +37 | 7-12 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Notre Dame | +22 | 7-14 | W |
| at Alabama | +17 | 26-36 | W |
| Mississippi | +1 | 9-20 | L |
| at LSU | +20 | 0-35 | L |
| at N Texas | -15 | 19-7 | L |
| at Georgia | +15' | 2-13 | W |
| S Carolina | +3' | 0-27 | L |
| Alabama-Birm | NL | 31-15 | – |
| Florida | +43 | 21-28 | W |
| at Kentucky | +2 | 0-25 | L |
| Tennessee | +25' | 7-14 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| N Texas | -16' | 29-12 | W |
| Alabama | +12 | 0-20 | L |
| TCU | -7 | 40-16 | W |
| at Mississippi | +4 | 3-15 | L |
| LSU | +16 | 6-7 | W |
| at N Illinois | -22 | 17-7 | L |
| Georgia | +11 | 13-34 | L |
| at S Carolina | +12 | 3-35 | L |
| at Florida | +36' | 7-20 | W |
| Kentucky | +4' | 10-21 | L |
| at Tennessee | +28 | 10-17 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Mississippi St | +13 | 0-42 | L |
| at Alabama | +19' | 7-32 | L |
| Mississippi | +7' | 6-30 | L |
| at TCU | +10' | 16-19 | W |
| W Michigan | -5 | 24-27 | L |
| at Georgia | +27 | 6-31 | W |
| S Carolina | +6' | 17-14 | W |
| Duke | +4 | 36-33 | W |
| Florida | +28' | 13-45 | L |
| at Kentucky | +22 | 17-55 | L |
| Tennessee | +28' | 0-41 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | +14' | 17-28 | W |
| N Illinois | -17 | 34-31 | L |
| at Mississippi | +16' | 37-34 | W |
| at Duke | +3' | 31-14 | W |
| Mississippi St | +5' | 14-42 | L |
| Citadel | NL | 58-0 | - |
| Georgia | +7' | 17-27 | L |
| at S Carolina | -4' | 11-10 | L |
| at Florida | +28 | 6-13 | W |
| Kentucky | +3 | 17-19 | W |
| at Tennessee | +23 | 10-38 | L |

# VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year the Cavs had to replace two year starter Aaron Brooks. For 2 years George Welsh had commented on how Dan Ellis (PS#13) had picked up the offense faster than anyone else. Ellis had 25 pass attempts in 97 & 98 and started 11 games in 99 throwing for 2,196 yards (58.9%) with a 21-11 ratio and was 8th nationally in pass efficiency. Ellis had some incredible games but also showed some inconsistency at times. David Rivers was PS#47. He was mostly the long snapper with just 2 passes in the first 7 games. When Ellis got injured vs FSU Rivers hit just 4 of 11 for 32 yards. Against GT he threw for 228 yards with 3 TD's. There was talk of a QB battle but Ellis' 6 TD passes vs Buffalo and 4 vs Maryland ended it. Rivers did not return for his 5th year. Matt Schaub (6-5 223 rFr) is bigger than both and was PS#42. He had a tremendous spring hitting 45 of 61 (74%) in 3 scrimmages. Bryson Spinner (6-2 214 rFr) was PS#15 and is the most mobile of the group and Welsh called him a bigger version of Joe Hamilton. Welsh has said he will incorporate more option into the offense and that gives Spinner a shot. This group is deeper, more talented and more experienced.

**RUNNING BACKS** - When Tiki Barber is done playing in the NFL, he should become an NFL scout. Back in my 97 magazine, I wrote that Tiki Barber broke all of Terry Kirby's school records, and that Barber forecasted that Thomas Jones would break all of his. In his 3 full years as a starter, Jones (#1DC of ARZ) did just that, leaving as the career record holder in 8 different categories. He also broke the single season ACC season record with 1,798 yards (5.4) in the regular season and topped the 200 yard barrier four times, another ACC record. Jones got the lion share of the carries here with over 10 times the amount of the next closest RB. Not only is Jones gone but also FB Anthony Southern (7 sts, 202 yds) departs. Welsh has 3 VHT's to choose for the TB job. Arlen Harris was PS#3 and including KR's had 468 total yards as a rFr. Tyree Foreman (5-11 220 Jr, PS#23) has 387 total yards in 2 years. Antwoine Womack (PS#21) had 926 yards rush in 97 & 98. He led the ACC averaging 6.2 ypc in 98 and was 2nd team ACC but was suspended last year and also this spring. Welsh signed 2 big RB's (see Top Newcomers). I expect one of the 3 VHT's to emerge. As long as Womack gets eligible, this group has the potential to come close to last year's overall numbers, but is clearly a little weaker.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Cavs had to replace their leading WR who had more than double the catches of the next closest receiver. This year, almost everyone is back. The lone loss to this unit is TE Casey Crawford (4 sts, 12 rec, HM ACC). Also Ahmad Hawkins (22 rec) moves to CB. Billy McMullen (6-4 195 So) is being compared to Herman Moore and actually led the team in rec's as a true frosh with 31 and had a solid 16.6 ypc, despite not starting a single game. Other players not listed in the two deep at WR are Tavon Mason (5-11 176 So) who had 1 start (12 rec's) and Sharif Rosales-Webb (6-0 190 rFr, PS#76). The TE's are deep and I list them below. This is a deep and talented group and has more experience than last year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Cavs had 3 starters returning and have the same again this year but they lose their two all stars. C John St Clair became the first All American at C in school history and received the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the top blocker in the ACC. He was the #3DC of STL. G/T Noel LaMontagne became the first UVA guard named to the 1st team All ACC for 2 consecutive years since 89. 4 players return with starting experience. Lawson moves from LT to LG because Welsh had to open up a spot for massive VHT Jermese Jones. If you look in the 2 deep below you will see a pair of VHT's in the 2nd string. Last year's line was a solid one but this year's is actually a little more experienced.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Cavs had to replace 2 starters who ended up being #1 and #7 DC's in the NFL including DE Kemey who led the ACC with 15 sacks. They then went through an injury plagued year. One of the returning starters, Monsanto Pope, missed 6 games after an injury in the opener and never reclaimed his 98 form. Their other returning starter, Travis Griffith, got in just 3 starts after ankle surgery. This year they must replace DT Maurice Anderson (11 sts, 74 tkls, 7 tfl), DT Johnny Shivers (10 sts, HM ACC, 3 tfl), DE Travis Griffith (3 sts, 6 tkls) and DE Koli Bawuah (5 sts, 25 tkls, 4 tfl). Darryl Sanders (6-3 265 So) was PS#69, but was academically ineligible last year. Although he has a chance at returning, it is slim. Things got so bad injurywise last year that Merrill Robertson, who played FB the first 5 games, was moved to DE over the last 6 as a true frosh and was very productive with 21 tackles and 2 tfl. There is plenty of talent in the 2 deep below and if Pope returns to form, he should team with DE Ljubomir Stamenich and provide a solid front. Stamenich was their leading sack man on the DL with 6 and the only DL to start all 12 games.

**LINEBACKERS** - In 99 the Cavs had to replace an NFL DC and 2 backup LB's to graduation. They then lost starting OLB Donny Green to suspension but returned backup Shannon Taylor, who was a part-time starter in 97 and sat out the 98 season. This year they must replace Taylor who was 2nd team ACC and had 89 tackles, 6 sacks and 11 tfl. He was the #6DC of SD. They also lose backup Darnell Holler (12 tkl, 2 sks, PS#28WR) who is academically ineligible for 2000. Five players with starting experience return and Welsh has a couple of talented rFr to plug in including Beau Dickerson who I list as 2nd string. ILB Isabelle was banged up for parts of last year and could have a huge 2000 season. He and Thweatt form a potent tandem. They also should get back Donny Green who started 12 games in 98. This should be one of the ACC's best LB corps.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Cavs secondary usually snags a lot of int's as they had 20 or more for 4 straight years but have had just 12 and 19 the last 2 years. After finishing #61 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 97, the Cavs basically lost all 4 starters (2 to graduation, 2 to injuries) but still finished #15 in 98. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 23 starts. They had 2 starters back plus got CB Dwayne Stukes back from injury. However, the 99 unit was also hit hard by injuries. Stukes and FS Antwan Harris (#6DC of NE) each had 7 starts (injuries). They must be replaced as will SS Chris Williams (11 sts, 72 tkls, 5 pbu), who is academically ineligible, and 3 backups. They move Ahmad Hawkins in from WR and 4 others return with starting experience whom I list below. The Cavs had their lowest finish in my rankings at #74. They should make a solid climb in the rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - From 94-96 Welsh's special teams units ranked #20, #14 and #8 in my rankings. In 97 they slipped to 53rd and in 98 to 64th. Last year the Cavs had their worst finish yet at #85. Welsh decided not to invite Todd Braverman to return for a 5th season even though he hit 8 of 11 FG's with a long of 50 and had a game-winner vs N Carolina. David Greene, who has handled KO's the last 2 years, should take over the main duties and he also signed Bryan Smith (PS#27). All of the top returnmen are back and should improve on their averages as there is plenty of talent available. The last 3 years have been atypical of Welsh's teams. This year he has a special teams coordinator for the first time and I expect the special teams to be improved even though they break in a new K and P.

QB Dan Ellis and the Cavs have their hands full trying to replace RB Thomas Jones.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Jones | 357 | 1996 | 88 | 1908 | 17 | 5.3 |
| **Arlen Harris** | 33 | 138 | 7 | 131 | 0 | 3.9 |
| **Dan Ellis** | 69 | 214 | 180 | 34 | 0 | 0.5 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| **Dan Ellis** | 290 | 171 | 58.9 | 2196 | 21 | 11 |
| David Rivers | 46 | 25 | 54.3 | 333 | 4 | 2 |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| **Billy McMullen** | | 31 | 514 | 16.6 | 6 | 42 |
| **Kevin Coffey** | | 29 | 442 | 15.2 | 7 | 44 |
| Thomas Jones | | 27 | 270 | 10.0 | 1 | 84 |
| **Ahmad Hawkins** | | 22 | 272 | 12.4 | 1 | 24 |
| **Billy Baber** | | 18 | 137 | 7.6 | 4 | 18 |
| Anthony Southern | | 17 | 173 | 10.2 | 1 | 17 |
| **PUNTING** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **50+** | **NET** | **BLK** | **In20** |
| Donnie Scott | 59 | 2413 | 40.8 | - | 35.4 | 0 | 16 |
| **KICKING** | **1-29** | **30-39** | **40-49** | **50+** | **TOTAL** | **LONG** |
| Todd Braverman | 5-5 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 8-11 | 50 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shannon Taylor | 89 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| **Yubrenal Isabelle** | 84 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| **Byron Thweatt** | 82 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Maurice Anderson | 74 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| **Chris Williams** | 72 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Ljubomir Stamenich | 54 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Jerton Evans** | 49 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Johnny Shivers | 43 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Angelo Crowell** | 40 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Antwan Harris | 38 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| **Shernard Newby** | 36 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Dwayne Stukes | 34 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| **Colin McWeeny** | 29 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **PUNT RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Arlen Harris** | 16 | 198 | 12.4 | 0 |
| **KICK RETURNS** | **NO** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** |
| **Tavon Mason** | 9 | 176 | 19.6 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT N CAROLINA +2' 20-17 WIN** Each team opened with a long drive, NC netting a 39 yd FG & VA settling for a 23 yd'r. VA got an int but tossed one back on the next play at the NC 1 yd line. NC got a long int ret for a TD with :12 left in half, 9-3. NC missed a 42 yd FG in the 3Q & VA drove 64 yds for a TD, 10-9. VA drove 33 yds for a TD after an int. NC drove 71 yds for a TD, 17-17. VA got a 50 yd FG with just :27 left.

**AT CLEMSON -5 14-33 LOSS** CU had a 447-345 yd edge. CU got 2 TD's & a FG on their 1st 3 poss, 17-0. CU led 20-0 & had a 273-170 yd edge at the half. CU drove 75 yds for a TD, VA fmbl'd the KO & CU drove 21 yds for a TD, 33-0. VA got 2 late TD's to make the final score more respectable. FD's came out even but CU had 102 more yds.

**WAKE FOREST -10' 35-7 WIN** VA had a 467-217 yd edge with over 230 yds both rushing & passing. WF missed an early 47 yd FG & VA had 70, 88, 44 and 46 yd TD drives. WF got an 80 yd drive before half, 28-7. WF missed a 35 yd FG to start the 3Q & VA tacked on a 55 yd TD drive. WF was int'd at the VA 20 & did not threaten again.

**AT BYU +7 45-40 WIN** Jones rushed for 210 yds. BYU struggled early vs VA's size & speed & VA led 21-0. BYU drove 61 yds for a TD (xpng). VA got a 45 yd TD run. BYU got a TD drive & a 28 yd int ret for a TD, 28-19 at half. Early 3Q VA ret'd a fmbl 20 yds for a TD, 35-19. BYU got 2 TD's, 38-33. VA got an 80 yd TD drive. VA missed a 52 yd FG & BYU got a TD that bounced off the DB's hands, 45-40. BYU was int'd in the EZ w/ 1:37 left from the 8 & the Cavs pulled off the upset.

**VIRGINIA TECH +5' 7-31 LOSS** VA was w/o 5 defensive starters. In the 1st 7 poss there were six 3 & outs & a VT 60 yd TD pass, 7-0. VT led 14-0 after 1Q. VA got an 80 yd 11 play TD drive but VT drove 80 & 80 yds for TD's. Their final 1H drive ended with a fmbl at the VA 1 & VT had a 304-106 yd edge with a 9.5 to 3.3 ypp edge. Vick was banged up in the 2H & VT played conservatively running most of the way and the defense made it stick.

**DUKE (OT) -17 17-24 LOSS** Both teams had 2 1H scoring chances but did not dent the dish in a scoreless 1H. VA got a 48 yd 3Q TD run, 7-0. Duke drove 89 yds for a TD. VA got a 26 yd FG after a pen negated a miss. VA blk'd a punt but fmbl'd at the 12. Duke drove for a 31 yd FG with 6:50 left. VA got an 80 yd TD drive with 1:24 left. Duke drove to the 7 & a fluke fmbl'd handoff which Montgomery scooped up & heaved towards the EZ was caught for a TD & the game went to OT. Each team missed a FG in the 1st OT. Duke got a TD & VA had a TD ruled OOB & then was int'd.

**AT N CAROLINA ST E 47-26 WIN** NCS was without 2 key WR's for most of the contest. VA led 10-7 early 2Q but NCS went on an 80 yard TD drive & then after an int drove 79 yards for a TD, 19-10. NCS had a 272-160 yard edge at half. NCS fumbled & VA got a 51 yard TD drive, 15 yd TD drive following an int, 80 yard TD drive & 32 yard TD drive after a fumble & led 40-19 after 3Q's. NCS got an 80 yd TD drive but VA got a late 60 yd TD drive & had a 514-363 yard edge.

**FLORIDA ST +13' 10-35 LOSS** VA had a 13 play drive end in a punt but drove 10 yds for a TD foll an int, 7-0. FSU got a 91 yd TD drive. VA got a 71 yd run by Jones but settled for a 26 yd FG, 10-7 at half. FSU fmbl'd at the VA 1. FSU got a 30 yd TD drive after a punt. An int set them up for a 69 yd TD drive. VA QB Ellis was inj'd in the 1H & did not return. Backup Rivers was just 4 of 11 with 1 int. FSU had a Warrick 50 yd screen pass, 28-10. VA fmbl'd a punt on their own 17 & FSU added a TD late.

**GEORGIA TECH +7 45-38 WIN** Rivers got the start as Ellis was inj'd. GT dominated early as VA played conservatively. GT got a 24 yd FG & a 79 yd TD drive. They fmbl'd at the VA 18 but foll a 52 yd PR got an 18 yd TD drive, 17-0. GT led 24-14 when they were int'd late 1H & VA drove 60 yds & got a TD pass w/ :09 left, 24-21. VA opened the 3Q w/ an 80 yd TD drive, 28-24. GT got an 81 yd TD drive, 31-28. VA settled for a FG, 31-31 but then had 2 TD drives to lead 45-31. GT got a TD w/ 1:45 left but VA rec'd the onside kick.

**BUFFALO -49 50-21 LOSS** Ellis tied an ACC mark w/6 TD passes & Jones set a single game school record with 331 all-purpose yds. (110 rec, 221 rush). UB used fake punts, KR reverses and a pass off a lateral. VA led 17-0 in the 2Q. UB got a fake punt & then a WR pass aided the long TD drive. VA rec'd an onside & drove 50 yds for a TD but UB got a 67 yd TD pass, 24-14 at half. VA got 2 Ellis TD passes in the 3Q & Jones took a screen 84 yds for a TD in the 4Q. After a UB TD, Jones closed the scoring w/ a TD run.

**AT MARYLAND -9 34-30 LOSS** VA dominated early with a 42 yd FG, 16 yd TD drive foll a fmbl and 1 play 50 yd TD drive, 17-0. MD drove 57 yds for a FG, 34 yds for a TD foll an int and 93 yds in 7 plays for a TD to tie behind QB Jones. MD RB Jordan rushed for 306 yds & his 90 yd run for a TD made it 24-17. MD had a 47 yd FG blk'd. VA hit a 43 yd'r & then drove 60 yds for a TD. MD drove 71 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG. VA fmbl'd a punt & MD got a short drive for a 22 yd FG. VA was SOD but MD punted & the Cavs drove 69 yds & hit a 20 yd TD pass with :26 left getting the win despite being outgained 514-386.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

George Welsh is back at the helm for his 19th season at Virginia and I recognize him as one of the best coaches in the country. His first year here was the year I founded Northcoast Sports (1982) and he is the winningest head coach ever in the ACC. He has posted an amazing 13 consecutive seasons with 7 wins or more. The Cavs had never been to a bowl game prior to his arrival and they have now been to 11. Last year they played one of the toughest schedules in the country including the bowl game. They faced 7 teams that were in bowls and played both Florida St and Virginia Tech, the 2 finalists for the National Title. The blowout loss to Illinois in the bowl game really shook up Welsh and he vowed to "reinvent the corporation" this year. He sent coaches out to a number of successful colleges and NFL camps to pick up new ideas. Suspensions and injuries hurt last year's team, especially on defense. Suspensions again are a problem this year as Welsh is holding 11 scholarships for players that did not participate in the spring and are questionable for the fall. I do expect most to return and I look for big improvement on both sides of the ball. QB Ellis is surrounded by talented skill players and Welsh's offenses usually average around 28 ppg and should top that this year. The defense can only be healthier and hence tougher. The Cavs defense allowed just 18.8 ppg from '90-98 so last year's 30.4 ppg was clearly an aberration. They get both Clemson and NC at home, and I will call for that streak of 7 wins or more to hit 14 this year as they could finish as high as 2nd in the ACC.


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| | |
|---|---|
| LB | Ray Mann 6-2 215 PS#8 |
| RB | Jon Ward 6-1 235 PS#35 |
| RB | Marquis Weeks 5-11 195 PS#53 |
| RB | Hikee Johnson 5-11 190 PS#86 |
| RB | Rich Bedesem 6-2 220 PS#87 |
| DB | Mark Dorsey 6-2 185 PS#86 |
| TE | Marcus Hardy 6-4 215 PS#35 |
| DL | Andrew Hoffman 6-4 255 PS#111 |
| OL | Mark Farrington 6-2 265 PS#160 |
| WR | Michael McGrew 6-3 185 PS#116 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DAN ELLIS SR.** 6-2 207 *PS#13 in 97. 9 gms in 97 & 98, 282 yds. 11 sts in 99, 2196 yds (59%), 21-11 ratio. #8 pass eff NCAA. Matt Schaub (6-5 223 rFr) PS#42.*

**RB Antwoine Womack Jr.** 5-11 210 *PS#21. 208 yds as true. 2nd tm ACC in 98, 718 yds (6.2). RS in 99.* ***Arlen Harris*** *(5-11 205 So) PS#3.* ***Tyree Foreman*** *PS#23.*

**FB Pat Washington Sr.** 6-3 228 *PS#44TE in 96. 3 sts at TE/FB in 97 & 98. 4 sts at FB in 99, 38 tot yds, solid blk'r. Jon Ward PS#35, Rich Bedesem PS#87.*

**WR BILLY McMULLEN SO.** 6-4 195 *31 rec (16.6) as true, big. Demetrius Dotson (6-0 202 Sr) PS#14. 14 rec in 96 & 98. 4 sts tll inj in 99, 13 rec (18.9).*

**WR KEVIN COFFEY SR.** 6-4 200 *PS#53. 11 sts in 98, 23 rec (25.4). 11 sts in 99, 29 rec (15.2). James Johnson (6-1 188 So) PS#50, 3 rec as true, RS Iy.*

**TE BILLY BABER SR.** 6-4 255 *PS#38TE. 6 sts in 97 & 98. 19 rec. 10 sts in 99, 18 rec (7.6). Chris Luzar (6-7 246 Jr) PS#34, 9 rec (7.4) in 99.*

**C Jared Woodson Jr.** 6-6 282 *PS#213 in 97. 9 gms as rFr. 12 gms in 99, 4 sts at LG. Jay Green (6-2 274 rFr) PS#367. Micah Kimball (6-4 239 rFr) PS#75.*

**RG EVAN ROUTZAHN JR.** 6-5 314 *PS#94. 5 sts at LG as rFr. 12 sts in 99, almost every snap. Butch Jefferson (6-4 288 So) PS#50, 4 gms as rFr.*

**LG JOSH LAWSON JR.** 6-5 302 *PS#60 in 97. 12 sts as rFr in 98. 8 sts at LT in 99 (miss 3 inj), moved to OG. Ben Carber (6-0 308 rFr) PS#35.*

**RT BRAD BARNES SR.** 6-7 295 *PS#11 in 96. 7 gms as rFr. 8 gms in 98. 12 sts in 99, HM ACC. Kevin Bailey (6-6 263 rFr) PS#234 in 99.*

**LT Jermese Jones Jr.** 6-6 325 *PS#24DL in 97. 4 gms as true. 11 gms in 98, injured or would have started. RS in 99. Mike Mullins (6-7 278 So) PS#265.*

**K David Greene Jr.** 5-10 178 *Did KO's L/2Y. 41 of 63 KO's into EZ in 99, 26 TB's. 2 of 2 FG's, long 43. Bryan Smith (5-10 155 Fr) is PS#27K.*

**DE Devon "Boo" Battle So.** 6-3 239 *PS#85 in 98. 6 tkls, 1 sk as true. Merrill Robertson (6-1 242 So) PS#314RB. 7 gms at DE in 99, 21 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Stanley Norfleet (6-3 235 rFr) PS#46TE.*

**DT Colin McWeeny So.** 6-4 261 *PS#176DL. Started L/2 as true. 29 tkls, 2 sks, 1 pbu. George Stanley (6-2 289 Jr) PS#35OL in 98. 1 tkl as true, 17 tkls, 1 tfl in 99.*

**DT MONSANTO POPE JR.** 6-4 283 *PS#54TE. 6 sts as rFr, 28 tkls. 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Miss 6 w/inj ly, 5 sts, 12 tkls, 2 tfl. Dustin Keith (6-5 285 Sr) PS#151DL was OL L/3Y.*

**DE LJUBOMIR STAMENICH JR.** 6-3 253 *PS#59. 7 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 54 tkls, 6 sks, 3 tfl. 753 plays. Shomari Chism (6-4 237 rFr) PS#137OL.*

**OLB Angelo Crowell So.** 6-1 209 *PS#91, 1 st, 40 tkls, 3 tfl as true.* ***Donny Green*** *(6-2 225 Sr) PS#231. 5 sts in 97, 3 tfl. 12 sts in 98, 95 tkls, 8 tfl. Robert Cosby (6-1 219 rFr) PS#136.*

**ILB YUBRENAL ISABELLE SR.** 6-1 237 *PS#9LB, 11 tkls as true. 23 tkls in 98. 10 sts ly (out 2), 84 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu, HM ACC. William Clark (6-1 223 Jr) PS#89, 1 st, 20 tkls ly.*

**OLB BYRON THWEATT SR.** 6-2 233 *PS#45RB. 11 sts, 97 tkls, 5 tfl in 97. 12 sts. 105 tkls, 6 tfl in 98. 12 sts in 99, 82 tkls,* ***2nd tm ACC****. Beau Dickerson (6-1 210 rFr) PS#38TE.*

**CB Tim Spruill Sr.** 5-10 175 *PS#31DB. 11 sts as rFr, 60 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. 6 sts in 99, 27 tkls, 4 pbu. Mark Dorsey is PS#86. Rashad Roberson (5-11 190 So) 6 gms as rFr.*

**CB Ahmad Hawkins Sr.** 5-10 185 *PS#22WR. 4 rec as true, 11 in 98. 7 sts in 99, 22 rec (12.4). Devon Simmons (5-11 196 Jr) PS#49, 17 tkls in 98. Chezley Watson (6-2 207 Jr) basketball tm.*

**SS JERTON EVANS SO.** 5-11 186 *PS#35WR, 10 sts as true, 49 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu. 549 plays. #1 in tkls ever at UVA for true frosh. Ryan Sawyer (6-2 194 rFr) PS#65WR.*

**FS SHERNARD NEWBY SO.** 6-1 208 *PS#121WR. 2 sts in 99. 36 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int, 2 pbu. Jermaine Lauzon (6-3 196 Jr) PS#76WR. 7 tkls as true, 5 sts in 99, 25 tkls, 3 pbu.*

**P Mike Abrams Jr.** 6-4 236 *PS#132TE. #1 P in spg. Greg Owens (6-0 201 Jr) PS#18K in 97. 0 punts in 3 yrs. Bryce Coffee (5-11 173 rFr) PS#51K in 99.*

# VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score VIRG | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Virginia is 10-1 SU their L/11 road night games, including 8 straight wins. UVA certainly does not have a Cavalier attitude towards turnovers, as they did not have a negative T/O ratio in the 90's. Strange but true: UVA is 4-9 ATS in lined games prior to Maryland. UVA has covered just 3 of 10 lined home openers. |
| Sep. 2 | BYU | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Virginia is 19-10 ATS in September since 1992. LY's upset win over BYU was their 1st meeting vs a Mt West team. |
| Sep. 9 | Richmond | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Spiders play in the Atlantic 10 & were 3-5 SU in conf play LY. Richmond did beat UConn LY, and UC is a Div IA Independent TY. |
| Sep. 16 | at Duke | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cavs are 10-3 ATS in road openers. UVA is 11-6 ATS L/17 but just 1-5 ATS the L/6 vs Duke. |
| Sep. 23 | Clemson (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Virginia is 8-15 ATS L/23 vs the Tigers. The underdog is 9-1 ATS the L/10 in this series. |
| Sep. 30 | at Wake Forest | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UVA's 16-0 SU streak vs WF is tied for 2nd longest in ACC history. Visiting team has covered 6 of the last 7 in this series. |
| Oct. 7 | Maryland | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Virginia is 8-16 ATS vs the Terps since 1976. Cavs have held MD to an avg of 114 ypg passing the L/5Y. |
| Oct. 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | at Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Teams don't "look past" FSU, but UVA is 2-7 ATS prior to NC S/89. Cavaliers are 2-6 ATS vs the Seminoles since 1992. |
| Oct. 28 | N Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The HT is 12-2 ATS in this series, but UVA did win & cover at NC LY. Virginia is 5-6 ATS L/11, but 3-0 L/3 in games prior to a bye. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 9 | at Georgia Tech (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Visitor is 9-5 ATS the L/14 series meetings. Cavaliers are 9-17 ATS in November since 1992. |
| Nov. 18 | N Carolina St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LY's game was pick 'em, but the dog is 9-2 ATS L/11 in this series. Virginia is 4-8 ATS their last 12 home finales. |
| Nov. 25 | at Virginia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply here: Pending earlier results this season the Cavaliers are 12-23 (34%) the L/5Y after a SU win. |
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## STADIUM: SCOTT STADIUM (61,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 7-4 | 8-3 | 8-4 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 9-2 | 7-4 | 53-25 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 6-4 | 4-7 | 7-4 | 3-7 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 36-39 |
| Home Fav | 3-3 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 4-1 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 1-2 | 14-17 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 3-4 |
| Away Fav | 1-2 | 3-1 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 0-2 | 10-13 |
| Away Dog | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 8-5 |
| Favorite | 4-5 | 5-3 | 2-7 | 5-3 | 2-4 | 5-4 | 1-4 | 24-30 |
| Dog | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 11-9 |
| Grass | 1-3 | 3-2 | 4-6 | 7-4 | 3-7 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 29-33 |
| Artificial | 4-3 | 3-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 7-6 |
| vs ACC | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 25-31 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 11-8 |
| Off SU Win | 3-4 | 4-3 | 2-6 | 4-3 | 1-5 | 4-4 | 1-5 | 19-30 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 12-8 |

## Coach: GEORGE WELSH (Career 183-126-4)

### *Welsh's records AT VIRGINIA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19th Year at Virginia | | 33-33 | Home Favorite |
| 128-80-3 | Straight Up | 14-12-1 | Home Underdog |
| 97-90-2 | Vs The Spread | 22-28-1 | Away Favorite |
| 25-29 | Off A S/U Loss | 27-17 | Away Underdog |
| 68-55-1 | Vs ACC | 29-25-1 | Vs Non-ACC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | Independence | -10 | TCU | 20-10 | T |
| 95 | Peach | -6' | Georgia | 34-27 | W |
| 96 | Carquest | +3' | Miami (Fla) | 21-31 | L |
| 98 | Peach | -2' | Georgia | 33-35 | L |
| 99 | MicronPC | -2' | Illinois | 21-63 | L |

# VIRGINIA (7-5)

CONFERENCE: **ACC**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 36 (18,16,2)**
**Lost: 24 (9,13,2)**

## VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 28.8 | 22 | 190 | 4.4 | 211 | 57.3 | 13.9 | +4 | 1999 | 5 | 30.4 | 20 | 180 | 4.1 | 233 | 56.0 | 16.6 |
| 6* | 29.8 | 21 | 212 | 5.0 | 215 | 51.7 | 14.3 | +11 | 1998 | 8 | 20.6 | 17 | 122 | 3.3 | 215 | 50.7 | 16.4 |
| 4 | 25.2 | 18 | 118 | 3.2 | 232 | 59.6 | 13.9 | +6 | 1997 | 4 | 25.2 | 16 | 114 | 3.2 | 210 | 58.9 | 14.8 |
| 5 | 28.4 | 19 | 190 | 4.6 | 189 | 47.3 | 13.3 | +2 | 1996 | 6 | 16.9 | 16 | 104 | 2.6 | 195 | 53.9 | 17.7 |
| 9* | 29.1 | 20 | 168 | 4.0 | 221 | 55.1 | 13.4 | +13 | 1995 | 7 | 20.8 | 20 | 109 | 3.1 | 269 | 53.6 | 18.2 |
| 6* | 30.8 | 20 | 191 | 4.0 | 216 | 60.4 | 13.2 | +10 | 1994 | 7 | 16.3 | 15 | 69 | 2.3 | 231 | 57.3 | 18.5 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at N Carolina | 17 | 43-153 | 3.6 | 10-25 | 165 | 1 | | 16 | 42-145 | 3.5 | 10-28 | 147 | 3 | -1 |
| at Clemson | 23 | 39-112 | 2.9 | 19-33 | 233 | 5 | | 23 | 43-104 | 2.4 | 24-32 | 343 | 1 | -1 |
| Wake Forest | 26 | 46-236 | 5.1 | 20-27 | 231 | 4 | | 16 | 37-80 | 2.2 | 11-22 | 137 | 4 | +1 |
| at BYU | 26 | 55-242 | 4.4 | 14-19 | 190 | 2 | | 25 | 25-172 | 6.9 | 28-47 | 303 | 3 | +3 |
| Virginia Tech | 15 | 37-51 | 1.4 | 16-26 | 162 | 6 | | 18 | 50-202 | 4.0 | 7-9 | 222 | 2 | +1 |
| Duke | 20 | 39-215 | 5.5 | 21-41 | 164 | 0 | | 17 | 42-105 | 2.5 | 17-36 | 255 | 5 | -1 |
| at N Carolina St | 29 | 51-281 | 5.5 | 13-25 | 233 | 2 | | 18 | 39-100 | 2.6 | 11-28 | 263 | 5 | +2 |
| Florida St | 13 | 42-189 | 4.5 | 11-25 | 76 | 3 | | 19 | 35-98 | 2.8 | 25-37 | 305 | 2 | +1 |
| Georgia Tech | 26 | 51-265 | 5.2 | 18-30 | 228 | 0 | | 26 | 46-214 | 4.7 | 18-26 | 233 | 2 | +1 |
| Buffalo | 23 | 39-252 | 6.5 | 16-19 | 363 | 0 | | 18 | 45-166 | 3.7 | 18-33 | 232 | 2 | 0 |
| at Maryland | 22 | 35-110 | 3.1 | 21-37 | 276 | 2 | | 22 | 68-445 | 6.5 | 7-19 | 69 | 0 | -2 |
| Illinois (Bowl) | 20 | 36-172 | 4.8 | 17-35 | 208 | 2 | | 26 | 48-325 | 6.8 | 16-26 | 286 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 260 | 513-2278 | 4.4 | 196-342 | 2529 | 27 | | 244 | 520-2156 | 4.1 | 192-343 | 2795 | 30 | +4 |
| AVERAGES | 21.7 | 43-190 | 4.4 | 16-29 | 211 | 2.3 | | 20.3 | 43-180 | 4.1 | 16-29 | 233 | 2.5 | 0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Michigan | +7 | 17-18 | W |
| William & Mary | NL | 40-16 | – |
| at N Carolina St | -6 | 29-24 | L |
| Georgia Tech | -14 | 41-14 | W |
| at Clemson | -4 | 22-3 | W |
| Wake Forest | -32 | 35-17 | L |
| at N Carolina | -3' | 17-22 | L |
| Duke | -23 | 44-30 | L |
| at Texas | -2 | 16-17 | L |
| Florida St | +19 | 33-28 | W |
| at Maryland | -11 | 21-18 | L |
| Virginia Tech | -4 | 29-36 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| C Michigan | -25' | 55-21 | W |
| Maryland | -12 | 21-3 | W |
| at Wake Forest | -18 | 42-7 | W |
| Texas | -4 | 37-13 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | -7 | 7-13 | L |
| N Carolina St | -19 | 62-14 | W |
| at Florida St | +17 | 24-31 | W |
| at Duke | -26 | 27-3 | L |
| Clemson | -16 | 16-24 | L |
| N Carolina | +2' | 20-17 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +1' | 9-26 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auburn | +4' | 17-28 | L |
| Richmond | NL | 26-7 | – |
| at N Carolina | +14 | 20-48 | L |
| Wake Forest | -10 | 21-13 | L |
| at Clemson | +5' | 21-7 | W |
| Duke | -16 | 13-10 | L |
| Florida St | +19 | 21-47 | L |
| at Maryland | -8' | 45-0 | W |
| Georgia Tech | -4' | 35-31 | L |
| at N Carolina St | -2' | 24-31 | L |
| Virginia Tech | -4' | 34-20 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Auburn | -1 | 19-0 | W |
| Maryland | -30 | 31-19 | L |
| Clemson | -15 | 20-18 | L |
| at Duke | -10 | 24-0 | W |
| San Jose St | -28 | 52-14 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | -2' | 38-41 | L |
| N Carolina St | -10' | 23-13 | L |
| at Wake Forest | -12' | 38-17 | W |
| at Florida St | +17' | 14-45 | L |
| N Carolina | -10 | 30-13 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +2' | 36-32 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at N Carolina | +2' | 20-17 | W |
| at Clemson | -5 | 14-33 | L |
| Wake Forest | -10' | 35-7 | W |
| at BYU | +7 | 45-40 | W |
| Virginia Tech | +5' | 7-31 | L |
| Duke | -17 | 14-27 | L |
| at NC State | E | 47-26 | W |
| Florida St | +13' | 10-35 | L |
| Georgia Tech | +7 | 45-38 | W |
| Buffalo | -49 | 50-21 | L |
| at Maryland | -9 | 34-30 | L |

# VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - It was quite a season for QB Michael Vick (PS#18). He was the first frosh since 1946 to lead the country in pass efficiency with his mark of 180.4 for the regular season, just missing the major college record of 183.3 set by Tulane's Shaun King. Vick was chosen as the Big East Offensive Player of the Year, the first freshman in Division IA history to win his league's top honor and the first frosh ever invited to the Heisman Trophy Presentation show which began in 1981. I personally was amazed by his exploits in the Sugar Bowl game. Vick has it all with good size, a powerful arm and 4.3 speed. He is a front-runner for this year's Heisman and was 2nd Team All American last year. The scary part for Big East opponents is that he should improve with experience. David Meyer (6-3 211 Sr) was PS#116 and had 1 start last year. He has played in 15 games over the last 3 years completing 35 of 60 passes with a 2-5 ratio. Grant Noel (6-1 222 So) was PS#43 and his arm strength has been compared to Druckenmiller's. He hit 1 of 2 passes in 3 games last year. Beamer also signed an HT QB this year (see Top Newcomers) who participated in spring practices.

**RUNNING BACKS** - VT had one of their weaker ypc's in 98 avg'g just 3.9 and went into last year having to replace their leading rusher although the top 2 guys in ypc returned last year. With Michael Vick's mobility at QB adding to the rushing totals, VT avg'd 256 ypg and a nifty 5.0 ypc. They have almost everyone back but Shyrone Stith, their leading rusher with 1,187 yards (5.0), who bolted early for the NFL where he was the #7DC of JAX. With Beamer's Iron Hokie strength training program they traditionally have strong, powerful FB's and that is the case again. I list the 2 deep below. At RB André Kendrick is not as big as Stith but rushed for 714 yards with a team high 6.2 ypc. He has a couple of HT's behind him in Lee Suggs (PS#43) and Keith Burnell (6-0 204 So, PS#26, 4.43 speed) who have both seen limited duty and should thrive with more playing time. Also in the mix at RB is Wayne Ward (5-11 209 Jr, PS#123) and at FB Marvin Urquhart (5-11 266 rFr, PS#127). Kendrick was suspended in the spring and hopes to be back in the fall. Stith had quite a season last year and was one of the better RB's in the country. While this year's group is good, I'll call it down a notch in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - André Davis was not an HT coming out of HS but he was a track star. He didn't begin playing football until his junior season in HS. He set VT's indoor track record running a 21.43 in the 200m in 1997, the year he redshirted. He had 5 rec in 98 and was the Atlantic 10 champion in the 100m. Last year he had 42 rec's and a ridiculous 25.5 ypc and was named 2nd Team Big East. Davis has 4.29 speed. They lose a good one from this group in SE Ricky Hall (25 rec, 15.9). Andrae Harrison (PS#11) is even bigger than Davis, and almost as fast and redshirted last season. He was Vick's favorite target in high school. They should form a potent duo. Their top 3 TE's are back and they have a VHT rFr to compete. This is a very talented unit and even with the loss of Hall, they will be improved and one of the Big East's most dangerous receiving corps.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Almost everyone returns from the unit that paved the way for the highest scoring offense in the country last year. The only loss is super C Keith Short (10 sts, 2nd tm BE). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and this year have 4 returning starters on a good sized, strong offensive line. Beamer has done an excellent job recruiting here as there are even some HT's on the 3rd & 4th teams. This group is even more experienced than last year and should be one of the Big East's best O-lines.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - For the second consecutive year, Corey Moore was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Year, setting a conference record with 17 sacks and also had 11 tfl's. He had the rare combination of speed and strength timed at 4.3 in the 40 and bench pressing 400 lbs. Moore won the Lombardi Award for the nation's top collegiate lineman and was the #3DC of BUF. The Hokies take a big hit here as they not only lose All American Moore but also 4 other top players from the defensive front. Also departing are DT Carl Bradley (12 sts, 55 tkls, 5 tfl), DE John Engelberger (12 sts, 14 tfl, 2nd tm AA, #2DC of SF), NT Nathaniel Williams (6 sts, 35 tkls) and DE Chris Cyrus (47 tkls, 7 tfl). This unit does have potential especially with VT's Iron Hokie Program. DE Derius Monroe was suspended in the spring and his return is questionable. Adibi should be the star of this group. Most of the players are a solid combination of size and speed, but this unit is clearly weaker in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - In 99 VT appeared to return all 3 starters at LB but lost OLB Lorenzo Ferguson in August. This year 2 starters must be replaced in ILB Jamel Smith (#1 tkl'r, 2nd tm AA) and ILB Michael Hawkes (12 sts, 73 tkls, 2nd tm BE). Those are some big losses but they moved starting FS Nick Sorensen into this group in spring for his second full year on defense after playing QB his first 2 years here. He adds speed to the OLB position. Last year's starting OLB Ben Taylor moves inside to add speed to the unit. Jake Houseright, a VHT, should be ready to contribute after being bothered by injuries his first 2 years. Even with the losses, this year's 3 starters look just as imposing as last year's but I'll call it just a notch weaker because they have less experienced backups.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - VT usually finishes high in my pass efficiency defense rankings. A veteran group finished #11 in 98 rebounding from a rare #58 ranking in 97. Last year they returned just 1 starter but had plenty of experienced talent returning and finished #25 allowing 49.2% with a 14-11 ratio. This year they must replace 3 starters in CB Ike Charlton (left early for NFL, #2DC of SEA, 5 pbu, 2nd tm BE), CB Anthony Midget (#5DC of ATL, 12 sts, 4 int, 4 pbu, 1st tm BE) and FS Nick Sorensen, who moves to LB, as well as backup S Steven Hunt who had 15 tackles. They are solid at SS with Bird and I like Whitaker, a VHT at CB. Beamer recruited 2 true frosh VHT's this year and they could play immediately (see Top Newcomers). Their DB coach says they will be even stronger this year, but I will view him as an optimist trying to build confidence in a young group. There is some talent in the 2 deep listed below but it is less experienced than last year and looks weaker at the all-important CB positions.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - As expected, K Shane Graham had a fine season hitting 17 of 22 FG's in the regular season with his 107 points breaking the Big East conference scoring record. He was named Special Teams Player of the Year in the Big East. VT always ranks near the top of my special teams rankings as Frank Beamer coaches the unit himself. In the last six years they have ranked as high as #2 twice and blocked more kicks in the 90's than any other team in the NCAA. I rated them the best special teams unit in the country heading into the year but they were a little off their game finishing only +2 in the TD block category and allowing 20.52 on KR's. They still finished a lofty #16 but staying in the top 20 will take all of Beamer's coaching skills. They not only lose super K Shayne Graham but also All Big East P Jimmy Kibble, kick snapper Cliff Anders and super kick holder Caleb Hurd. Also departing is their top KR Shyrone Stith (26.2) and top PR Ricky Hall (12.8). Wow! To lose one or two of these guys would have meant the unit would have felt some drop off this year, but I think VT is headed for its lowest finish in my special teams rankings in the last 7 years.

Will QB Michael Vick be able to top last year's phenomenal season?

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shyrone Stith | 237 | 1215 | 28 | 1187 | 13 | 5.0 |
| **André Kendrick** | **115** | **740** | **26** | **714** | **9** | **6.2** |
| **Michael Vick** | **131** | **879** | **197** | **682** | **8** | **5.2** |
| **Jarrett Ferguson** | **35** | **180** | **2** | **178** | **1** | **5.1** |
| **Lee Suggs** | **44** | **148** | **12** | **136** | **2** | **3.1** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Michael Vick** | **181** | **105** | **58.0** | **2065** | **14** | **5** |
| **Dave Meyer** | **42** | **25** | **59.5** | **292** | **1** | **3** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **André Davis** | | **42** | **1070** | **25.5** | **9** | **74** |
| Ricky Hall | | 25 | 398 | 15.9 | 3 | 60 |
| **Emmett Johnson** | | **11** | **170** | **15.5** | **1** | **41** |
| **Browning Wynn** | | **8** | **164** | **20.5** | **0** | **35** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jimmy Kibble | 52 | 1941 | 37.3 | - | 35.1 | 0 | 16 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shayne Graham | 6-7 | 4-4 | 7-9 | 1-3 | 18-23 | 52 |

| | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jamel Smith | 93 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| **Ben Taylor** | **78** | **1** | **5** | **6** | **0** |
| **Cory Bird** | **77** | **6** | **7** | **2** | **0** |
| **Nick Sorensen** | **77** | **3** | **2** | **3** | **1** |
| Michael Hawkes | 73 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Corey Moore | 61 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| John Engelberger | 55 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Carl Bradley | 55 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Ike Charlton | 53 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Chris Cyrus | 47 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Larry Austin** | **39** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **1** |
| **Chad Beasley** | **39** | **2** | **4** | **1** | **0** |
| **David Pugh** | **35** | **5** | **7** | **3** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ricky Hall | 40 | 510 | 12.8 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shyrone Stith | 17 | 446 | 26.2 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**JAMES MADISON-38 47-0 WIN** In 1.5 Q's Vick was 4 of 6 & had 3 TD runs including a spectacular leap into the EZ, the play in which he was inj'd. VT led 26-0 at half & w/o Vick in the 2H added 21 pts. Meyer hit 7 of 14 & RB Stith had 122 yds. JM's lone scoring threat came on a 78 yd run in the 1Q to the 6 but 2 sacks & 2 pen later they punted from the 44. JM had only 8 Sr's on its depth chart. VT had a 476-210 yd edge.

**ALABAMA-BIRM -24 31-10 LOSS** Misleading final. VT absolutely dominated, holding UAB to just 63 yds. VT jumped out to a 17-0 2Q lead. VT had five 2Q TO's & UAB got a 1 play 29 yd TD drive & a career long 47 yd FG by Arians. VT missed a 29 yd FG in the 3Q & then had 75 & 50 yd TD drives but didn't cover despite a 375-63 yd edge.

**CLEMSON -12 31-11 WIN** ESPN Thursday Night. VT controlled the 1H with a 264-127 yd edge. They had 80 & 45 yd drives for TD's. VT was int'd at the 3, fmbl'd at the CU 30 & missed a 48 yd FG to only lead 14-3 at the half. VT was int'd at the CU 15 in the 3Q & the Tigers drove 85 yds for a TD on a fake FG & the 2 pt conv made it 14-11 with 11:31 left. VT drove for a 47 yd FG & then got a 34 yd int ret for a TD & 32 yd fmbl ret for a TD within a 3:00 span to blow it open.

**AT VIRGINIA -5' 31-7 WIN** VA was w/o 5 defensive starters. In the 1st 7 poss there were six 3 & outs & a VT 60 yd TD pass, 7-0. VA got an 80 yd 11 play TD drive but VT drove 80 & 60 yds for TD's. VT's final 1H drive ended with a fmbl at the VA 1 & VT had a 304-106 yd edge and 9.5 to 3.3 yards per play advantages. Vick was banged up in the 2H & VT played conservatively running most of the way while the defense made it stick.

**AT RUTGERS -31 58-20 WIN** Vick set a Big East record hitting 11 of 12 passes for 248 yds. He had 4 TD passes in the 1H. The 1st 4 poss of the game were all long TD drives & it was surprisingly 14-14. The rest of the game belonged to VT. They had 5 consecutive TD drives of 68, 33, 57, 45 & 67 yds to make it 49-14 at half.

**SYRACUSE -12' 62-0 WIN** VT was a 4★ Key Selection in Power Sweep. It was the biggest game ever played at Lane Stadium. VT simply dominated with 411-120 yd & 20-7 FD edges & had a 26 yd fmbl ret, 43 yd int ret and rec'd a fmbl in the EZ for TD's. VT had 390 yds by the end of 3Q's & the starters did not play the 4Q.

**AT PITTSBURGH -22' 30-17 LOSS** VT blk'd an early punt setting up a 46 yd Vick TD run. VT added a 46 yd FG but Pitt drove 72 yds for a TD. VT got a 61 yd TD drive. Pitt drove 56 yds but missed a 27 yd FG. VT went 80 yds for a TD & added a 32 yd FG with :07 left. 1H 27-7. Pitt drove 65 yds for a TD to open the 3Q, 27-14. Pitt went 74 yds in 17 plays but settled for a 23 yd FG. VT split a pair of long FG's & Pitt got no closer.

**AT W VIRGINIA -19 22-20 LOSS** I used a 3★ Late Phone selection on WV. Defenses controlled the 1H but VT did get a 46 yd TD run. WV drove 62 yds for a TD w/ :49 left 1H but QB Bulger was inj'd on the TD and did not return. VT opened the 3Q w/ a 20 yd FG. Lewis QB'd the 2H for WV & generated 3 FD's on his 1st poss before punting but later was sk'd & fmbl'd into the EZ for a safety, 12-7. VT hit a 52 yd pass to set up a TD w/ 4:59 left. WV fmbl'd the KO but Sensabaugh scooped it up & raced 76 yds to the VT 24. WV got a TD w/ 3:15 left. VT fmbl'd & WV drove 32 yds for the go ahead TD on Lewis' 2nd TD pass. Vick's 22 yd scramble w/ :23 left set up the game winning 44 yd FG on the game's final play.

**MIAMI, FLA. -8' 43-10 WIN** TO's & inj's were the key as UM had 6 TO's. UM led 10-0 in the 1Q but UM QB Kelly was lost to inj & VT got a 12 yd TD drive foll a fmbl. Kelly ret'd but with an injured shoulder, fired an int & VT got a 41 yd TD run by Stith, 14-10. In the 3Q VT got a 42 yd FG. Kelly went out in the 1st series with a sprained ankle. VT added a 28 yd FG on a 34 yd drive, 20-10 with :24 left 3Q. Kelly went out for the final time on a 2nd & 10 sk. VT got a 64 yd PR for a TD, ret'd a fmbl 51 yds for a TD and then got a 42 yd FG after a Dorsey int. UM was SOD & VT rec'd a fmbl in the EZ for a TD.

**AT TEMPLE -29 62-7 WIN** VT was off a big game vs Miami & was out to avenge the upset loss from the previous year when TU won outright as a 35 point dog. VT finished with 511-224 yd & 20-10 FD edges vs the overmatched Owls. TU took the opening poss 80 yds in 7 plays for a TD but the rest of the game belonged to VT. Michael Vick eluded tackles & raced 53 yds for a TD. VT added a 28 yd FG & 31 yd int ret for a TD. Vick got a 65 yd TD pass & VT added a 34 yd FG foll an int, 27-7 at the half. Vick's 75 yd run opened the 3Q & he engineered 82 & 41 yd TD drives. In the 4Q VT tacked on a 7 yd drive foll a fmbl & a 41 yd TD drive.

**BOSTON COLLEGE -24 38-14 TIE** VT dominated catching BC the week after their upset of ND. BC fmbl'd the snap on a FG att & was SOD at the VT 31 in the 1H. VT got an 88 yd TD drive, 69 and 59 yd TD passes & a 40 yd FG & had a 358-122 yd edge at half. BC was SOD at the VT 23 & VT was SOD at the BC 1. BC got a 97 yd TD pass. VT drove 80 & 50 yds for TD's but BC got a 45 yd run by Green with :46 left for the backdoor push.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

VT had its finest season ever in 99 rolling to an undefeated regular season record finishing at the top of the country in both scoring offense and scoring defense and giving Florida St a great battle in the National Title game. They are now 47-12 in their last 59 games under Beamer. For the second straight year he has brought in a solid recruiting class to try to stay in the Top 10. Keep in mind, W Virginia was 11-0 in 1993 and played in the National Title game. Since then that Big East school is just 39-32. VT has had recruiting classes that WV never had however. Prior to the title game VT had beaten their 4 ranked opponents by a combined score of 174-31. VT has now been to 7 straight bowl games under Beamer. Their amazing weight training program rivals that of Nebraska and has turned players like Corey Moore and John Engelberger, who were not highly recruited out of HS, into All Americans. They had a veteran team in '99 but must now replace 20 seniors plus two players who left early for the NFL. The offense will be among the most potent in the country. QB Michael Vick was amazing last year and that was on an offense with just 3 returning starters. This year 8 starters are back including a top notch veteran O-line and some very dangerous WR's. VT will ALWAYS have a strong defense under Beamer but this year's unit has just 3 starters back and will not be as absolutely dominating as the '99 version. I have the same exact opinion on this year's special teams. They actually have a couple of tests on the non-conf slate this year with Georgia Tech, Virginia and East Carolina. Facing Syracuse and Miami on the Big East road also will be tough. Last year I had 6 national title contenders at the start of the year with VT my surprise contender. Of all the preseason magazines, I had VT ranked the highest in my preseason poll (Sporting News did not even have them ranked!). I loved watching them have their dream season but with Miami, Fla loaded this year and some significant personnel losses, I do not put them in the national title class this year. This should be another top notch year for the Hokies but they will not go undefeated.

WR André Davis has world class speed and was 2nd Tm Big East in '99. SS Cory Bird flies high in the weight room & was named a Super Iron Hokie.

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Chad Cooper 6-3 210 PS#15 |
| DB | Richard Johnson 6-0 170 PS#17 |
| OL | John Dunn 6-6 300 PS#23 |
| TE | Jason Lallis 6-2 235 PS#12 |
| DB | Mike Daniels 6-1 180 PS#32 |
| TE | Jared Mazetta 6-5 240 PS#19 |
| LB | Mikal Baaqee 5-11 205 PS#41 |
| QB | Jason Davis 6-2 195 PS#50 |
| DB | Vince Fuller 6-2 170 PS#77 |
| OL | Bob Ramsey 6-3 290 PS#112 |

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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB MICHAEL VICK SO.** 6-1 214 *PS#18 in 98. 11 sts as rFr, #3 in Heisman, 1st frosh to lead NCAA in pass eff, 2065 yds (58%) 14-5 ratio, 879 rush.*
**RB André Kendrick Sr.** 5-7 180 *PS#23DB in 96. 152 yds in 97 & 98. 714 yds, solid 6.2 ypc in 99. Lee Suggs (6-0 201 So) was PS#43, 4.32 speed, 136 yds ly.*
**FB JARRETT FERGUSON JR.** 5-9 210 *Iron Hokie. 9 sts in 98, 199 yds (5.4). 178 yds (5.1) in 99, 12 sts, Cullen Hawkins (6-0 219 Sr) PS#145, 203 yds (4.4) in 4 yrs.*
**WR Andrae Harrison rFr.** 6-3 209 *PS#11WR in 99! Vick's top WR in HS. Emmett Johnson (6-3 207 Jr) was PS#95 in 98. 4 rec as true. 6 sts in 99, 11 rec (15.5).*
**WR ANDRÉ DAVIS JR.** 6-1 196 *4.29 speed!! Atlantic 10 100m track champ. 12 sts in 99, 42 rec, super 25.5! Shawn Witten (6-0 187 So) PS#159.*
**TE DEREK CARTER SR.** 6-2 261 *1 st here as true. 12 sts in 98, 5 rec (23.0). 12 sts in 99, 8 rec (17.1), 420 bench. Keith Willis (6-5 234 rFr) was PS#7TE.*
**C Jake Grove rFr.** 6-3 277 *PS#182OL in 98. Enrolled in 99 & RS. Steve DeMasi (6-3 276 Sr) 4 gms in 98. 2 sts in 99, lettered, 360 lb bench.*
**RG JOSHUA REDDING SR.** 6-4 306 *PS#119. 500 bench (#1). 3 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99. Luke Owens (6-3 295 So) PS#86, 5 gms as rFr. Jacob Gibson (6-3 280 rFr) PS#132DL.*
**LG MATT LEHR SR.** 6-2 285 *PS#116. 3 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99, #1 w/ 57 knockdowns. **2nd tm BE.** Joe Marchant (6-3 295 Sr) 6 sts in 98, RS in 99.*
**RT DAVE KADELA SR.** 6-6 290 *11 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99, **2nd tm BE,** 637 snaps. Matt Wincek (6-5 286 Jr) 11 gms in 99, avg'd 25 snaps per game.*
**LT ANTHONY LAMBO SR.** 6-3 291 *PS#22TE in 96. 18 tkls, 3 sks in 97. 1 st at OT in 98. 12 sts in 99. 4.9 speed, 390 lb bench. Anthony Davis (6-4 318 So) PS#198OL, 10 gms ly.*
**K Carter Warley rFr.** 5-11 187 *Strong leg. Jonathan Mollerup (5-11 198 So) was K on JV tm in 99, Jason Davis (6-2 195 Fr) PS#50QB, hit 52 yd FG in HS ly.*

**DE Derrius Monroe Sr.** 6-4 259 *PS#96. 9 tkls, 2 sks in 98. 27 tkls ly, 4.47 speed. Susp in spring. Ron Cook (6-2 234 Sr) PS#110LB. 2 tkls in 98. 9 tkls, 2 sks ly.*
**NT Chad Beasley Jr.** 6-5 285 *PS#57LB. 30 tkls, 5 tfl as true. 3 sts in 99, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 380 bench. Channing Reed (6-3 285 Jr) PS#140JC, 5.5 sks, 16 tfl at JC ly.*
**DT David Pugh Jr.** 6-3 271 *29 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. 4.69 speed. 35 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl in 99, 390 bench. Kevin Lewis (6-1 267 rFr) PS#87LB. Dan Wilkinson (6-1 258 Jr) 12 tkls ly.*
**DE Nathaniel Adibi rFr.** 6-3 242 *PS#23, 4.48 speed. Lamar Cobb (6-2 226 So) PS#77DB. 4 tkls in 99. Derek Piniella (6-1 240 Jr) 10 tkls ly. Jason Lallis is PS#12TE.*
**OLB NICK SORENSEN SR.** 6-3 207 *PS#53QB. 4 sts at QB in 97 & 98, 778 yds. 12 sts at FS in 99, 77 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int. Tee Butler (6-0 201 Sr) 31 tkls, 4 tfl in 99, 4.57 speed.*
**ILB Jake Houseright Jr.** 6-3 235 *PS#18 in 98. 16 yds at FB as true. 22 tkls in 99 at LB. Brian Welch (6-0 244 Jr) PS#229. 21 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. 3 tkls til inj ly.*
**ILB BEN TAYLOR JR.** 6-2 225 *PS#202WR, 24 tkls, 2 pbu as true. 12 sts at OLB in 99, 78 tkls, 6 tfl, 6 pbu, 4.54 speed. Vegas Robinson (6-0 226 rFr) PS#82LB.*
**CB Larry Austin Jr.** 5-9 180 *PS#117DB. 5 tkls in 98, 39 tkls ly, 2 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. VT indoor 60m record. Garnell Wilds (6-0 194 rFr) PS#72DB in 99.*
**CB Ronyell Whitaker So.** 5-9 193 *PS#38DB. Avg 36 snaps in L7 as rFr. 31 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 pbu. Richard Johnson is PS#17. Sam Fatherly (6-0 165 Fr) was PS#189WR.*
**SS CORY BIRD SR.** 5-10 218 *PS#121DB. 7 sts at LB in 97, 42 tkls, 7 tfl. 20 tkls in 98. 12 sts in 99, 77 tkls, 6 sks, 7 tfl. Phillip Summers (6-0 201 Sr) 59 tkls, 2 int, 4 tfl, 3 yrs.*
**FS Deon Provitt rFr.** 6-1 201 *PS#68QB in 99. 4.4 speed. Willie Pile (6-3 200 So) PS#268DB, 12 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Reggie Samuel (6-0 186 Jr) 1 st in 98 at WR.*
**P Vinnie Burns Fr.** 6-0 175 *PS#52K out of HS. Had 43.0 avg in HS ly. Robert Peaslee (6-0 192 rFr) #1 in spring. Michael Davis (6-1 223 Jr) P on JV ly.*

# VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

Blacksburg, Virginia
Weather (540) 982-2303

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score VT | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Virginia Tech has been to 7 straight bowl games.<br>Hokies are 8-1 ATS off B2B SU losses since 1988.<br>Does not apply this year since they were undefeated in 1999, but VT is 9-1 ATS in revenge games since 1995.<br>Va Tech is 13-7-1 ATS at home vs non-conf foes.<br>Hokies are 32-16-2 ATS the L/6Y after a SU win. |
| Aug. 26 | Georgia Tech (BCA Classic) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Only previous meeting was in 1990, a 6-3 GT victory.<br>Hokies are 8-12 ATS in their 1st lined game but have won 3 in a row ATS. |
| Sep. 2 | Akron | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending LW's result, VT is 14-6 ATS in non-Big East games the L/5Y.<br>These teams last met in 96 & Akron made it real interesting with a 18-21 loss. |
| Sep. 7 | at E Carolina (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | VT is 6-1 ATS their last 7 road openers.<br>Tech leads series 6-4 SU, won last meeting 38-3 in 1998. |
| Sep. 16 | Rutgers | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The average combined score of the L/8 series meetings is 72.63 pgg.<br>The visiting team is 7-1 ATS the L/8 series meetings. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | at Boston College | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | VT is 5-8 L/13 but 3-1 ATS L/2Y the week after a bye.<br>Pending earlier results TY; VT is 14-6-1 ATS their L/21 as away chalk. |
| Oct. 7 | Temple (HC) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Strange but true: VT is 17-4-2 ATS at home after a road game.<br>Hokies are 4-1 ATS prior to playing a non-Saturday game. |
| Oct. 12 | W Virginia (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Va Tech is 5-1 SU, 4-1-1 ATS S/'94 playing on Thurs or Fri.<br>VT is 9-3-1 ATS their last bakers dozen vs West Virginia. |
| Oct. 21 | at Syracuse | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hokies have squeezed the Orange 5 of last 7 ATS.<br>Techsters are 4-7 ATS their L/11 on artificial turf, pending BC outcome. |
| Oct. 28 | Pittsburgh | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | VT is 7-2 ATS in Blacksburg sandwiches since 1995.<br>The home team has covered 3 in a row while winning 3 of 4 SU. |
| Nov. 4 | at Miami (Fla) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hokies are 12-5-2 ATS in November since 1995.<br>After getting swept away 12 straight SU to UM, VT has won 5 in a row. |
| Nov. 11 | at UCF | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | VT is 12-4 ATS L/16Y in their road finale.<br>Virginia Tech is 7-2 ATS in their 2nd straight away game. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: VT is 8-4 SU & 6-4-1 ATS in their final home game since 1989. |
| Nov. 25 | Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Hokies are 9-2 ATS vs the ACC since 1992.<br>Va Tech has covered 10 of 15 in this rivalry. |

## STADIUM: LANE STADIUM (51,907)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 8-3 | 9-2 | 10-1 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 11-0 | 61-16 |
| ATS | 5-4-1 | 5-6 | 8-2-1 | 7-4 | 4-7 | 9-2 | 7-3-1 | 45-28-3 |
| Home Fav | 3-2 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 5-2 | 3-3 | 4-2 | 4-1-1 | 23-16-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 2-1 | 4-0-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 14-6-1 |
| Away Dog | 1-2-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 7-6 |
| Favorite | 4-2 | 4-5 | 6-2-1 | 6-3 | 4-5 | 6-2 | 7-3-1 | 37-22-2 |
| Dog | 1-2-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 8-6-1 |
| Grass | 3-3 | 4-5 | 6-2-1 | 6-2 | 4-4 | 7-2 | 6-1-1 | 36-19-2 |
| Artificial | 2-1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 9-9-1 |
| vs BIG EAST | 2-3-1 | 3-4 | 5-1-1 | 4-3 | 2-5 | 6-1 | 4-2-1 | 26-19-3 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-1 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 19-9 |
| Off SU Win | 2-4 | 5-3 | 7-0-1 | 6-3 | 2-5 | 6-2 | 6-3-1 | 34-20-2 |
| Off SU Loss | 2-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 7-5 |

## Coach: FRANK BEAMER (Career 130-83-4)
### *Beamer's records AT VIRGINIA TECH*

14th Year at Virginia Tech

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 88-60-2 | Straight Up | 10-6-1 | Home Underdog |
| 78-56-6 | Vs The Spread | 16-9-2 | Away Favorite |
| 30-17-2 | Off A S/U Loss | 22-18-1 | Away Underdog |
| 35-24-3 | Vs BIG EAST | 43-32-3 | Vs Non-BIG EAST |
| | | 30-23-2 | Home Favorite |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Sugar | +2' | Texas | 28-10 | W |
| 96 | Orange | +16 | Nebraska | 21-41 | L |
| 97 | Gator | +11' | N Carolina | 3-42 | L |
| 98 | Music City | -5 | Alabama | 38-7 | W |
| 99 | Sugar | +5' | Florida St | 29-46 | L |

# VIRGINIA TECH (11-1)

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 3**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 39 (24,15,0)**
**Lost: 22 (7,10,5)**

*CONFERENCE:* **BIG EAST**

## VIRGINIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 40.3 | 21 | 256 | 5.0 | 200 | 68.2 | 11.3 | +1 | 1999 | 7 | 13.5 | 14 | 72 | 2.1 | 185 | 54.9 | 19.0 |
| 4* | 31.8 | 17 | 181 | 3.9 | 133 | 50.4 | 9.9 | +11 | 1998 | 8 | 15.0 | 15 | 98 | 2.6 | 186 | 47.1 | 18.9 |
| 4 | 27.0 | 19 | 205 | 4.2 | 142 | 56.1 | 12.9 | +1 | 1997 | 5 | 18.9 | 16 | 118 | 3.2 | 202 | 53.0 | 16.9 |
| 6* | 30.8 | 21 | 225 | 4.9 | 191 | 55.2 | 13.5 | -2 | 1996 | 6 | 17.4 | 18 | 126 | 3.5 | 198 | 47.9 | 18.6 |
| 7 | 31.7 | 19 | 178 | 4.3 | 206 | 52.1 | 13.2 | -2 | 1995 | 10 | 13.8 | 16 | 79 | 2.1 | 204 | 45.9 | 20.5 |
| 6 | 27.3 | 19 | 161 | 3.7 | 202 | 55.5 | 13.3 | -8 | 1994 | 8 | 20.6 | 17 | 141 | 3.4 | 183 | 48.8 | 15.7 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| James Madison | 19 | 55-274 | 5.0 | 12-22 | 202 | 2 | 10 | 42-119 | 2.8 | 10-18 | 91 | 6 | +2 |
| Alabama-Birm | 26 | 55-196 | 3.6 | 13-22 | 179 | 3 | 8 | 27-18 | 0.7 | 10-26 | 45 | 4 | -3 |
| Clemson | 21 | 51-286 | 5.6 | 7-17 | 88 | 3 | 19 | 26-17 | 0.7 | 28-44 | 204 | 5 | -2 |
| at Virginia | 18 | 50-202 | 4.0 | 7-9 | 222 | 2 | 15 | 37-51 | 1.4 | 16-26 | 162 | 6 | -1 |
| at Rutgers | 20 | 44-222 | 5.0 | 15-16 | 289 | 1 | 15 | 43-153 | 3.6 | 9-27 | 174 | 5 | -1 |
| Syracuse | 20 | 59-276 | 4.7 | 8-17 | 135 | 2 | 7 | 37-77 | 2.1 | 6-22 | 43 | 2 | +5 |
| at Pittsburgh | 21 | 46-295 | 6.4 | 10-17 | 170 | 2 | 25 | 29-(-12) | -0.4 | 29-51 | 427 | 9 | 0 |
| at W Virginia | 17 | 39-214 | 5.5 | 14-31 | 255 | 1 | 18 | 40-107 | 2.7 | 19-38 | 192 | 6 | -1 |
| Miami (Fla) | 18 | 50-248 | 5.0 | 11-23 | 151 | 2 | 18 | 40-126 | 3.2 | 14-34 | 183 | 5 | +4 |
| at Temple | 20 | 53-315 | 5.9 | 9-12 | 196 | 4 | 10 | 28-(-2) | -0.1 | 19-37 | 226 | 4 | +1 |
| Boston College | 28 | 57-265 | 4.6 | 11-13 | 290 | 5 | 13 | 39-181 | 4.6 | 6-21 | 138 | 6 | -1 |
| Florida St (Bowl) | 24 | 52-278 | 5.3 | 15-29 | 225 | 7 | 15 | 23-30 | 1.3 | 20-34 | 329 | 4 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 252 | 611-3071 | 5.0 | 132-228 | 2402 | 33 | 173 | 411-865 | 2.1 | 186-378 | 2214 | 62 | +1 |
| AVERAGES | 21.0 | 51-256 | 5.0 | 11-19 | 200 | 2.8 | 14.4 | 34-72 | 2.1 | 16-32 | 185 | 5.2 | 0.1 |

## 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston College | -2' | 14-20 | L |
| Cincinnati | -14 | 0-16 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | +9' | 13-7 | W |
| at Pittsburgh | -2' | 26-16 | W |
| at Navy | -13 | 14-0 | W |
| Akron | -37 | 77-27 | W |
| at Rutgers | -7 | 45-17 | W |
| at W Virginia | -2 | 27-0 | W |
| Syracuse | -6' | 31-7 | W |
| at Temple | -22 | 38-16 | T |
| at Virginia | +4 | 36-29 | W |

## 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Akron | -39 | 21-18 | L |
| at Boston College | -2' | 45-7 | W |
| Rutgers | -28 | 30-14 | L |
| at Syracuse | +1 | 21-52 | L |
| Temple | -23 | 38-0 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -31 | 34-17 | L |
| SW Louisiana | -21 | 47-16 | W |
| E Carolina | -6 | 35-14 | W |
| at Miami (Fla) | +6' | 21-7 | W |
| W Virginia | -4' | 31-14 | W |
| Virginia | -1' | 26-9 | W |

## 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Rutgers | -20' | 59-19 | W |
| Syracuse | -3 | 31-3 | W |
| at Temple | -23' | 23-13 | L |
| Arkansas St | -40 | 50-0 | W |
| Miami (Oh) | -19' | 17-24 | L |
| Boston College | -18' | 17-7 | L |
| at West Virginia | +1 | 17-30 | L |
| Alabama-Birm | -24 | 37-0 | W |
| Miami (Fla) | -6' | 27-25 | L |
| at Pittsburgh | -11' | 23-30 | L |
| at Virginia | +4' | 20-34 | L |

## 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| E Carolina | -10 | 38-3 | W |
| at Clemson | +2' | 37-0 | W |
| at Miami (Fla) | +4 | 27-20 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -14 | 27-7 | W |
| at Boston College | -6' | 17-0 | W |
| Temple | -35' | 24-28 | L |
| at Alabama-Birm | -21 | 41-0 | W |
| W Virginia | -4 | 27-13 | W |
| at Syracuse | +4 | 26-28 | W |
| Rutgers | -28' | 47-7 | W |
| Virginia | -2' | 32-36 | L |

## 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| James Madison | -38 | 47-0 | W |
| Alabama-Birm | -24 | 31-10 | L |
| Clemson | -12 | 31-11 | W |
| at Virginia | -5' | 31-7 | W |
| at Rutgers | -31 | 58-20 | W |
| Syracuse | -12' | 62-0 | W |
| at Pittsburgh | -22' | 30-17 | L |
| at W Virginia | -19 | 22-20 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | -8' | 43-10 | W |
| at Temple | -29 | 62-7 | W |
| Boston College | -24 | 38-14 | T |

# WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Ben Sankey (PS#38) waited patiently for four years as the WF backup QB. He came into the year with 1,254 career yards passing and a 6-7 ratio. Many, including myself, expected true frosh C.J. Leak to jump right into the starter's role but Sankey fought him off and finished 5th in the ACC in pass efficiency hitting 59.3% of his passes for 1,684 yards and a 10-10 ratio. Sankey's mobility aided the rush attack as he was the second leading rusher with 731 gross yards (461 after sks). Versus UAB he became just the second QB in WF history to have 100 yards rushing and passing in the same game. Leak was PS#8QB and saw limited action in six games. He should have a fine career here and has a year of experience in this system. He has a shot at topping Sankey's solid 99 numbers. James MacPherson (6-2 195 So) handled some punting duties and also worked with the 2nd team offense most of the year and has a strong arm (88 mph fastball in baseball). He tore his ACL at the end of spring and will miss most, if not all of 2000. Caldwell also signed Anthony Young (6-3 190) who was PS#136 but will likely redshirt. The depth concerns me a little but as long as Leak stays healthy, I look for a big year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year I designated this the most underrated group of RB's in the country and called for WF to top 4.0 ypc for the first time in the 1990's. The improved rush attack was a key factor in WF finally landing a bowl bid. Jim Caldwell became his own offensive coordinator last year and said he was determined to establish the rush. Not a lot of people really believed that he could accomplish that plan as WF had averaged just 93, 51, 65, 106 and 65 yards per game rushing the previous 5 years and had just 2.3 ypc in 98. They ended the regular season averaging 175.7 ypg and RB Morgan Kane became the first WF player to top 1,000 yards since 1993. Kane was a solid combination of size (6-1 220), strength (440 bench) and speed (4.4). He rushed for 1,244 yards and was 2nd team ACC. Kane departs, but there are some HT's available in Chris McCoy, Nick Burney and Jamie Scott who I list below. Solid blocking FB Ovie Mughelli was very important to Kane's success and he returns for just his sophomore season. Mughelli rushed for 4,500 yards in HS but is an excellent blocker. Caldwell's top recruit this year is RB Fred Staton (PS#47) and he may be good enough to play right away. This unit looks solid but with the loss of a player who was as productive as Kane, it looks weaker in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - The Deacons suffer some major losses in this area. TE James Lik (10 sts, 21 rec) and backup TE Ben Stafford (1 st) both depart. They also lose their top 2 WR's in Jammie Deese (12 sts, 35 rec, 4.3 speed) who was the #3 all-time receiver at WF and Marvin Chalmers (7 sts, 11 rec, 11.0). Backup SE William Merritt (1 st, 7 rec) also graduates. There is some talent available including John Stone, the ACC's 100m track champ, and Jimmy Caldwell who had the big TD catch in the bowl game. I list the two deep below. This looks like a solid unit and remember last year's squad only had 1 returning starter so even with the losses, the output will not drop off as much as anticipated.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This is was one of WF's strengths and the key to their ability to run the football. The starting 5 avg'd 6-5 310 lbs and had 4 returning starters. They lost one of those returning starters to injury early in the year so basically returned only 3. This year they lose RG Sam Settar (8 sts, 3 yr st'r), LT Todd Hollowell (9 sts), LG Brian Wolverton (12 sts, 4 yr st'r) and RT Willie Lam (4 sts). I am impressed with Caldwell's compilation of talent in this area. If you look at my 2 deep below there are no less than 4 VHT's contending for time including two Big 10 transfers and a JUCO transfer who could earn starting spots. Marlon Curtis started 9 games in 98 and has had an injury plagued career thus his return is doubtful. Four players return with starting experience and while originally looking at the losses as huge, this looks like a quality O-line once again and a large decline should not be expected.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Deacons lose 3 of 4 starters up front including DT Fred Robbins (#2DC of MIN) who was an imposing force in the middle (6-5 302). He had 49 tkls, 8 sks, 10 tfl in 98. DT Kelvin Shackleford (10 sts, 18 tkls) and DE Kelvin Jones (7 sts, 29 tkls, 6 tfl) will also be missed from what was a formidable line. Also gone are DE's Brad Smith (5 sts, 8 tkls) and Rufus Taylor (11 tkls, 3 tfl). DE Brian Ray does return on the outside and ranked 2nd in the ACC in QB sacks and 3rd in tfl. I list the 2 deep below and they have good size in the middle and the projected starters have decent experience. There are also five HT's in the group, so this unit does have potential but it is clearly weaker than last year's senior dominated group.

**LINEBACKERS** - This unit was hit hard by injuries in 98 and last year returned practically everyone plus some key players who missed the 99 season. This year the losses are heavy as all 3 starters and a top backup depart. Gone are ILB Kevin Moses (11 sts, #1 tkl'r), ILB Dustin Lyman (#3DC of CHI, 10 sts, 1st tm ACC, 7 tfl), OLB Mark DeOrio (6 sts, 15 tkls) and OLB Abdul Guice (4 sts, 4 tkls). All three of the projected 1st stringers below have some starting experience and there are 2 HT's in the group, but this unit is clearly a lot younger and less experienced than last year's fine unit.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The highest the Demon Deacons have finished in my pass efficiency defense rankings prior to last season was #82. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had 6 of the top 8 back and had their best finish yet at #47, allowing 53.7% with only 10 TD's and 13 int's. This year they must replace CB Reggie Austin (#4DC of CHI, 12 sts, track speed), SS David Moore (11 sts, 5 pbu) and FS DeLawn Parrish (11 sts, 75 tkls). They return 5 of the top 8 this year and 3 of the players listed below have starting experience with 3 of the projected starters being HT's. This is a good group but will probably drop a little in the pass defense rankings this season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Wake's highest finish in my special teams ratings in 6 years has been #43 in 1997. All the rest of their finishes had been 83rd or lower until last year's #78 finish. Their punting was average but both Matt Brennie and James MacPherson (should he play) should benefit from a year's experience and I look for improvement there. They lose top PR Reggie Austin who avg'd a nice 9.2 ypc but have some talented WR's to fill in. Top KR John Stone was #3 in the NCAA with a 29.9 avg, and he is back. They lose steady Matthew Burdick at K and he hit 19 of 27 FG's with a long of 47. Tyler Ashe has a strong leg and should fill in, but I don't know if he can match the consistency on the FG's. Ashe will again handle the KO's in which he records a very high percentage of TB's. I like this unit and it should move into the upper half of the special teams rankings for 2000.

LB Nick Bender is one of the few seniors leading the team in 2000.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Morgan Kane | 295 | 1318 | 74 | 1244 | 11 | 4.2 |
| Ben Sankey | 165 | 731 | 270 | 461 | 5 | 2.8 |
| **Chris McCoy** | **34** | **134** | **2** | **132** | **0** | **3.9** |
| **Ovie Mughelli** | **19** | **88** | **0** | **88** | **0** | **4.6** |
| **Jamie Scott** | **17** | **62** | **6** | **56** | **0** | **3.3** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Ben Sankey | 246 | 146 | 59.3 | 1684 | 10 | 10 |
| **C.J. Leak** | **18** | **6** | **33.3** | **59** | **1** | **1** |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Jammie Deese | | 35 | 482 | 13.8 | 3 | 46 |
| James Lik | | 21 | 229 | 10.9 | 0 | 27 |
| Morgan Kane | | 21 | 115 | 5.5 | 2 | 15 |
| **Jimmy Caldwell** | | **20** | **217** | **10.9** | **0** | **56** |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Matt Brennie** | **53** | **1940** | **36.6** | - | - | **0** | - |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| Matthew Burdick | 9-9 | 6-8 | 4-9 | 0-1 | 19-27 | 47 | |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kelvin Moses | 77 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 2 |
| DaLawn Parrish | 75 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Dustin Lyman | 60 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| **Bryan Ray** | **56** | **12** | **9** | **1** | **0** |
| Fred Robbins | 49 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| David Moore | 46 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| **Adrian Duncan** | **46** | **2** | **1** | **3** | **3** |
| Reggie Austin | 41 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| **Keyshorn Smith** | **38** | **0** | **2** | **1** | **1** |
| Kelvin Jones | 29 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Marquis Hopkins** | **23** | **3** | **1** | **0** | **0** |
| **Nick Bender** | **21** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Nathan Bolling** | **21** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| PUNT RETURNS | | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Reggie Austin | | 34 | 314 | 9.2 | 0 |
| KICK RETURNS | | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| **John Stone** | | **13** | **389** | **29.9** | **1** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT ARMY -2' 34-15 WIN** I used WF as a 3★ Key Selection in Power Sweep. WF actually had a 320-282 rush edge. WF led 10-3. Army missed a 40 yd FG but hit 2, the 2nd on the half's final play. WF drove 82 yds for a TD to open the 3Q & Army answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 17-15 (2 plng). WF fmbl'd the KO but held. WF was SOD at the Army 29. After an int WF got a 46 yd TD run. They added 62 yd & 57 yd TD drives.

**AT VIRGINIA +10' 7-35 LOSS** VA had a 467-217 yd edge with over 230 yds both rushing & passing. WF missed an early 47 yd FG & VA had 70, 88, 44 and 46 yd TD drives. WF got an 80 yd drive before half, 28-7. WF missed a 35 yd FG to start the 3Q & VA tacked on a 55 yd TD. WF was int'd at the VA 20 & did not threaten again.

**NC STATE +7 31-7 WIN** I used WF as a 4★ Late Phone Play & they simply dominated with 266 rush yds & NCS had just 155 total yds. WF led 24-7 at half. WF drove 64 yds for a TD early 3Q & later missed a 42 yd FG & NCS was SOD twice in the 4Q.

**RUTGERS -17 17-10 LOSS** Attendance was just 20,772. WF was in the unusual role of heavy fav & did not handle it well. After a scoreless 1Q RU got a 62 yd pass & led 10-0. WF put together a 90 yd, 17 play march for a TD w/ 1:52 left. RU missed a 40 yd FG w/ :27 left, 10-7 at half. WF got a 46 yd pass to set up a TD run, 14-10. RU missed two scoring chances & WF got a 29 yd FG w/ 4:19 left, 17-10. McMahon hit a 46 yd pass to the WF 34 but 2 pens forced a punt. RU fmbl'd at their own 20 on their last drive to end the threat.

**MARYLAND +1 14-17 LOSS** MD opened with a 50 yd drive for a TD but would get just 5 FD's the rest of the half. WF got a 56 yd drive for a TD late 1Q, 7-7. WF was int'd at the 3 & neither team threatened the rest of the half. WF opened the 3Q with an 80 yd, 14 play drive & appeared in control as MD did not get a FD in the 3Q. The key play happened mid 4Q. MD QB McCall was almost sk'd but broke away & threw to Jordan at midfield who took it all the way for a TD (70 yards), 14-14 with 9:37 left. WF punted & MD drove 67 yds for a 19 yd FG, 17-14. WF missed a 55 yd FG & MD ran out the clock.

**AT FLORIDA ST +30' 10-33 WIN** FSU's defense dominated but an early fmbl set WF up for a 24 yd FG, 3-0. FSU settled for 3 FG's & led just 9-3 at half. FSU finished with a 425-178 yd edge. The game turned in the 2Q when a 9 yd punt set up FSU for a 37 yd TD drive and then FSU added 2 TD's and a FG. Prior to the final drive, FSU had a 71-48 play edge & WF had just 128 total yds. WF drove 50 yds & had 7 plays inside the 2. The refs ruled a FSU time-out which set WF up for a 1 yd TD pass on the final play.

**ALABAMA-BIRM -6' 47-3 WIN** I used Wake as my 4★ Top Weekly Late Phone Play and they dominated. The game had a stiff 17-23 mph wind & WF had the wind at its back in the 1Q. They got a 41 yd FG after blk'ing a punt, a 4 yd TD drive after an int and then had 40 & 49 yd TD drives, 24-0. The first 33 snaps took place in UAB terr. UAB got a KR to the WF 7 to set up a FG and WF got a 26 yd FG with 3:59 left, 27-3 at half. WF opened the 3Q with a 71 yd TD drive & added a 95 yd TD drive in the rout. WF had a 396-165 yd edge & delivered an easy winner.

**CLEMSON +4' 3-12 LOSS** WF blew numerous chances in the 1H as 4 of their 6 poss got into CU terr but they couldn't score. A snap went over WF's P's head & CU got a safety & led 2-0 at half. WF drove 79 yds to the CU 1 but a false start had them settle for a 23 yd FG & a 3-2 lead. With 9:49 left, Streeter came in at QB & led CU to a 19 yd FG with 7:08 left, 5-3. WF was int'd & CU drove 39 yds for a TD with 1:18 left. WF was int'd & CU ran out the clock. CU finished with a, 22-13 FD & 394-239 yd edges.

**AT N CAROLINA -8 19-3 WIN** WF had a 257-131 yd edge & played conservatively. It was 3-3 in the 2Q. WF drove 80 yds in 8 plays for a TD and had a 58 yd FG blk'd at the end of the half. NC was SOD at the WF 20. WF added 29, 35 & 38 yd FG's. NC's final drive accounted for 42 of their 131 yds.

**AT DUKE -3' 35-48 LOSS** Duke set a school record w/34 1Q pts. Duke was w/o Romine & Lenhardt. WF had 4 TO's in the 1H. Montgomery ret'd the opening KO 99 yds for a TD. Duke got a 61 yd TD drive & 13 yd & 17 yd TD drives foll fmbl's & drove 71 yds for a TD. 34-0 w/4:01 left 1Q. It was 41-21 at half. Duke led 48-28 when WF ret'd a KO 99 yds for a TD. WF was int'd & was SOD twice. WF finished with a slight yardage edge.

**GEORGIA TECH +9 26-23 WIN** I used WF as the Underdog POW in Power Sweep & they delivered the outright upset. WF had two long TD drives, 14-0 & added 22 & 40 yd FG's on their final 2 poss of the half, 20-0, with a 275-189 yd edge. Each team was SOD once & GT missed a 38 yd FG. GT drove 77 yds for a TD in the 3Q & was SOD at the 35. WF added 36 & 35 yd FG's & led 26-7 with 5:41 left! GT drove 80 yds for a TD & rec'd the onside kick. WF was SOD at the 4 but GT blk'd a punt for a TD with 2:27 left.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I said that WF had a better than good shot at a winning record and getting to a bowl. They accomplished just that as their final game, an upset of Georgia Tech, put them in the Aloha Bowl and a convincing win vs Arizona St made them 7-5 for the year. Caldwell had 26 seniors (17 were starters) on last year's team and accomplished his task of establishing a rush attack at a school that has traditionally had problems running the ball. They went from averaging 65 ypg to 175 ypg rushing. The senior laden defense also made great strides. In 98 they ranked 9th in the ACC giving up 400.8 ypg and in 1999 finished 2nd in the conference and in the Top 35 of the NCAA in total defense. They limited Florida St to 33 points and Georgia Tech to its regular season low 23 points. They beat two foes ranked in the Top 25 for the first time since 1979. The year 2000 will be quite a test for Caldwell as they suffer massive graduation losses and have just 5 returning starters possibly the lowest in the NCAA. They do have a solid starting point on offense with the talented QB C.J. Leak who showed me a lot with his maturity last year being patient and learning the offense. He bulked up to 235 lbs but maintained his 4.5 speed and should live up to his PS#8 billing. This team is a lot younger and inexperienced and this is clearly a rebuilding year. However, I like the overall talent level, which is much higher than when Caldwell came in, and they could pull some surprises.


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| DL | R.D. Montgomery | 6-6 235 PS#82 |
| OL | Brad Palmer | 6-3 280 PS#96 |
| TE | Jerome Nichols | 6-2 255 PS#37 |
| RB | Caron Bracy | 6-0 197 PS#137 |
| WR | Jason Anderson | 6-3 180 PS#106 |
| OL | Rod Eason | 6-6 280 PS#159 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB C.J. Leak So.** 6-4 235 *PS#8 ly. Turned down ND. 8 of 18 passing as true, 59 yds, 1-1 ratio, 48 yds rush, 6 gms. James MacPherson #2 QB if healthy.*

**RB Chris McCoy Sr.** 5-7 216 *PS#80 in 97. 78 yds rush, 24 rec (10.3) in 97 & 98. 132 yds rush in 98. Jamie Scott (6-0 214 So) PS#61, Tarence Williams PS#138.*

**FB OVIE MUGHELLI SO.** 6-2 232 *Excellent blocker, Squats 625 lbs. 10 sts in 99, 88 yds rush (4.6). Nick Burney (6-2 218 rFr) was PS#95.*

**WR Jimmy Caldwell Jr.** 5-10 176 *PS#82WR in 97. 1 st, 20 rec (10.9) in 99. Fabian Davis (5-11 179 So) was PS#101WR in 98. 2 sts, 7 rec (13.6) as rFr.*

**WR John Stone Jr.** 5-11 182 *ACC 100m champ. PS#99 in 97. 16 rec (9.6), 2 yrs. Ira Williams (6-2 202 Jr) was PS#192WR. 37 rec (12.4), 2 yrs.*

**TE Josh Warren rFr.** 6-4 230 *PS#38TE in 99, RS. Raymond Thomas (6-4 244 So) is from Canada. 1 rec (14.0) & 1 KR (24.0) as rFr in 99.*

**C VINCE AZZOLINA JR.** 6-4 302 *PS#55OL. 2 sts, 10 gms as rFr. 12 sts in 99, almost 100% snaps. Masanori Toguchi (6-3 286 So) 2nd string in 99, lettered.*

**RG Mike Moosbrugger Jr.** 6-7 304 *PS#178. 2nd string in 98. 4 sts in 99. Seth Houk (6-3 300 Jr) PS#225JC in for spring. Marcus Kisner (6-5 268 Jr) 1 letter.*

**LG David Walters So.** 6-3 294 *PS#63OL in 98 & RS at Iowa. Trans in 99. Tim Bennett (6-4 292 So) PS#60 in 98, inj'd the last 2 yrs.*

**RT Chris Blank Sr.** 6-5 272 *PS#31. 2nd string in 98 & 99, 3 letters. **Marlon Curtis** (6-3 300 Sr) PS#102LB, **9 sts** in 98, 1 st in 99 til inj.*

**LT MICHAEL COLLINS JR.** 6-6 318 *PS#64. 4 sts as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 465 bench. **Blake Henry** (6-6 275 So) PS#82, **4 sts** at N'Western as true in 98!*

**K Tyler Ashe Jr.** 5-11 178 *PS#21 in 97. Handled KO's in 98. 43 of 53 KO's into EZ, 32 TB's in 99! 2 of 3 FG's with a long of 46 as backup.*

**DE BRYAN RAY SR.** 6-3 250 *PS#111LB. 9 sts in 98, 50 tkls, 6 tfl, 12 sts in 99, 56 tkls, **12 sks**, 9 tfl, **2nd tm ACC**. Milo McGuire (6-4 278 Jr) PS#155*

**DT Nathan Bolling Jr.** 6-4 270 *PS#146LB. 3 sts as rFr, 31 tkls, 6 tfl. 1 st in 99, 21 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Kevin Gamble (6-7 365 Jr) is biggest Deacon.*

**DT Da'Vaughn Mellerson Sr.** 6-5 298 *PS#303. 19 tkls as true. 17 tkls, 3 tfl in 97. Inj in 98. 8 tkls in 99, 1 pbu, miss 4 (inj). Chad Rebar (6-3 290 rFr) PS#384.*

**DE Montique Sharpe So.** 6-3 265 *PS#153, 4.7 speed. 7 tkls in 7 gms as rFr after adding 40 lbs. Calvin Pace (6-6 243 So) PS#171, 2 sks in 99.*

**OLB Marquis Hopkins Jr.** 6-2 248 *6 tkls in 98. 2 sts, 23 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl in 99. Nick Bender (6-2 225 Sr), 29 tkls, 5 tfl in 98. 21 tkls in 99, Iron Deac.*

**ILB Ed Kargbookoroge Jr.** 6-3 215 *PS#148, 9 tkls, 1 sk as true. 9 gms, 1 st, 14 tkls, 1 sk in 99. Jamaal Argrow (6-1 205 So), 9 tkls ly. Mike Koch (6-2 216 Sr) PS#178QB.*

**ILB Roderick Stephen So.** 6-4 237 *PS#166DL. 1 st at LB as rFr, 8 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Marcus Nesbitt (6-1 220 Fr) was PS#241RB in 99, Hargrave ly.*

**CB Adrian Duncan Jr.** 6-1 188 *PS#70. 16 tkls, 1 int. 4 pbu as rFr. 1 st (bowl) in 99. 46 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu, 3 tfl. Elliott Ivey (6-0 193 So) PS#232RB.*

**CB KEYSHORN SMITH SR.** 5-10 177 *10 tkls in 97 & 98. 11 sts ly, 38 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Chris Justice (5-10 193 Jr) PS#139. Track scholarship at E Car, trans.*

**SS Mike Clinkscale Jr.** 6-1 199 *PS#62DB, 8 tkls in 98, 1 int. 10 tkls in 99 (missed 3 inj), 1 tfl. Walter Simmons (6-0 190 So) 8 tkls, 1 tfl in 99.*

**FS Tehran Carpenter Jr.** 6-3 198 *PS#75WR in 97. 15 tkls as rFr. 2 sts, 18 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 int, 1 pbu in 99. Obi Chukwumah (6-2 180 rFr) PS#135.*

**P Matt Brennie So.** 6-2 185 *53 punts as rFr in 99, 36.6 avg. Back problems at end of year. James MacPherson (6-2 195 So) 12 punts, 40.6 avg ly.*

# WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

Winston-Salem, N Carolina
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score WF | Final Score Opp | Win Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wake Forest is 5-1 ATS as a DD non-conf dog. Last season was the first time in 7 seasons that the Deacons had a positive turnover ratio. Deacons are 7-1 ATS L/8 sandwiched road games. WF is 11-16 ATS as a home dog under Caldwell. |
| Aug. 31 | Appalachian St (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Mountaineers went 9-2 LY and qualified for the 1-AA Playoffs. ASU beat WF 30-27 in OT in '98 in the last series meeting. |
| Sep. 9 | N Carolina | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 0-9-1 ATS in this instate rivalry. The favorite is 4-1-1 ATS in this series. (NC fav 5 times, WF 1). |
| Sep. 16 | at Clemson | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Deacons are 8-2 ATS L/10 vs the Tigers. Wake Forest is 3-7 ATS their L/10 road openers. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | Virginia | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | WF's 16 consecutive losses to UVA is the ACC's longest current series losing skid. WF is 5-11 ATS in that span. |
| Oct. 7 | Vanderbilt | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wake Forest is 3-10 ATS in their 2nd straight home game. Last series meeting came in 1994's opener, a 35-14 VU victory. |
| Oct. 14 | at Georgia Tech | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Deacons are 8-3 ATS in 1st of 2 or more away games. Last 2 trips here Wake has lost SU by an avg score of 22.5-46.5. |
| Oct. 21 | at Maryland | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Deacons are 8-3-1 ATS since 1990 in their 2nd straight AG, 1-3-1 L/5. The visiting team is 4-7 ATS the L/11 in this series. |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | Duke | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor in WF vs Tobacco Road* teams is 21-11-1 ATS. Demon Deacons are 4-7 SU L/11 vs Duke. |
| Nov. 11 | Florida St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wake last beat the Noles SU in 73 & have avg'd just 43 rush ypg since 92. WF has fallen to FSU by an avg of 40.4 ppg L/6Y but "only" 17 & 23 the L2Y. |
| Nov. 18 | at Navy | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Deacons have covered just 7 of 18 games vs non-ACC foes. The visiting team in WF vs Service Academies is 5-2 ATS. |
| Nov. 25 | at N Carolina St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wake is 2-6 ATS in season finales. Demon Deacons are 4-8 ATS L/12 vs the Wolfpack. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | *The Tobacco Road teams are: Duke, N Carolina, N Carolina St, and Wake Forest.* |

## STADIUM: GROVES STADIUM (31,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 2-9 | 3-8 | 1-10 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 3-8 | 6-5 | 23-54 |
| ATS | 3-7 | 2-8 | 5-4-1 | 4-6 | 8-3 | 5-5 | 6-5 | 33-38-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 3-5 |
| Home Dog | 0-3 | 0-4 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 11-16 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 3-3 |
| Away Dog | 3-2 | 2-3 | 2-3-1 | 2-3 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 16-14-1 |
| Favorite | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 6-8 |
| Dog | 3-5 | 2-7 | 5-4-1 | 4-6 | 6-2 | 4-3 | 3-3 | 27-30-1 |
| Grass | 2-6 | 1-7 | 5-3-1 | 4-6 | 8-3 | 5-5 | 5-5 | 30-35-1 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3-3 |
| vs ACC | 3-5 | 2-6 | 4-3-1 | 3-5 | 6-2 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 26-29-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 7-9 |
| Off SU Win | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 0-5 | 6-14 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-4 | 2-6 | 4-4-1 | 3-4 | 4-1 | 4-3 | 5-0 | 25-22-1- |

## Coach: JIM CALDWELL (Career 24-54)
### *Caldwell's records AT WAKE FOREST*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8th Year at Wake Forest | | 3-5 | Home Favorite |
| 24-54 | Straight Up | 11-16 | Home Underdog |
| 33-38-1 | Vs The Spread | 3-3 | Away Favorite |
| 25-22-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 16-14-1 | Away Underdog |
| 26-29-1 | Vs ACC | 7-9 | Vs Non-ACC |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | Gator | NL | S Carolina | 26-14 | W |
| 48 | Dixie | NL | Baylor | 7-20 | L |
| 79 | Tangerine | +7 | LSU | 10-34 | L |
| 92 | Independence | +3' | Oregon | 39-35 | W |
| 99 | Aloha | +3 | Arizona St | 23-3 | W |

# WAKE FOREST (7-5)

CONFERENCE: **ACC**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 3**
**DEFENSE: 2**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 43 (23,18,2)**
**Lost: 30 (15,13,2)**

## WAKE FOREST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 22.2 | 17 | 175 | 3.6 | 145 | 57.6 | 14.4 | +7 | 1999 | 7 | 17.4 | 17 | 119 | 3.3 | 188 | 53.7 | 17.6 |
| 8* | 21.4 | 19 | 65 | 2.2 | 287 | 56.0 | 16.5 | -4 | 1998 | 7 | 30.5 | 19 | 187 | 4.2 | 214 | 59.5 | 13.2 |
| 9* | 22.3 | 20 | 106 | 2.9 | 253 | 60.2 | 16.1 | -15 | 1997 | 8 | 26.2 | 18 | 96 | 2.9 | 264 | 60.3 | 13.8 |
| 7 | 13.1 | 17 | 65 | 2.1 | 254 | 50.6 | 24.4 | -4 | 1996 | 7 | 34.0 | 23 | 255 | 5.2 | 221 | 57.6 | 14.0 |
| 6* | 17.3 | 18 | 51 | 1.8 | 279 | 59.8 | 19.1 | -5 | 1995 | 6 | 32.7 | 21 | 193 | 4.2 | 233 | 62.2 | 13.1 |
| 5* | 13.0 | 15 | 93 | 2.7 | 160 | 50.8 | 19.5 | -5 | 1994 | 8 | 33.9 | 22 | 271 | 5.3 | 180 | 57.4 | 13.3 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Army | 22 | 56-320 | 5.7 | 9-13 | 139 | 2 | 19 | 52-282 | 5.4 | 8-16 | 68 | 3 | -1 |
| at Virginia | 16 | 37-80 | 2.2 | 11-22 | 137 | 4 | 26 | 46-236 | 5.1 | 20-27 | 231 | 3 | -1 |
| N Carolina St | 22 | 66-266 | 4.0 | 7-13 | 101 | 3 | 13 | 24-26 | 1.1 | 16-29 | 129 | 3 | +2 |
| Rutgers | 21 | 57-196 | 3.4 | 14-25 | 167 | 1 | 16 | 29-85 | 2.9 | 16-33 | 256 | 0 | +4 |
| Maryland | 13 | 48-144 | 3.0 | 9-15 | 82 | 3 | 13 | 35-131 | 3.7 | 12-22 | 182 | 1 | -1 |
| at Florida St | 11 | 41-42 | 1.0 | 10-20 | 136 | 4 | 18 | 34-71 | 2.1 | 19-37 | 354 | 3 | +1 |
| Alabama-Birm | 18 | 51-257 | 5.0 | 10-18 | 139 | 0 | 10 | 26-27 | 1.0 | 13-38 | 138 | 4 | +3 |
| Clemson | 13 | 37-111 | 3.0 | 13-24 | 128 | 2 | 22 | 44-121 | 2.8 | 26-40 | 273 | 2 | -1 |
| at N Carolina | 17 | 51-125 | 2.5 | 15-23 | 132 | 5 | 12 | 29-12 | 0.4 | 13-32 | 119 | 5 | +1 |
| at Duke | 19 | 27-70 | 2.6 | 31-56 | 306 | 5 | 17 | 46-179 | 3.9 | 15-25 | 158 | 2 | -3 |
| Georgia Tech | 20 | 62-322 | 5.2 | 10-13 | 88 | 2 | 24 | 38-165 | 4.3 | 23-40 | 281 | 1 | +2 |
| Arizona St (Bowl) | 15 | 48-162 | 3.4 | 13-22 | 188 | 3 | 11 | 36-94 | 2.6 | 15-26 | 70 | 5 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 207 | 581-2095 | 3.6 | 152-264 | 1743 | 34 | 201 | 439-1429 | 3.3 | 196-365 | 2259 | 32 | +7 |
| AVERAGES | 17.3 | 48-175 | 3.6 | 13-22 | 145 | 2.8 | 16.8 | 37-119 | 3.3 | 16-30 | 188 | 2.7 | 0.6 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appalachian St | NL | 22-24 | – |
| at Tulane | +1' | 9-34 | L |
| Clemson | +20 | 14-29 | W |
| at Navy | +10 | 30-7 | W |
| at Virginia | +32 | 17-35 | W |
| Maryland | +13 | 6-9 | W |
| at Florida St | +44 | 13-72 | L |
| at N Carolina | +24 | 7-31 | T |
| at Duke | +9 | 26-42 | L |
| Georgia Tech | +14' | 23-24 | W |
| N Carolina St | +5 | 23-52 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appalachian St | NL | 19-13 | – |
| Northwestern | +17 | 28-27 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | +15 | 10-30 | L |
| Virginia | +18 | 7-42 | L |
| at Clemson | +15 | 10-21 | W |
| N Carolina | +23 | 6-45 | L |
| at Maryland | +8' | 0-52 | L |
| Navy | +14 | 18-47 | L |
| † Florida St | +48' | 7-44 | W |
| Duke | +1' | 17-16 | W |
| at N Carolina St | +14 | 22-37 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Northwestern | +13' | 27-20 | W |
| at E Carolina | +12 | 24-25 | W |
| Georgia Tech | +7' | 26-28 | W |
| N Carolina St | +7 | 19-18 | W |
| at Virginia | +10 | 13-21 | W |
| at N Carolina | +24 | 12-30 | W |
| Maryland | -7' | 35-17 | W |
| at Duke | -3' | 38-24 | W |
| Clemson | +3 | 16-33 | L |
| at Rutgers | -19 | 28-14 | L |
| at Florida St | +34 | 7-58 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Air Force | E | 0-42 | L |
| Navy | -9 | 26-14 | W |
| at Clemson | +6 | 29-19 | W |
| Appalachian St | NL | 27-30 | – |
| Duke | -5 | 16-19 | L |
| at Maryland | +1 | 20-10 | W |
| N Carolina | +4 | 31-38 | L |
| Virginia | +12' | 17-38 | L |
| at N Carolina St | +14 | 27-38 | W |
| Florida St | +28 | 7-24 | W |
| at Georgia Tech | +17' | 35-63 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Army | -2' | 34-15 | W |
| at Virginia | +10' | 7-35 | L |
| N Carolina St | +7 | 31-7 | W |
| Rutgers | -17 | 17-10 | L |
| Maryland | +1 | 14-17 | L |
| at Florida St | +30' | 10-33 | W |
| Alabama-Birm | -6' | 47-3 | W |
| Clemson | +4' | 3-12 | L |
| at N Carolina | -8 | 19-3 | W |
| at Duke | -3' | 35-48 | L |
| Georgia Tech | +9 | 26-23 | W |

# WASHINGTON HUSKIES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Marques Tuiasosopo had two starts in 98, but really came into his own in 99 in his first full year as a starter. He became the only player in NCAA Div I history to rush for 200 yards and pass for 300 yds in the same game when he accomplished that feat vs Stanford. Tuiasosopo threw for 2,418 yards (58.7%) with a 12-12 ratio and rushed for 783 yards. He has 4.65 speed and compiled those numbers last year despite being banged up in the second half of the year. He had 22 turnovers overall and should cut that number down as a senior and improve his ratio. His backups are not as mobile but are better pocket passers. Cody Pickett (6-4 210 rFr) was PS#47 but got in just 4 passes as a true frosh. He was granted a medical redshirt for the season due to a back injury. JK Scott (6-3 215 Jr) is considered an NFL prospect. He played in 3 games as a rFr and has a cannon for an arm. Neither however had an impressive spring. As long as Tuiasosopo stays healthy, I look for solidly improved numbers this season.

**RUNNING BACKS** - All of the top RB's from 98 returned last year plus they got a solid VHT addition in Paul Arnold (PS#3). Injuries plagued this group and 4 different RB's topped 100 yards in a game at least once. Willie Hurst, who led the team in rushing in 98 (604 yards, 3.8), was the top RB again last year with 531 yards (4.1) but moved to WR (reluctantly) in the spring. Maurice Shaw was #2 with 458 yards (3.9) and he was granted a fifth year of eligibility. He is not a breakaway threat but is a steady ball carrier with solid ball security. Braxton Cleman (6-1 215 Jr, PS#146) had 164 yards and topped 100 versus Air Force. He suffered a collapsed lung versus Ariz St but should be fine this year. Paul Arnold showed glimpses of promise last year including 126 yards vs rival Wash St but finished the year with just 278 yards although he had the best ypc of the RB's at 6.2 and has 4.3 speed. Neuheisel wanted Arnold to improve his upper body strength and add about 20 lbs in the offseason. He did just that making him one of the top backs in the PAC 10. Neuheisel added a FB to the unit and Pat Conniff gained 147 yards rushing in 99. Almost everyone is back and I look for huge improvement in Arnold from his true frosh to his sophomore year.

**RECEIVERS** - This was an underwhelming group last year and I am surprised Neuheisel did not land any VHT frosh signees at this position. He signed 4 WR's this year and all are six feet or better and are among the top 150 WR's out of high school. They are Greg Carothers (PS#122DB), Donte Nicholson (PS#122WR), Justin Robbins (PS#125WR) and RayShon Dukes (PS#141WR) but Carothers and Nicholson may play in the secondary. Ja'Warren Hooker (PS#44) is among the fastest men in the NCAA. After getting 4 starts in 98 he decided to take off last year to train for the Olympics and he will be available only if he does not qualify for Team USA. FL Gerald Harris (8 sts, #2 rec, HM PAC 10) departs. Also leaving from last year's group are SB Dane Looker (7 sts, 24 rec) and backup TE Anthony Mizin (3 sts, 3 rec). They are in great shape at TE and I list the top 3 below. I also list the 3 deep at WR below and Hurst moves in after 2 productive years at RB. With most of the top guys back and a very solid TE position, I look for this group to be improved in the year 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Huskies had to replace three starters from the offensive front last year and ended up allowing 30 sacks but increased their ypc rushing from 3.7 to 4.2. This year they have one of the most talented O-lines in the PAC 10, led by Chad Ward who has great size (6-5 330), benches 500 and has 5.1 speed in the 40. They experimented moving him to RT in spring after starting the last 3 years at RG and earning 2nd team PAC 10 honors last year. The 2nd string is extremely strong with players like Matt Rogers who started 4 games at Iowa in 98, VHT Wes Call who had one start here in 99 and others that I list below. Neuheisel also signed 2 VHT true frosh this year (see Top Newcomers). This year's only loss is OT Kurth Connell (2nd tm PAC 10). This is a big and experienced line and should pave the way for a powerful offense in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - As I mention in Phil's Forecast, the sack totals dropped dramatically with the switch to the 3-4 defense. Last year they had 2 of 3 starters returning on the front wall but this year lose 3 of their top 4 DL's. Gone are DT Jabari Issa (12 sts, 10 tfl, #6DC of AZ), DE Mac Tuiaea (9 sts, 9 tfl) and top backup Toalei Mulitauaopele (3 sts, 13 tkl, 3 tfl). Issa and Tuiaea had combined for 13.5 sacks in 98 but just 5 last year. Larry Tripplett was called the PAC 10's best NT by ASU Coach Bruce Snyder but moves to DT this year. I list the 2 deep below and this unit does have good size and gets a couple of JUCO transfers and freshmen that will compete. I look for more pressure on the QB's this year, but overall this group are a little less experienced and I'll call it a little weaker in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year 3 starters returned to this unit but one lost his job to a VHT junior. This year they must replace ILB Lester Towns (11 sts, 11 tfl, 75 tkl, #7DC of CAR), ILB Marques Hairston (15 tkl) and ILB Jeff Johnson (4 sts, 37 tkl). Basically 3 of 4 starters return. I know Neuheisel calls this a 3-4 defense but watch for OLB Jeremiah Pharms (6-2 260) to play more like a DE this season in order to get more pressure on the QB. Pharms had 12 tfl last year and is one of 2 VHT's projected as starters (see 2 deep). This looks like one of the PAC 10's best corps of LB's.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Huskies had just 5 int's in 98 despite the defense producing 51 sacks. Last year they lost 2 starters to graduation and had another miss the year due to injury so basically had just one starter returning. They still finished a strong #19 in my pass efficiency defense rankings allowing 53.8% with just 12 TD's and 15 int's. This year the only losses are CB Jermaine Smith (10 sts, 3 int, 6 pbu), FS Renard Edwards (1 st, 15 tkl, 2 tfl) and S Rashad Peters (10 tkl). With Butler (a 98 starter) returning this year, they basically have 4 full-time starters and 6 players with starting experience back. A check of the 2 deep below shows no less than 3 VHT's. This is clearly one of the most talented secondaries in the country.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Huskies ranked #33, #50 and #44 in my special teams rankings in the final 3 years under Lambright. One area not included in my special teams rankings is FG kicking and the Huskies were very poor in that area in 98 using a backup WR as FG man toward the end of the year. Neuheisel addressed that problem last year and brought in perhaps the top K in the country in John Anderson who was PS#9 and hit 15 of 21 FG's as a true frosh with a long of 56. The rest of the special teams were not as strong as the return game was weak, especially KR's. One year after finishing #2 in the NCAA, they averaged a poor 18.1 ypr. A key reason for the decline was the fact that Toure Butler averaged a super 27.7 in 98 and missed 99 with a knee injury and he returns. Punting in the great Northwest is not an easy task and UW has not had a P average over 40 ypp since 91. I thought Ryan Fleming had a shot to do so last year but he barely missed it averaging 39.9, and should break through that tough barrier this season. They lose returnman Joe Jarzynka but should improve overall on the returns in 2000. After finishing a poor #93 in my special teams rankings last season, I look for them to get back into the upper half of the rankings this year.

QB Marques Tuiasosopo will be a pain in the butt for the PAC 10 defenses.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marques Tuiasosopo | 149 | 783 | 212 | 571 | 6 | 3.8 |
| Willie Hurst | 129 | 583 | 52 | 531 | 5 | 4.1 |
| Maurice Shaw | 116 | 483 | 25 | 458 | 7 | 3.9 |
| Paul Arnold | 45 | 284 | 6 | 278 | 2 | 6.2 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Marques Tuiasosopo | 322 | 189 | 58.7 | 2418 | 12 | 12 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Chris Juergens | | 45 | 539 | 11.9 | 1 | 34 |
| Gerald Harris | | 40 | 604 | 15.1 | 4 | 55 |
| Jerramy Stevens | | 25 | 337 | 13.5 | 4 | 36 |
| Dane Looker | | 24 | 359 | 14.9 | 0 | 42 |
| Pat Conniff | | 14 | 142 | 10.1 | 1 | 23 |
| Todd Elstrom | | 11 | 234 | 21.3 | 2 | 83 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Ryan Fleming | 51 | 2038 | 39.9 | - | - | 1 | 13 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| John Anderson | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-8 | 3-4 | 15-21 | 56 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Derrell Daniels | 90 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Hakim Akbar | 76 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Lester Towns | 75 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 0 |
| Curtis Williams | 74 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Jermaine Smith | 57 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Jeremiah Pharms | 53 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Larry Tripplett | 36 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| Roderick Green | 34 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Anthony Vontoure | 33 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Jabari Issa | 30 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Jafar Williams | 30 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Anthony Kelley | 25 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mac Tuiaea | 24 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Joe Jarzynka | 32 | 221 | 6.9 | 0 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Paul Arnold | 15 | 369 | 24.6 | 1 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT BYU +3' 28-35 LOSS** BYU had a 295-80 yd edge in the 1H but only led 13-6. UW rec'd a fmbl'd punt in the EZ for their 1st TD. Feterik led 85 & 83 yd TD drives. The 1st 3 drives of the 3Q were 80 yd TD drives & BYU had 2 of them, 27-14. UW drove 88 yds for a TD then int'd a pass & scored a TD w/ 5:04 left. BYU conv a 4th &10 & 2 plays later got a 38 yd TD pass. UW drove to the BYU 19 but BYU escaped. Feterik threw for 500 yds.

**AIR FORCE -4 21-31 LOSS** AF went 68 & 65 yds for TD's with just two 3rd downs to open. UW settled for 32 & 30 yd FG's, 14-6. UW's defense allowed just 2 FD's the rest of the half. AF fmbl'd at the UW 45 & UW got a 2 play TD drive, 14-14. UW was int'd at the AF 37. At the half UW had a 227-176 yd edge. TO's destroyed UW in the 2H. They fmbl'd at the AF 45, had a punt blk'd to set up a 40 yd TD drive and were int'd. AF drove for a 44 yd FG & got an int ret to the 1 to set up a TD, 31-14. UW ret'd the KO 100 yds for a TD but AF ran out the last 5:02 to hang on for the victory.

**COLORADO +3' 31-24 WIN** CU wanted revenge on Neuheisel but UW had a 415-289 yd edge. Scoreless 1Q. UW drove 44 yds in 7:00 for a TD. Kelly ret'd the KO 98 yds, 7-7 at half. UW drove 80 yds for a TD. CU missed a 39 yd FG. After an int CU drove 34 yds for a TD & Kelly ret'd a fmbl 38 yds for a TD, 21-14. UW got a 40 yd FG & then 79 yd TD drive, 24-21. CU got a 29 yd FG but UW drove 70 yds for a TD with 3:17 left, 31-24. CU was int deep in UW terr & the Huskies kept the Buffs from extracting revenge.

**OREGON -2' 34-20 WIN** UW CB Vontoure was susp & Feeley hit 24 of 32 of 371 yds. UO was w/o their top 2 RB's. UW had TD drives of 74, 80, 78, 71 & 71 yds with a 38:26 TOP. UW led 13-10 at half. UW went on a 3Q 78 yd TD drive that was kept alive when UO roughed the P. UO got a 60 yd drive for a 26 yd FG & UW went 71 yds. UW missed a 50 yd FG. UO drove 67 yds for a TD, 27-20 w/ 7:22 left. UW got a TD w/ 2:15 left.

**AT OREGON ST -2' 47-21 WIN** UW was my 4★ Top Weekly College Late Phone Play. UW got a TD and ret'd an int 44 yds for a TD, 14-0. It was 45-0 at half. UW had backup QB Pickett in for the entire 2H & he hit 0 for 4 with 1 int. The final 5 drives for OSU amounted to 241 of their 434 yds and they got 3 garbage TD's in the 2H.

**ARIZONA ST -10 7-28 LOSS** UW scored a TD on their 1st poss but would not score again thanks to 6 TO's. ASU led 10-7 at the half & added a short FG after a fmbl. UW had a 71 yd drive SOD at the ASU 1. ASU blk'd a UW 46 yd FG which set up a 47 yd TD drive, 21-7. UW fmbl'd 2 plays later & ASU added a TD, 28-7. UW was SOD at the ASU 17 & fmbl'd at the ASU 41. The Sun Devils ate up the final 6:02 ending the game at the UW 2. ASU had just a 19-17 FD edge but of course benefitted from the 6 turnovers.

**AT CALIFORNIA -3 31-27 WIN** Cal got an early int ret to the 1 to set up a TD & led 14-10 after 1Q. Cal added a 33 yd FG after an int and had a 1st & goal but fmbl'd, 17-10 at half. Cal went on an 82 yd march to open the 3Q, 24-10. On 3rd & 13 UW WR Elstrom took away a pass from the DB & raced 83 yds for a TD. UW drove 88 yds for a TD to tie. Cal got an int at the UW 24 but settled for a FG. Cal lost RB Igber to inj. On 3rd & 2 Cal punted w/ 2:13 left. UW drove 78 yds & Shaw's 2 yd TD run won it.

**STANFORD -3 35-30 WIN** Tuiasosopo became the 1st player in NCAA Div I history to rush for 200 yds & pass for 300 yds in the same game. UW piled up a 670-481 yd edge. SU got 2 short TD's sandwiched around 2 UW FG's, 14-6. UW drove 92 yds for a TD (xpng) & SU got a FG, 17-12 at half. SU got a 69 yd TD drive to open the 3Q but UW drove 99 yds for a TD. SU missed a 47 yd FG & UW made a 40 yd'r, 23-22. UW drove 72 yds for a TD early 4Q, 28-23. After an exchange of int's UW drove 88 yds for a TD to clinch it 35-23. SU got a garbage 3 yd TD pass on the final play.

**AT ARIZONA +5' 33-25 WIN** I used UW as a 4★ Late Phone Selection. The teams exchanged short FG's & then UW got a 25 yd TD pass after an int. UW got a 38 yd FG but Canidate got a 74 yd TD run. UW drove 80 yds for a TD, 19-10 at half. UA missed a 47 yd FG but got a 55 yd TD pass, 19-17. UA missed a 31 yd FG. UW went on a 17 play, 80 yd TD drive that ate up 9:13, 26-17. Vontoure ret'd an int 29 yds for a TD, 33-17 with 3:50 left. UA drove 80 yds for a TD with 1:34 left & UW rec'd the onside kick.

**AT UCLA (OT) -8' 20-23 LOSS** UW took their 1st poss for a TD, 7-0. UCLA lost starting QB Paus but drove 74 yds for a TD. UW missed a 22 yd FG. UCLA ret'd a fmbl to set up a TD. UW drove 80 yds for a TD & added a 40 yd FG. UCLA's offense allowed just 76 2H yds. UCLA got a 35 yd FG after a fmbl & UCLA got a 28 yd FG. UCLA had a 28 yd FG blk'd with 6:04 left. UW nailed a 56 yd FG in the final minute. In OT UW was int'd & UCLA got a FG.

**WASHINGTON ST -14 24-14 LOSS** After missing a FG UW hit a short one, 3-0. UW drove 49 yds for a TD & WSU got 2 FG's, 10-6 late 1H. UW added a 55 yd TD pass to Jarzynka, 17-6 at half. UW RB Arnold got an 80 yd TD run. WSU QB Gesser got a 59 yd run to key a 90 yd TD drive mid 4Q. WSU's final drive was SOD. UW had a 430-281 yd edge but did not close out their season with a cover despite dominating.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Rick Neuheisel arrived on campus just 3 months before spring ball started last year and went through some off-field problems at the time of his arrival. It took some time for the squad to get his new schemes implemented on both sides of the ball and they lost in overtime their first two games of the season. Thanks to the super play of QB Marques Tuiasosopo they turned it around and they had the Rose Bowl invitation in their hands until they lost in overtime at UCLA. Neuheisel always ran a 3 WR offense but he and his staff learned some option plays and Tuiasosopo was a master at them. They played a fine bowl game, almost upsetting Kansas St and finished with a 6-2 record in PAC 10 play. Last year was the first time in THIRTY YEARS that they did not have a single 1st team PAC 10 player. The defense was #2 in the NCAA in sacks in '98 with 51. Last year Neuheisel shifted them to a 3-4 alignment and they finished LAST in the PAC 10 with only 13 sacks. The big question on defense is the front wall as the back 7 looks exceptional and they are improved enough to rank #25 in my preseason defensive rankings. The offense has a powerful O-line, much improved skill players and QB Marques Tuiasosopo. They ranked 10th in my preseason offensive rankings. They avoid USC in conference play which sets them up as my co-favorite for the PAC 10 title and a Rose Bowl berth. They could start off slow once again with a couple of very tough non-conference games early, but have a favorable PAC 10 schedule and top notch talent and should have a big year.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| OL | Dan Dicks 6-6 290 PS#15 |
| DB | Jimmy Newell 6-1 185 PS#34 |
| LB | Zach Tuiasosopo 6-2 225 PS#34 |
| OL | Brandon Lockheart 6-6 330 PS#37 |
| LB | Junior Coffin 6-4 245 PS#61 |
| RB | Grady Sizemore 6-2 200 PS#97 |
| DL | Joshua Miller 6-3 285 PS#78 |
| DL | Aaron Butler 6-4 290 PS#80 |
| LB | Tim Galloway 6-2 220 PS#103 |
| RB | Rich Alexis 6-3 215 PS#114 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB MARQUES TUIASOSOPO SR.** 6-2 215 *PS#16DB in 97. 3 sts in 97 & 98, 1177 yds pass (55%), 5-6 ratio. 12 sts in 99, 2418 yds (59%), 12-12 ratio, 783 yds rush, 2nd tm PAC 10.*
**RB PAUL ARNOLD SO.** 6-1 205 *PS#3RB in 99. 4.3 speed. 278 yds (6.2) as true. Maurice Shaw (6-0 220 Sr) 8 career sts; 1250 yds (4.2), 10 rec.*
**FB PAT CONNIFF SR.** 6-1 245 *PS#190LB in 97. 28 yds as true, 3 sts in 98, 105 yds. 7 sts in 99, 289 total yds. Al Tuipulotu (6-1 245 Jr) PS#73 in 97, PS#113JC ly.*
**WR CHRIS JUERGENS JR.** 6-3 210 *PS#92. 3 sts, 31 rec (10.9) as true. 9 sts, 45 rec (11.9) in 99. Wondame Davis (5-11 170 Jr) PS#44. Wilbur Hooks (6-0 185 So) PS#104.*
**WR Todd Elstrom Jr.** 6-3 200 *PS#45, 2 sts, 3 rec in 98. 3 sts, 11 rec (21.3). Willie Hurst (5-10 210 Jr) PS#97RB, 1135 rush yds in 2 yrs. Patrick Reddick (5-9 190 Jr) PS#55.*
**TE JERRAMY STEVENS SO.** 6-7 240 *PS#37QB in 98. 10 sts in 99. 25 rec (13.5). Big & fast. Kevin Ware (6-2 260 So) PS#15. John Westra (6-5 250 Jr) PS#38DL, 3 sts in 98.*
**C KYLE BENN JR.** 6-3 305 *PS#45 in 97. 9 gms in 98 & lettered. 12 sts in 99 at C. Todd Bachert (6-4 305 rFr) PS#120. Brandon Lockheart PS#37.*
**RG Elliot Zajac So.** 6-4 305 *PS#98. Lettered as backup rFr. Matt Fraize (6-4 300 Sr) 2nd string C in 99, 3 letters. Dan Dicks is PS#15.*
**LG ROCK NELSON JR.** 6-5 290 *PS#200. 11 gms in 98 & lettered. 7 sts in 99 (inj'd 4). Dominic Daste (6-3 305 Sr) PS#130. 5 sts in 99, 3 letters.*
**RT CHAD WARD SR.** 6-5 330 *PS#7OL. 9 sts as true. 12 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99 at RG, 2nd tm PAC 10. Wes Call (6-7 305 Sr) PS#23JC, 1 st here ly.*
**LT ELLIOT SILVERS SR.** 6-6 305 *PS#214. 11 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99, 3 letters.* ***Matt Rogers*** *(6-5 290 Sr) was PS#110JC. 4 sts at Iowa in 98.*
**K JOHN ANDERSON SO.** 6-1 185 *PS#9K in 99. Hit 15 of 21 FG's as a true frosh, long of 56! Hit 5 of 8 from 40-49 & super 3 of 4 from 50+.*

**OLB JEREMIAH PHARMS SR.** 6-2 260 *PS#11DB. 12 sts in 98, 36 tkls, 8 sks, 7 tfl. 12 sts ly, 53 tkls, 2 sks, 10 tfl. Jamaun Willis (6-2 250 Jr) PS#123LB, 10 tkls ly.*
**DE Ryan Julian Sr.** 6-6 275 *PS#155DL. 2 sts in 98, 16 tkls. 2 tkls ly (inj'd). Nick Feigner (6-4 255 Jr) PS#101TE. Joe Collier (6-7 260 Jr) PS#161OL.*
**NT Spencer Marona So.** 6-2 265 *PS#55LB, 1 tkl as rFr, added 10 lbs.* ***Marcus Roberson*** *(6-4 285 Jr), 9 sks at JC in 99. Jerome Stevens (6-2 290 Fr).*
**DT LARRY TRIPPLETT JR.** 6-2 295 *PS#147DL. 4 tkls as rFr. 12 sts at NG in 99, 36 tkls, 7 tfl, 2nd tm PAC 10, 4 pbu. Ossim Hatem (6-3 255 So) PS#33LB.*
**OLB Anthony Kelley Jr.** 6-2 220 *PS#47DB. 25 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl as rFr. Levi Madariela (6-3 210 So) PS#237DB, 19 tkls as true. Sam Blancha (6-1 220 Jr) PS#103.*
**ILB JAFAR WILLIAMS JR.** 6-0 220 *PS#126DB. 11 tkls as true. 11 sts in 99, 30 tkls, 2 tfl. Houdini Jackson (6-0 250 So) PS#183DL. 3 sts at Hawaii in 98, 5 tfl.*
**ILB DERRELL DANIELS SR.** 6-1 215 *PS#17. 26 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. 11 sts in 99, 90 tkls (#1), 5 tfl. Derek Noble (6-2 220 So) PS#114. Zach Tuiasosopo is PS#34.*
**CB ANTHONY VONTOURE JR.** 6-1 190 *PS#27. 1 st, 10 tkls as rFr. 10 sts in 99, 33 tkls, 6 int, 3 pbu. Omare Lowe (6-0 200 Jr) PS#166, 3 sts, 32 tkls, 6 pbu, 2 yrs.*
**CB Roderick Green Sr.** 5-11 180 *PS#68JC, 4 sts here in 99, 34 tkls, 2 pbu.* ***Toure Butler*** *(5-9 170 Sr) PS#137.* ***12 sts*** *in 98, 1 int, 10 pbu, 56 tkls.*
**SS HAKIM AKBAR JR.** 6-1 205 *PS#51. 5 sts as true, 70 tkls, 1 int. 12 sts in 99, 2nd tm PAC 10, 76 tkls, 8 pbu, 3 tfl. Dominic Shaw (5-11 200 rFr) PS#69.*
**FS CURTIS WILLIAMS SR.** 5-10 195 *PS#17, 20 tkls as rFr. 12 sts in 99, 74 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int, 4 pbu. Jimmy Newell is PS#34. Chris Massey (5-11 170 rFr) PS#165.*
**P RYAN FLEMING SR.** 6-3 180 *42.2 average at Div III St Olaf. 71 punts in 98, 37.7 avg. 51 punts in 99 & 39.9 avg tops here since 1991.*

# WASHINGTON HUSKIES

Seattle, Washington
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score WASH | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | Idaho | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Vandals play in the Big West and were 7-4 SU, 4-5 ATS LY. Washington is 13-1 SU, 6-3 ATS in home openers. |
| Sep. 9 | Miami (Fla) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UW is 7-4-1 ATS the L/4Y in September. Last met in 1994, Washington **won 38-20** as a 14' pt road dog! |
| Sep. 16 | at Colorado | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Huskies are 1-6 ATS as non-conference underdogs. Washington is 5-9-1 ATS their L/15 road openers. |
| Sep. 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | at Oregon | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 3-2 SU and 4-1 ATS in this series. Neuheisel has won & covered each of the L2Y vs Oregon. |
| Oct. 7 | Oregon St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Huskies are 14-8 ATS in October since 1995. The home team is just 2-9 ATS the L/11 in this series. |
| Oct. 14 | at Arizona St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Might apply here: Washington is 8-3 ATS L/11 as an away fav. UW is 10-6-1 ATS (pending CU game) their L/17 on grass. |
| Oct. 21 | California | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Huskies have won 17 in a row SU vs the Golden Bears. If they beat ASU LW remember that UW is 7-3 ATS L4Y after a SU away win. |
| Oct. 28 | at Stanford | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Could apply: Huskies are 21-9-1 ATS as a Pac 10 dog. UW is 7-1 ATS in their L/8 meetings vs Stanford. |
| Nov. 4 | Arizona | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Huskies are 7-3 ATS their last 10 in the first of two or more HG's. Washington is 8-18 ATS in November since 1992. |
| Nov. 11 | UCLA | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The favorite is 5-2 ATS the L/7 series meetings. UW is 1-5 ATS in their final game under the Space Needle the L/6Y. |
| Nov. 18 | at Washington St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Huskies are just 1-7 ATS in this battle for the Apple Cup. Washington is 1-7 ATS in their L/8 road finales. |
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## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

The underdog is 11-3-1 ATS in the Washington/USC series.
Huskies are 7-3 ATS in their 2nd straight road game.
Washington is 9-2 ATS their L/11 as a home dog.
UW is 15-9-1 ATS away from the Emerald City the L5Y.
Neuheisel is 8-18 ATS his L/26 tries as a home favorite.

## STADIUM: HUSKY STADIUM (72,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 7-4 | 7-4 | 7-3-1 | 9-2 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 50-26-1 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 8-2-1 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 6-5 | 38-38-1 |
| Home Fav | 5-1 | 3-3 | 0-4 | 6-0 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 20-18 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-4 | 0-3 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 4-0 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 8-10 |
| Away Dog | 0-1 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 1-1-1 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 8-8-1 |
| Favorite | 5-5 | 3-6 | 1-4 | 7-1 | 6-4 | 2-4 | 4-4 | 28-28 |
| Dog | 0-1 | 1-1 | 4-2 | 1-1-1 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 10-10-1 |
| Grass | 0-4 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 1-1-1 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 11-12-1 |
| Artificial | 5-2 | 3-5 | 2-5 | 7-1 | 3-4 | 3-6 | 4-3 | 27-26 |
| vs PAC 10 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 5-3 | 6-1-1 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 5-3 | 27-28-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 11-10 |
| Off SU Win | 1-5 | 3-4 | 3-3 | 6-2 | 5-2 | 1-4 | 4-2 | 23-22 |
| Off SU Loss | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 0-3 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 12-11 |

## Coach: RICK NEUHEISEL (Career 40-19)
### *Neuheisel's records AT WASHINGTON*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Year at Washington | | 2-3 | Home Favorite |
| 7-5 | Straight Up | 1-0 | Home Underdog |
| 6-5 | Vs The Spread | 2-1 | Away Favorite |
| 2-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 1-1 | Away Underdog |
| 5-3 | Vs PAC 10 | 1-2 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | Sun | -5' | Iowa | 18-38 | L |
| 96 | Holiday | +6 | Colorado | 21-33 | L |
| 97 | Aloha | -5 | Michigan St | 51-23 | W |
| 98 | Oahu | +3' | Air Force | 25-45 | L |
| 99 | Holiday | +10' | Kansas St | 20-24 | W |

# WASHINGTON (7-5)

CONFERENCE: **PAC 10**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 9***
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 57 (29,25,3)**
**Lost: 21 (13,8,0)**

## WASHINGTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 27.6 | 21 | 180 | 4.2 | 206 | 57.9 | 14.0 | -2 | 1999 | 6 | 25.2 | 20 | 139 | 3.9 | 246 | 53.8 | 15.4 |
| 4* | 25.3 | 19 | 134 | 3.7 | 227 | 53.7 | 14.3 | -8 | 1998 | 5 | 28.6 | 20 | 140 | 3.5 | 271 | 54.4 | 14.4 |
| 7* | 35.0 | 19 | 173 | 4.5 | 247 | 59.5 | 12.0 | +6 | 1997 | 8 | 21.6 | 18 | 113 | 3.0 | 229 | 52.4 | 15.8 |
| 5 | 32.6 | 20 | 212 | 4.4 | 194 | 50.7 | 12.4 | +8 | 1996 | 7 | 21.2 | 18 | 98 | 2.8 | 231 | 51.5 | 15.5 |
| 6* | 26.0 | 19 | 159 | 4.1 | 233 | 61.9 | 15.1 | +13 | 1995 | 6 | 23.3 | 20 | 159 | 3.9 | 227 | 55.2 | 16.6 |
| 6* | 26.8 | 20 | 189 | 4.3 | 177 | 54.5 | 13.4 | 0 | 1994 | 6 | 21.2 | 19 | 131 | 3.3 | 203 | 52.9 | 15.8 |

## 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at BYU | 19 | 28-86 | 3.1 | 22-36 | 237 | 2 | 36 | 28-57 | 2.0 | 39-59 | 500 | 2 | +3 |
| Air Force | 20 | 26-138 | 5.3 | 20-44 | 195 | 2 | 18 | 63-275 | 4.4 | 6-11 | 65 | 1 | -4 |
| Colorado | 21 | 52-205 | 3.9 | 12-23 | 210 | 1 | 15 | 25-122 | 4.9 | 19-36 | 167 | 1 | 0 |
| Oregon | 30 | 57-256 | 4.5 | 17-21 | 211 | 3 | 17 | 20-62 | 3.1 | 24-33 | 371 | 0 | +1 |
| at Oregon St | 19 | 52-254 | 4.9 | 11-20 | 93 | 2 | 22 | 28-101 | 3.6 | 26-55 | 333 | 1 | +4 |
| Arizona St | 17 | 42-153 | 3.6 | 19-26 | 206 | 5 | 19 | 41-158 | 3.9 | 16-29 | 215 | 0 | -4 |
| at California | 15 | 40-133 | 3.3 | 10-22 | 300 | 4 | 20 | 51-197 | 3.9 | 9-27 | 143 | 3 | -2 |
| Stanford | 33 | 53-368 | 6.9 | 19-33 | 302 | 2 | 26 | 30-181 | 6.0 | 22-41 | 300 | 1 | -2 |
| at Arizona | 22 | 46-142 | 3.1 | 16-28 | 208 | 1 | 17 | 27-137 | 5.1 | 17-32 | 280 | 1 | +3 |
| at UCLA | 15 | 43-102 | 2.4 | 12-25 | 134 | 2 | 19 | 45-149 | 3.3 | 13-26 | 171 | 0 | -1 |
| Washington St | 23 | 52-250 | 4.8 | 14-23 | 180 | 1 | 15 | 29-91 | 3.1 | 14-29 | 190 | 3 | +1 |
| Kansas St (Bowl) | 16 | 29-75 | 2.6 | 18-27 | 197 | 5 | 21 | 43-138 | 3.2 | 15-31 | 216 | 2 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 250 | 520-2162 | 4.2 | 190-328 | 2473 | 30 | 245 | 430-1668 | 3.9 | 220-409 | 2951 | 15 | -2 |
| AVERAGES | 20.8 | 43-180 | 4.2 | 16-27 | 206 | 2.5 | 20.4 | 36-139 | 3.9 | 18-34 | 246 | 1.3 | -0.2 |

## 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona St | -12' | 23-20 | L |
| at Ohio St | +8 | 20-30 | L |
| Army | -26 | 21-13 | L |
| at Oregon St | -6' | 26-16 | W |
| Notre Dame | +4 | 21-29 | L |
| at Stanford | +1 | 38-28 | W |
| at Arizona | +1 | 31-17 | W |
| USC | +4 | 21-21 | W |
| Oregon | -3 | 22-24 | L |
| at UCLA | +5 | 38-14 | W |
| Washington St | -13 | 33-30 | L |

## 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Arizona St | +3 | 42-45 | T |
| BYU | -3' | 29-17 | W |
| Arizona | -5' | 31-17 | W |
| Stanford | -12' | 27-6 | W |
| at Notre Dame | +10' | 20-54 | L |
| UCLA | -6' | 41-21 | W |
| at Oregon | -6' | 33-14 | W |
| at USC | +3 | 21-10 | W |
| Oregon St | -23 | 42-3 | W |
| San Jose St | -37 | 53-10 | W |
| at Washington St | -10' | 31-24 | L |

## 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at BYU | -8 | 42-20 | W |
| San Diego St | -23' | 36-3 | W |
| Nebraska | -4 | 14-27 | L |
| Arizona St | -15 | 26-14 | L |
| at California | -16 | 30-3 | W |
| at Arizona | -11' | 58-28 | W |
| at Oregon St | -24 | 45-17 | W |
| USC | -17 | 27-0 | W |
| Oregon | -21 | 28-31 | L |
| at UCLA | +2' | 28-52 | L |
| Washington St | -6 | 35-41 | L |

## 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Arizona St | +6 | 42-38 | W |
| BYU | -9' | 20-10 | W |
| at Nebraska | +13' | 7-55 | L |
| Arizona | -2 | 28-31 | L |
| Utah St | -21 | 53-12 | W |
| California | -9 | 21-13 | L |
| Oregon St | -16' | 35-34 | L |
| at USC | +6 | 10-33 | L |
| at Oregon | +6' | 22-27 | W |
| UCLA | +6' | 24-36 | L |
| at Washington St | -9' | 16-9 | L |

## 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at BYU | +3' | 28-35 | L |
| Air Force | -4 | 21-31 | L |
| Colorado | +3' | 31-24 | W |
| Oregon | -2' | 34-20 | W |
| at Oregon St | -2' | 47-21 | W |
| Arizona St | -10 | 7-28 | L |
| at California | -3 | 31-27 | W |
| Stanford | -3 | 35-30 | W |
| at Arizona | +5' | 33-25 | W |
| at UCLA | -8' | 20-23 | L |
| Washington St | -14 | 24-14 | L |

# WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 1998 the Cougars had to replace Ryan Leaf. They alternated Steve Birnbaum and Paul Mencke but the two QB's combined for just a 16-25 ratio. Last year Birnbaum stepped to the forefront of the QB race and started 11 games. He solidly improved the numbers with 2,022 yards (57%) and an 11-5 ratio. Mobile rFr Jason Gesser (PS#38) was the backup QB early. He was contending for the starter's job when he went down with a hand injury in the fourth game. Gesser returned for the final two games and started versus Hawaii guiding the team to the upset win but with only 141 yards passing. He is the favorite for the starter's job this year and should show solid improvement now that he has game experience. Matt Kegel (6-5 226 rFr) is Ryan Leaf's cousin and mirrors his physical capabilities. Paul Mencke (6-5 228 Sr) is back and has 3 starts and 1,285 yards passing in 2 years but will likely move to WR. Kjell Nesen (6-1 193 rFr) was PS#214 & decided to transfer after being #3 QB out of spring. Gesser was the clear leader out of spring and Price installed 35 new plays to take advantage of his mobility. Although they lose their starter, this unit will be improved in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - This position appeared to be in great shape last year as perhaps the PAC 10's best RB Kevin Brown should have returned, but was instead suspended. In his absence Adam Hawkins was pressed into duty starting the first two games and finished with 252 yards including 103 in the season finale. The feature back turned out to be true frosh Deon Burnett who almost topped 1,000 yards in his first year with 974 (4.7) while adding 220 yards receiving. He looks like a star for many years to come. One of the knocks on him was lack of yardage after the first hit, but he seemed stronger in that area in the spring. Brad Philley (6-2 208 Sr) was a starting LB in 98 and moved to RB last year but saw little action with just 38 total yards. Jeremy Thielbahr (6-2 240 Jr) was PS#379 and has 65 yards in 2 years. JUCO RB David Minnich (6-0 210 Jr, PS#38) spent 5 years in the Marines which is similar to former Utah RB Mike Anderson who had a solid impact with the Utes. Price signed a solid class of incoming frosh RB's but you can expect most of them to redshirt. With the added talent and much more experience, this unit is solidly improved and much deeper than in 99.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year for the second straight season this was a very young group and they suffered through a slow start by Nian Taylor who dropped six passes in the first 3 games but rebounded to lead the team with 51 rec's (12.3). He departs as does SB Leaford Hackett who was the #2 rec with 44. Also gone is TE Corey Scott (3 sts). All four of the projected starters below have starting experience as do some of the backups, and the TE position is deep. There's plenty of experienced talent returning and I list the 2 deep below. Price also went the JUCO route bringing in WR Billy Chase (6-4 210), TE Mark Baldwin (6-6 244), WR Derrick Dillon (PS#63 out of high school) and WR Nakoa McElrath (6-3 195 Jr) who is PS #45 JC and has 4.4 speed. WR Adam Davis (6-0 169 Jr) was PS#92 and had 5 starts in 98 and 11 rec's. Basketball player Mike Bush (6-6) will join the team in the fall and Price is high on him. Last year's group underperformed and this year's looks to be much improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Cougars had to replace three starting OL's and then were hit by a myriad of injuries. They used six different offensive line combinations during the year and only once did the same O-line start 2 games in a row, but in that game two of the starters were limited by injuries. Plenty of frosh saw action which bodes well for this season. This year they must replace LT Ryan Tujague (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), C Lincoln Walden-Schulz (12 sts), OT Jason Hughes (2 sts), RG Mike Schwarz (9 sts) and RG Joe Criscione (4 sts). Five players do return with starting experience including the Raymond brothers who are touted as all conference caliber players after spending most of last year on the injury list. They also get some HT rFr (see 2 deep). They were missing two starters in the spring and were dominated by the strong D-line in every scrimmage. As long as this group maintains better health, they should be improved. Price calls this unit the most athletic that he has fielded here.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - When I think of Wash St, I think of hard charging, tough defensive lines. Price has landed some solid recruiting classes in this area, and it should be a team strength this year. The 99 version was a veteran one and this year they must replace DT Rob Meier (12 sts, 12 tfl, #7DC of JAX), DE Jesse Ratcliffe (7 sts, 3 tfl) and DE Mark Hedeen (5 sts, 2 tfl). I list 11 players in the Projected Starting Lineups below, and there are a good number of HT's and VHT's in the group. Injuries hurt this unit last year, and with plenty of quality athletes on hand, I look for this group to be much tougher in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year six players with starting experience returned to this unit but two returning starters did not play due to injuries making them much thinner. This year they must replace LB Stephen Gleason (10 sts, 2nd tm PAC 10) and LB Grady Emmerson (9 sts, 65 tkls). Two starters return and Holden (provided he stays eligible) is an NFL prospect. They also get James Price, a 98 starter, back from injury and add some solid JUCO's and true frosh who Price says can play right away. This unit has much more stability heading into the season, and I'll call it solidly improved.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Cougars lose their secondary coach Craig Bray as he moved on to become Oregon St's defensive coordinator. In the six seasons with Bray on hand, WSU twice led the PAC 10 in pass efficiency defense and finished lower than 4th just once. Last year Bray had to replace one starter due to graduation and then lost his best CB, Chris Martin, to academics prior to the year. His top safety, Lamont Thompson, a 2nd team PAC 10 honoree in 98, also suffered through an injury plagued season in which he landed in Price's doghouse. Both players return and CB Marcus Trufant showed a lot of promise starting the last five games as a true frosh. Price signed an excellent class of true frosh DB's that will compete as will some JUCO's adding depth. They must replace SS Earl Riley (7 sts, 34 tkls), CB LeJuan Gibbons (12 sts, 10 pbu) and SS Torry Hollimon (4 sts, 28 tkls). With the return of their 2 stars, they could even improve upon last year's outstanding #14 finish in my pass efficiency defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Cougars had their lowest finish in my special teams rankings over the last 5 years in 98 when they ranked 88th. That was partially due to breaking in a new P and snapper. Last year they moved up to #71 overall. The return game was still average but the net punting and KR defense were solid. They must replace P Kareem Anderson who in his 2nd year had a solid 41.3 average. Also gone this year is K Rian Lindell (2nd tm PAC 10) who hit 12 of 16 FG's with a long of 52. Who will replace Lindell is a question mark as only walk-on Nick Lambert (5-11 183 Jr) was on the roster in the spring. The top returnmen are both back and can only improve. This is not an overwhelming unit but could top last year's finish.

Coach Price put pressure on himself saying the Cougars need to win.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Deon Burnett** | 209 | 1059 | 85 | 974 | 12 | 4.7 |
| **Adam Hawkins** | 60 | 267 | 15 | 252 | 3 | 4.2 |
| **Jason Gesser** | 41 | 230 | 85 | 145 | 0 | 3.5 |
| Steve Birnbaum | 35 | 50 | 176 | -126 | 2 | -3.6 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| Steve Birnbaum | 307 | 174 | 56.7 | 2022 | 11 | 5 |
| **Jason Gesser** | 95 | 48 | 50.5 | 445 | 0 | 3 |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| Nian Taylor | | 51 | 627 | 12.3 | 3 | 59 |
| Leaford Hackett | | 44 | 525 | 11.9 | 2 | 38 |
| **Farwan Zubedi** | | 29 | 369 | 12.7 | 1 | 31 |
| **Marcus Williams** | | 28 | 443 | 15.8 | 4 | 43 |
| **Deon Burnett** | | 23 | 220 | 9.6 | 0 | 48 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kareem Anderson | 82 | 3384 | 41.3 | - | 35.8 | 0 | 26 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rian Lindell | 5-5 | 2-2 | 3-5 | 2-4 | 12-16 | 52 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Billy Newman** | 105 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Steve Gleason | 98 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| **Curtis Holden** | 95 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Rob Meier | 65 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Grady Emmerson | 65 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Torry Hollimon | 58 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Lamont Thompson** | 54 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| LeJuan Gibbons | 47 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| **Raonall Smith** | 38 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| **Marcus Trufant** | 37 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 2 |
| Earl Riley | 34 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Austin Matson** | 32 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Jesse Ratcliff | 29 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Collin Henderson** | 18 | 150 | 8.3 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Curtis Nettles** | 12 | 231 | 19.2 | 0 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**UTAH -2 7-27 LOSS** Utah had a 23-17 FD edge, 424-323 yd edge & WSU had 5 TO's. Utah got 2 FG's foll fmbl's & a 35 yd 3Q TD pass. Utah was int'd in the EZ. Gesser came in for WSU but on his 1st play fmbl'd & Utah drove 21 yds for a TD. Early 4Q Utah got a 36 yd FG but roughing the K set up Utah for an 8 yd TD, 27-0. WSU got a 4Q 80 yd drive for a TD w/9:02 left.

**AT STANFORD +6' 17-54 LOSS** WSU had 366-319 yd & 23-13 FD edges. WSU fmbl'd on the 2nd play & SU got a 32 yd TD drive. SU added an int ret for a TD, blk'd a punt for a TD, & had 24 & 18 yd TD drives foll a fumble & a safety. It was 38-10 at half & the Cardinal flew to an easy win as WSU mistakes were the key.

**IDAHO +3 17-28 LOSS** UI was technically the home team in front of a split crowd of 34,873. WSU drove 80 yds for an early TD & added a 13 yd TD run, 14-0. UI missed a 54 yd FG & controlled the 2Q with a 144-25 yd edge but QB Dean was int'd in the EZ & was inj'd. Dean started because starting QB Welsh was out. 3rd string QB Robertson relieved. With WSU leading 14-0, Birnbaum threw a perfect pass in the EZ for a TD but Taylor dropped it. Two plays later Birnbaum was sk'd, fmbl'd & Nofoaiga ret'd it 62 yds for a TD, Birnbaum was injured & Gesser led a 3 & out drive. UI got a 51 yd TD pass. WSU retook the lead with a 48 yd FG. In the 4Q UI drove 77 & 61 yds for TD's on 42 & 19 yd TD passes. It was UI's 1st victory in this series since 1965.

**ARIZONA +13' 24-30 WIN** UA missed 53 & 40 yd 1H FG's & WSU got a 52 yd FG with a 30 mph wind at Lindell's back, 10-7. UA got a 3Q safety & a 68 yd PR set up a TD. WSU got an 80 yd TD drive in the 4Q. In the 2H UA missed 43 & 32 yd FG's. UA went 80 yds for a TD but Burnett got a 55 yd TD run, 24-24. WSU punted at the UA 45 (4th & 2, wind at back) knowing UA was 0 for 4 on FG's. UA got to the WSU 42 & threw a Hail Mary pass which TV replays show bounced on the ground but was called a TD. UA did have a 25-13 FD edge & 500-318 yd edge.

**CALIFORNIA +4 31-7 WIN** WSU had a 322-174 yd edge. WSU got a 2Q 59 yd TD drive. Cal fmbl'd the KO & WSU got a 40 yd FG. WSU blk'd a punt & drove 11 yds for a TD, 17-0. WSU got a 25 yd fmbl ret for a 3Q TD. WSU drove 96 yds, 16 plays for a 4Q TD & added a late TD. Cal QB Boller hit just 13 of 33 & was under constant pressure. Bimbaum was 23-38 (61%) on the day & Burnett rushed for 104 yds.

**LOUISIANA-LFT -21 44-0 WIN** On the 1st play Mencke lined up at WB, took a handoff & threw a 24 yd pass to ignite an 80 yd TD drive. WSU got a 59 yd TD pass from Birnbaum & then a 73 yd TD run by Burnett. WSU led 28-0 at half & cruised despite LL having a TOP edge as most of WSU's scores were quick. Burnett finished with 110 rush yds and 4 TD's for his 2nd straight century mark topper.

**AT ARIZONA ST +7' 21-33 LOSS** WSU had 259 yds in the 1H & led 21-13 but totalled just 32 yds in the 2H. ASU drove 59 & 62 yds for TD's on their 1st 2 3Q poss, 27-21. ASU drove to the WSU 32 but punted & mid 4Q drove 63 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 33-21. WSU was SOD at the ASU 30 & ASU had a 420-291 yd edge.

**OREGON ST +4' 13-27 LOSS** Very windy & both offenses struggled. WSU's defense was banged up missing numerous players. OSU had an 80 yd TD drive & after a WSU fmbl, added a 22 yd FG. Each team had a long drive for a FG. WSU got a 50 yd FG, 13-6 at half. OSU's Simonton was inj'd (did not play 1H), but was a key factor in 88 & 71 yd 3Q TD drives. OSU led 27-6. WSU got a 97 yd garbage drive for a TD in the final seconds.

**OREGON +15' 10-52 LOSS** WSU blk'd a punt but settled for a 25 yd FG & it was all UO. They had 65, 81, 9 (after an int) and 64 yd drives for TD's, 28-3 at half. It was 45-3. WSU drove 72 yds for a TD w/ :24 left & after rec the onside K, fmbl'd & UO ret'd it 47 yds for a TD.

**USC +8' 28-31 WIN** 60° in Nov in Wash! USC led 17-7. WSU drove 48 yds for a TD, 17-14 at half. USC got a 3Q 82 yd TD drive & a 6 yd int ret for a TD, 31-14. WSU drove 80 yds for a TD but was SOD at the USC 3. WSU missed a FG. WSU drove 85 yds for a TD w/ 2:14 left. USC punted w/ :13 left. WSU's Hail Mary pass fell incomplete.

**AT WASHINGTON +14 14-24 WIN** After missing a FG, UW hit a short one, 3-0. UW drove 49 yds for a TD & WSU got 2 FG's, 10-6 late 1H . UW added a 55 yd TD pass to Jarzynka, 17-6 at half. UW RB Arnold got an 80 yd TD run. WSU QB Gesser got a 59 yd run to key a 90 yd TD drive mid 4Q. WSU's final drive was SOD & UW had a 430-281 yd edge but did not close out their season with a cover despite dominating.

**AT HAWAII +5 22-14 WIN** WSU led 3-0 at half w/ each team having just 7 FD's. WSU drove 80 yds for a FG but UH got a 65 yd TD pass. WSU got a 1 play, 30 yd TD run foll an int, 12-7. UH ret'd a fmbl 38 yds for a TD, 14-12 after 3Q's. WSU got a 24 yd FG with 2:53 left for the lead & UH was SOD on its own 20. WSU added a late TD.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

The Cougars played a lot of youngsters in 1999 and for the 2nd straight year won just 3 games. The defense yielded 27.3 ppg but a lot of that was due to offensive turnovers, especially early in the season and then injuries late in the year. At midseason WSU actually had the #1 ranked defense in the PAC 10, but prior to their meeting with Oregon St, had 8 defensive starters ranging from doubtful to out. They also had taken some hard hits in the offseason with 3 starters (2 LB's and a CB) either injured or ineligible and on offense they lost their star RB Kevin Brown and a starting WR for the season. Since going to the Rose Bowl in 1997, WSU has finished last in the PAC 10 the last 2 years with a 1-15 record in PAC 10 play. Price has put the pressure on himself this year saying that they need to win and go to a bowl game and says that this year's recruiting class was filled with players that will play right away instead of redshirting. Injuries are usually a problem at Pullman due to their hard artificial surface and WSU usually fades in the 2H of the season because of the injuries. Last year Oregon St got rid of their hard turf, cut down on injuries and made it to a bowl. WSU replaces its hard surface this year with Field Turf and hopes for the same results. The Cougars lose 6 starters on offense, but look to be improved at every position. After years of immobile QB's, Price has Jason Gesser at the helm and his mobility has Price installing new plays to take advantage. The O-line is the question mark but the offense should be more potent. The defense (provided everyone stays eligible) should still be one of the PAC 10's stronger units. They could go 3-0 in their non-conf slate but have some of the PAC 10's best travelling to Pullman, and have some winnable games in conference play on the road. If everyone reports to fall camp this group will make some noise in the PAC 10 and could flirt with a winning record.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

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|---|---|
| P | Alan Cox 6-2 194 PS#27JC |
| LB | Lacy McDonald 6-1 205 PS#80 |
| RB | David Minnich 6-0 210 PS#38JC |
| WR | Nakoa McElrath 6-3 195 PS#45JC |
| RB | Chris Bruhn 6-3 205 PS#118 |
| DL | Norvell Holmes 6-3 285 PS#102 |
| RB | Jason David 5-9 170 PS#148 |
| LB | Lance Mitchell 6-3 225 PS#126 |
| RB | Ronald Nunn 5-11 170 PS#165 |
| TE | Mark Baldwin 6-5 240 PS#162JC |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Jason Gesser So.** 6-1 200 *PS#38 in 98. 1 st as rFr, 445 yds (51%), 0-3 ratio, 230 rush. Missed 6 w/inj. Matt Kegel (6-5 226 rFr) PS#41, Ryan Leaf's cousin.*

**RB DEON BURNETT SO.** 5-11 212 *PS#52 in 99. 10 sts as true. 974 yds (4.7), 23 rec (9.6). HM PAC 10. Adam Hawkins (5-10 210 Sr) PS#180, 252 yds (4.2) in 99.*

**SB COLLIN HENDERSON SO.** 6-1 190 *PS#110WR. 4 sts as true, 20 rec (8.8). Derrick Dillon PS#63 in 98, JC trans. Curtis Nettles (5-7 160 So) 4.3 speed, 5 rec in 99.*

**WR FARWAN ZUBEDI JR.** 5-10 171 *1 st, 11 rec in 97 & 98. 12 sts in 99, 29 rec (12.7). Milton Wynn (6-3 205 Jr) PS#264JC, 3 rec then inj'd & RS in 99.*

**WR Marcus Williams Sr.** 6-5 231 *PS#152JC. 4 sts here, 28 rec (15.8). Paul Mencke (6-5 228 Sr) 1285 yds pass at QB L/2Y, 10 rec at WR. Nakoa McElrath is PS#45JC.*

**TE RUSSELL MIZIN SO.** 6-4 232 *PS#50 in 98. 9 sts in 99, 6 rec (10.7). Josh Shavies (6-5 276 So) was PS#11. Mark Baldwin (6-4 244 Jr) PS#162JC.*

**C Tyler Hunt So.** 6-3 270 *PS#329OL in 98. 2nd string as rFr but did not letter. Erik Larson (6-4 277 Sr) 6 tkls, 2 yrs. LS in 98 & 99.*

**RG RYAN RAYMOND SR.** 6-7 302 *PS#221OL in 96. Lettered in 98. 6 sts in 99 (inj'd 6). Brian Hollenberg (6-3 284 So) PS#113 in 97. +10 lbs.*

**LG Derrick Roche So.** 6-6 265 *PS#244DL in 98. 3 sts as rFr in 99. Joe Hollenbeck (6-4 288 Jr) PS#119DL. 1 start, 4.5 tfl in 98. Lettered on OL in 99.*

**RT REED RAYMOND SR.** 6-8 310 *PS#257OL in 96. 11 sts in 98, 9 sts in 99 (inj'd for 3). 3 letters. Josh Parrish (6-6 288 rFr) was PS#34TE in 99.*

**LT Phil Locker So.** 6-5 295 *PS#363OL in 98. 2nd string but RS in 98. 3 sts in 99. Billy Knotts (6-7 281 rFr) PS#180. Added 20 lbs.*

**K Nick Lambert Jr.** 5-11 183 *No stats in 2 years here, #1 candidate to take over K job. Alan Cox PS#27JUCO this year, 53 yd FG in HS.*

**DE AUSTIN MATSON SR.** 6-3 262 *PS#179. 8 sts in 98, 25 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts, 32 tkls, 7 tfl in 99. Fred Shavies (6-5 276 So) PS#109, 15 tkls, 2 tfl in 99.*

**DT ING ALEAGA SO.** 6-2 293 *PS#53. 4 sts as rFr, 15 tkls, 1 tfl. Tomasi Kongaika (6-1 306 So) PS#294, 7 sts, 3 tfl ly. Tai Tupai was PS#19.*

**DT Eric Boose So.** 6-2 281 *PS#208, 1 st in 99, 16 tkls, 1 tfl. Jeremey Williams (6-4 269 rFr) PS#17. Melvin Camarena (6-2 275 Sr) 5 tkls ly.*

**DE Anthony Adedipe Sr.** 6-3 254 *PS#191JC. 25 sks in 2 yrs at JC. 6 tkls, 3 tfl, 9 gms here ly. Tupo Tuupo (6-3 260 Jr) PS#165. Issac Brown (6-2 225 rFr) PS#37TE.*

**WLB James Price Jr.** 5-11 218 *13 tkls in 97. 10 sts in 98, 83 tkls, 10 tfl, RS in 99. Melvin Simmons (6-1 212 So) PS#113, 6 tkls as true.*

**MLB CURTIS HOLDEN SR.** 6-2 232 *PS#79JC, 11 sts here in 99, #1 w/95 tkls, 12 tfl, NFL potential. Alex Nguae (6-0 250 Jr) & DeShon Weaver (5-11 234 Jr) JUCO trans.*

**SLB RAONALL SMITH JR.** 6-2 254 *PS#124. 2 sts, 6 tfl in 98. 5 sts (inj) in 99, 38 tkls, 4 tfl. 4.41 speed. Serign Marong (6-2 237 Jr) PS#224, 38 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 yrs.*

**CB MARCUS TRUFANT SO.** 5-11 183 *PS#180, 6 sts as true, 37 tkls, 2 int, 13 pbu. 4.49 speed. Virgil Williams (6-1 181 So) PS#189, 7 tkls as rFr tfl injury.*

**CB Chris Martin Sr.** 6-0 185 *JC trans in 98, 11 sts here. 51 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu, best cover CB. Susp in 99. Tyrone Ward (6-1 165 Jr) JC, 4.4 speed.*

**SS BILLY NEWMAN JR.** 5-10 197 *PS#230. 4.47 speed. 1 st, 45 tkls in 98, 12 sts in 99, 105 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 6 pbu, 5 tfl. HM PAC 10. Ira Davis (6-0 200 rFr).*

**FS LAMONT THOMPSON SR.** 6-2 215 *PS#137DB. 4 sts, 6 int, 5 pbu as true. 7 sts in 99, 4 int, 1 pbu, 54 tkls. 4.37 speed. Mory Banks (5-11 198 Sr) PS#176JC, 12 tkls ly.*

**P Alan Cox Jr.** 6-2 197 *PS#27JUCO. Booming leg. Avg'd 43.7 at JC in 2Y. Also did KO's & played WR, pitcher on baseball team.*

# WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score WSU | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | Stanford | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | at Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 23 | Idaho (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 30 | at California | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 7 | Boise St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 14 | at Arizona | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | Arizona St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | at Oregon St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | Oregon | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | at USC | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 18 | Washington | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

WSU is 5-2 ATS L/7 vs Big 10 teams.
Washington St is 4-1 ATS L/4Y as an away favorite.
Cougars are 6-2 ATS in their Pac 10 opener.
WSU is 10-5-2 in the 1st and 6-10 ATS in the 2nd of B2B road games.
Wazzou is 7-14 ATS in their 2nd straight home game.
SU winner in the WSU/Arizona series is 16-3-2 ATS!

WSU is 1-7 SU, 0-8 ATS vs Stanford.
Cougars are 11-6 ATS since 1986 when they have a bye the next week.

BONUS ANGLE: Wazzou is 5-2 ATS L/7 home openers & is 7-1 SU L/8.

WSU is 2-10-1 ATS on grass the last 5 years.
Wash St is 13-6 ATS L/19 non-Pac 10 games.

Cougars are 8-1 SU, 7-2 ATS L/10Y vs teams from "small" conf's.
WSU has covered 5 of their last 7 Homecoming games.

Wazzou is 24-14-1 ATS off a SU win the L/8 seasons.
The home team is 10-1 ATS the L/11 series meetings.

Cougars are 7-13-2 ATS their L/22 October contests.
WSU has won & covered both meetings L/10Y vs the Broncos.

Visitor is 5-2-1 ATS the L/8 in this series.
Wash St is 3-8 ATS their last 11 sandwiched away games.

The home team is 3-6-1 ATS the last 10 series meetings.
Pending earlier results, WSU is 2-4 ATS L/6 in sandwiched home games.

Wazzou is 7-2 ATS L/9 meetings vs Oregon St.
The favorite is 8-1 ATS the L/9 series meetings.

Washington St is 4-10 ATS L/14 vs the Ducks.
The favorite is 7-0 ATS the L/7 in this series.

Cougars are 4-10 ATS their L/14 road finales.
WSU is 1-13 ATS the week before Washington since 1986.

The home team is 6-3 ATS the L/9 Apple Cups.
Cougars are just 5-9 ATS their L/14 Paloose finales.

## STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (37,600)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 7-4 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 10-1 | 3-8 | 3-9 | 36-42 |
| ATS | 5-6 | 6-4-1 | 6-5 | 5-5-1 | 8-3 | 2-9 | 6-6 | 38-38-2 |
| Home Fav | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 4-2 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 14-8 |
| Home Dog | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 3-2 | 8-9 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 0-2-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 4-6-1 |
| Away Dog | 1-4 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 1-2-1 | 2-1 | 0-4 | 2-3 | 12-15-1 |
| Favorite | 3-1 | 2-3-1 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 6-2 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 18-14-1 |
| Dog | 2-5 | 4-1 | 4-2 | 2-3-1 | 2-1 | 1-7 | 5-5 | 20-24-1 |
| Grass | 1-2 | 2-0-1 | 1-1 | 0-2-1 | 1-1 | 0-4 | 0-2 | 5-12-2 |
| Artificial | 4-4 | 4-4 | 5-4 | 5-3 | 7-2 | 2-5 | 6-4 | 33-26 |
| vs PAC 10 | 4-4 | 3-4-1 | 4-4 | 3-4-1 | 5-3 | 1-7 | 4-4 | 24-30-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 14-8 |
| Off SU Win | 4-1 | 3-3 | 3-0 | 2-2-1 | 6-3 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 20-12-1 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-4 | 2-1 | 3-4 | 2-3 | 1-0 | 1-6 | 5-4 | 15-22 |

## Coach: MIKE PRICE (Career 105-110)
### *Price's records AT WASHINGTON STATE*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12th Year at Washington State | | 21-16 | Home Favorite |
| 59-66 | Straight Up | 11-11 | Home Underdog |
| 58-60-4 | Vs The Spread | 8-9-3 | Away Favorite |
| 23-33-1 | Off A S/U Loss | 18-24-1 | Away Underdog |
| 39-47-2 | Vs PAC 10 | 19-13-2 | Vs Non-PAC 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 81 | Holiday | +3 | BYU | 36-38 | W |
| 88 | Aloha | +4' | Houston | 24-22 | W |
| 92 | Copper | -9' | Utah | 31-28 | L |
| 94 | Alamo | -5' | Baylor | 10-3 | W |
| 97 | Rose | +7 | Michigan | 16-21 | W |

# WASHINGTON ST (3-9)

CONFERENCE: **PAC 10**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 6**
**DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 44 (23,21,0)**
**Lost: 22 (11,9,2)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5* | 20.7 | 19 | 114 | 3.4 | 228 | 55.1 | 16.5 | -4 | 1999 | 6 | 27.3 | 20 | 168 | 3.9 | 211 | 52.0 | 13.9 |
| 2 | 20.3 | 18 | 127 | 3.7 | 247 | 47.2 | 18.4 | -17 | 1998 | 4 | 31.7 | 19 | 183 | 4.3 | 205 | 52.8 | 12.2 |
| 7* | 40.3 | 23 | 150 | 4.1 | 343 | 55.2 | 12.3 | -1 | 1997 | 6 | 24.7 | 19 | 117 | 3.2 | 217 | 49.1 | 13.6 |
| 6* | 28.5 | 20 | 105 | 3.4 | 266 | 51.3 | 13.0 | -10 | 1996 | 7 | 28.8 | 20 | 136 | 3.2 | 228 | 53.6 | 12.6 |
| 7* | 21.5 | 19 | 115 | 3.4 | 240 | 56.9 | 16.5 | 0 | 1995 | 4 | 24.9 | 19 | 130 | 3.4 | 219 | 53.3 | 14.0 |
| 3 | 16.8 | 15 | 80 | 2.0 | 201 | 56.6 | 16.7 | +9 | 1994 | 7 | 11.6 | 13 | 74 | 2.0 | 149 | 43.9 | 19.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Utah | 17 | 28-98 | 3.5 | 22-39 | 225 | 2 | 23 | 41-175 | 4.3 | 22-36 | 249 | 2 | -3 |
| at Stanford | 23 | 38-65 | 1.7 | 26-44 | 301 | 2 | 13 | 36-103 | 2.9 | 17-27 | 216 | 1 | -3 |
| Idaho | 23 | 31-79 | 2.5 | 23-53 | 295 | 4 | 24 | 41-154 | 3.8 | 13-32 | 285 | 1 | +1 |
| Arizona | 13 | 30-153 | 5.1 | 15-24 | 165 | 1 | 25 | 60-249 | 4.2 | 18-33 | 251 | 1 | 0 |
| California | 21 | 41-95 | 2.3 | 23-38 | 227 | 4 | 13 | 35-58 | 1.7 | 13-33 | 116 | 4 | +2 |
| Louisiana-Lft | 17 | 32-163 | 5.1 | 14-28 | 271 | 0 | 20 | 47-134 | 2.9 | 15-35 | 154 | 4 | +2 |
| at Arizona St | 18 | 35-150 | 4.3 | 15-30 | 141 | 1 | 25 | 48-217 | 4.5 | 20-34 | 203 | 3 | +1 |
| Oregon St | 17 | 33-109 | 3.3 | 18-34 | 194 | 4 | 19 | 47-163 | 3.5 | 17-27 | 245 | 2 | 0 |
| at Oregon | 15 | 20-30 | 1.5 | 25-40 | 275 | 3 | 24 | 44-228 | 5.2 | 17-26 | 259 | 1 | -3 |
| USC | 25 | 32-112 | 3.5 | 25-43 | 308 | 0 | 16 | 44-201 | 4.6 | 12-22 | 117 | 1 | -1 |
| at Washington | 15 | 29-91 | 3.1 | 14-29 | 190 | 3 | 23 | 52-250 | 4.8 | 14-23 | 180 | 1 | -1 |
| at Hawaii | 20 | 49-222 | 4.5 | 19-34 | 141 | 4 | 15 | 19-83 | 4.4 | 19-51 | 254 | 1 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 224 | 398-1367 | 3.4 | 239-434 | 2733 | 28 | 240 | 514-2015 | 3.9 | 197-379 | 2529 | 22 | -4 |
| AVERAGES | 18.7 | 33-114 | 3.4 | 20-36 | 228 | 2.3 | 20.0 | 43-168 | 3.9 | 16-32 | 211 | 1.8 | -0.3 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Pittsburgh | -2 | 13-17 | L |
| Montana | -15 | 38-21 | W |
| UCLA | +5' | 24-15 | W |
| at Nebraska | +29 | 21-35 | W |
| Oregon St | -10' | 40-14 | W |
| at USC | +14 | 14-26 | W |
| at Oregon | +6' | 7-26 | L |
| Arizona | -5 | 14-24 | L |
| at California | -3 | 11-27 | L |
| Stanford | +2 | 24-36 | L |
| at Washington | +13 | 30-33 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Colorado | +21 | 19-37 | W |
| at Temple | -10 | 38-34 | L |
| Oregon | -2 | 55-44 | W |
| San Jose St | -27 | 52-16 | W |
| at Arizona | +8 | 26-34 | T |
| at Oregon St | -9 | 24-3 | W |
| California | -3' | 21-18 | L |
| USC | +3' | 24-29 | L |
| at UCLA | +4 | 14-38 | L |
| at Stanford | +1 | 17-33 | L |
| Washington | +10' | 24-31 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| UCLA | -1 | 37-34 | W |
| at USC | +7 | 28-21 | W |
| at Illinois | -12 | 35-22 | W |
| Boise St | -39 | 58-0 | W |
| at Oregon | -7' | 24-13 | W |
| California | -16' | 63-37 | W |
| Arizona | -13 | 35-34 | L |
| at Arizona St | +3' | 31-44 | L |
| SW Louisiana | -46 | 77-7 | W |
| Stanford | -15 | 38-28 | L |
| at Washington | +6 | 41-35 | W |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Illinois | -12' | 20-13 | L |
| at Boise St | -11' | 33-21 | W |
| Idaho | -16' | 24-16 | L |
| at California | +4' | 14-24 | L |
| at UCLA | +23 | 17-49 | L |
| Oregon | +13' | 29-51 | L |
| USC | +9 | 14-42 | L |
| Arizona St | +6' | 28-38 | L |
| at Arizona | +24 | 7-41 | L |
| at Stanford | +7 | 28-38 | L |
| Washington | +9' | 9-16 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | -2 | 7-27 | L |
| at Stanford | +6' | 17-54 | L |
| Idaho | +3 | 7-28 | L |
| Arizona | +13' | 24-30 | W |
| California | +4 | 31-7 | W |
| Louisiana-Lft | -21 | 44-0 | W |
| at Arizona St | +7' | 21-33 | L |
| Oregon St | +4' | 13-27 | L |
| at Oregon | +15' | 10-52 | L |
| USC | +8' | 28-31 | W |
| at Washington | +14 | 14-24 | W |
| at Hawaii | +5 | 22-14 | W |

# W VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Mountaineers appeared to have one of the top QB's in the country last year but Marc Bulger (#6DC of NO), who threw for 3,607 yards with a 31-8 ratio in 1998, suffered through an injury plagued senior season. He played in just 8 games and was rarely 100%. In his career finale he hit 20 of 30 for 331 yards versus Pitt. For the season his numbers dropped dramatically (1,729 yds, 11-13 ratio). Brad Lewis was forced to start three games and actually had a better pass efficiency rating. He threw for 726 yards (60%) with an 8-3 ratio. Lewis has good size and arm strength and should improve with experience. Scott McBrien (6-2 185 rFr) was PS#96 and Nehlen bit the bullet and redshirted him last year even when Lewis & Bulger went down to injury. In McBrien's senior year of high school he threw 25 TD passes without an int. He is mobile with a strong and accurate arm. Nehlen also signed PS#88 Jared Hostetler. Jeff Hostetler had a lot of success as WV's starting QB and ended up marrying Nehlen's daughter. Due to the injuries this unit suffered last year, even with the loss of a QB like Bulger, I'll call the unit improved as long as Lewis stays healthy.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Mountaineers had 3 feature TB's competing to replace famous Amos Zereoue. Alvin Swoope did not make it to the fall and Avon Cobourne stepped to the forefront. Avon was PS#84 but probably would have been rated higher out of HS as he missed his senior year with injuries. He topped Zereoue's frosh rushing yardage numbers with almost an identical number of carries. Cooper Rego (PS#4RB) was a Notre Dame transfer that had 182 yards after the first 3 games but saw little action after Cobourne took over. Quincy Wilson (5-10 200) was PS#33 and rushed for 146 yards (5.4). Surprisingly Avon Cobourne has said of Wilson "he is the best rushing RB I've ever seen." Unfortunately, Wilson tore his ACL in the spring game and will redshirt this year. Two of their top 10 recruits are RB's so this is an extremely deep and talented unit. They lose FB Anthony Green (11 sts, 137 yds) and backup FB Mark Plants. Wes Ours was to move to the OL, but may end up back at FB. I like the talent level here and while Cobourne's stats were solid, I see improvement in the year 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year WV had to replace its top 2 receivers who combined for 140 rec's and 1,831 yards in 1998. They then went through an injury plagued year. Pat Greene was expected to be the top receiver but saw very little playing time and had only 9 rec's. It seemed like a different WR was banged up every week and at the end of the season, FS Jerry Porter (#2DC of OAK) was even moved in to give the team another deep threat. The big news in the offseason was that Khori Ivy was granted a 5th year of eligibility. He was 2nd Team Big East and had 53 rec's in 99 (12.6). Antonio Brown hauled in 50 rec's (9.2). He has run a 4.18 40 and benches 400 lbs! I list the two deep below and as you can see there are 4 HT's in the group. Not included below are Shawn Terry (6-3 180 Jr) who was PS#142 and Seth Abraham (5-11 185 Jr) who was PS#162. Nehlen also brings in JUCO Shawn Swindall (5-10 180) who may be faster than Brown! They lose TE Anthony Becht (#1DC of NYJ, 11 sts, 35 rec, 2nd tm Big East) but Sean Berton is a VHT and his 2 backups were also highly recruited (see below). As long as they stay healthier than last year, this should be an improved group.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The Mountaineers offense averaged 34.2 ppg in 1998 thanks to a veteran offensive line that returned four of five starters. It paved the way for one of the best offenses in school history. Unfortunately the Mounties had to replace four senior starters and a junior who left early for the NFL so they had zero starters returning in 99. The top OL last year was senior C John Conte (PS#49) who became the leader of a very young group. This year's offensive line should be much improved as everyone else is back. They also get a SUPER addition in Jason Brooks who was simply THE top rated OL when he came out of HS and originally signed at Michigan. This group averages 6-5 308, has much more experience, and is loaded with VHT's and HT's. Their O-line coach says they are so deep they may come up with a platoon system to get all the talent into games.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Mounties had to replace all 4 starters from the defensive front last year and are much more experienced this season as four players return with starting experience. They must replace DT Greg Robinette (11 sts, 46 tkls, 4 tfl) and DE Ryan Brady (11 sts, 51 tkls, 9 tfl). There are some promising JUCO prospects, frosh and rFr that are added to the mix and I actually list a 3 deep in the Projected Starting Lineups. LB Edmonds was playing at the key RLB spot in the spring and may move to that position. This should be a solidly improved group.

**LINEBACKERS** - This was a veteran LB corps in 99 as 7 players returned with starting experience including all 3 starters. This year the majority of that group is back with the only loss from the 2 deep being OLB Barrett Green (#2DC of DET, 11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 10 tfl, 1st tm BE). Just like the D-line, this unit goes 3 and 4 deep in HT's and I list a 3 deep below. While I do not see any All-American caliber players here, this is definitely a deep and fairly experienced group, and should be at least as good as last year's unit.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Don Nehlen usually does a great job with the secondary as they have ranked #28, #7, #48 and #49 in my pass efficiency defense rankings from 1995-98. Last year they returned all 4 starters but dropped to #67 only allowing 51.7% completions with 13 TD's and 15 int's. The losses are heavy this year. Gone are FS Jerry Porter (5 sts, 28 tkls), CB Scooter Davis (5 sts, 33 tkls), S Boo Sensabaugh (3 sts, 42 tkls), CB Perlo Bastien (11 sts, 6 int, 6 pbu), CB Nate Terry (6 sts, 22 tkls, 4 pbu) and SS Gary Thompkins (11 sts, 48 tkls, 5 pbu). That means six of the top eight depart. I list the 2 deep below and although it looks to have a decent amount of depth and talent they are very inexperienced this year and will go through some growing pains.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - The Mounties lose a special K in Jay Taylor who connected on 81% of his FG's over the last 3 years with a long of 52. They also lose super returnman Nate Terry who avg'd 24.8 on KR's with 1 TD. Fortunately his younger brother Shawn looks like the man to inherit his job. He averaged 30.8 on six KR's last year and may be able to duplicate his brother's efforts. P Mark Fazzolari took over the starting job after a couple of games in 99 and was 2nd Team Big East. My special teams rankings do not include FG/K accuracy which may be the Mounties biggest weakness this year. After finishing #29 in 1997 and #34 in my special teams rankings in 98, WV finished a solid #29 last year. Nehlen's teams block a lot of kicks and they were +4 in the TD/Blk category. This is one area in which Nehlen's teams do well year in and year out, and they will be a top 25 contender again in my special teams rankings.

LB Kyle Kayden is one of 3 starters returning to the LB corps.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Avon Cobourne** | 224 | 1195 | 56 | 1139 | 10 | 5.1 |
| **Cooper Rego** | 81 | 368 | 28 | 340 | 2 | 4.2 |
| **Quincy Wilson** | 27 | 156 | 10 | 146 | 1 | 5.4 |
| **Brad Lewis** | 29 | 45 | 104 | -59 | 1 | -2.0 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Marc Bulger | 239 | 145 | 60.7 | 1729 | 11 | 13 |
| **Brad Lewis** | 112 | 67 | 59.8 | 726 | 8 | 3 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| **Khori Ivy** | | 53 | 666 | 12.6 | 5 | 44 |
| **Antonio Brown** | | 50 | 462 | 9.2 | 1 | 40 |
| Anthony Becht | | 35 | 510 | 14.6 | 5 | 34 |
| **Avon Cobourne** | | 16 | 126 | 7.9 | 0 | 15 |
| Jerry Porter | | 15 | 311 | 20.7 | 4 | 77 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mark Fazzolari** | 51 | 2116 | 41.5 | - | 36.4 | 0 | 18 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jay Taylor | 5-5 | 7-7 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 13-15 | 41 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barrett Green | 126 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| **Kyle Kayden** | 81 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Chris Edmonds** | 61 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| Ryan Brady | 51 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Gary Thompkins | 48 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Greg Robinette | 46 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Boo Sensabaugh | 42 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| **Mark Thurston** | 40 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Antwan Lake** | 39 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| **Corey Mcintyre** | 34 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Scooter Davis | 33 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Perlo Bastien | 28 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Jerry Porter | 28 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Antonio Brown** | 12 | 107 | 8.9 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nate Terry | 19 | 472 | 24.8 | 1 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT E CAROLINA -6 23-30 LOSS** EC had a 496 (327 rushing) -317 yd edge. EC had 4 trips inside the WV redzone but only 12 pts while WV had only 1 threat but 7 pts & EC led 12-7 at half. WV got a 22 yd FG foll a blk'd punt & the teams exchanged TD's. EC drove for a 43 yd FG early 4Q, 22-17. WV got a 26 yd TD drive foll an int but EC drove 57 yds 2 poss later & got a TD with :56 left to pull the upset.

**MIAMI, OH -3' 43-27 WIN** MU had a 545-444 yd edge but a 5-1 TO deficit was key. WV got a FG foll a fmbl. A roughing the K call set up a MU 55 yd TD pass. WV got a 2 yd TD drive foll an int. WV got a 62 yd drive for a TD & MU got a 62 yd TD pass. WV made a 35 yd FG, 19-14. WV got a FG & TD on long drives to open the 3Q, 29-14. After an exchange of TD's MU RB Prentice got an 81 yd TD on option pass, 36-27. WV DB Porter ret'd an int 68 yds for a TD to ice it.

**AT MARYLAND -6 0-33 LOSS** I used MD as a 4★ Top Weekly College Late Phone Play. WV missed an early 44 yd FG & after a fmbl rec was int'd at the MD 9. MD was SOD at the WV 5. MD drove 65 yds for a TD & foll an int drove 44 yds for a 31 yd FG. They added a 27 yd FG on the last play of the half, 13-0. MD drove 77 yds for a TD & added a 28 yd fmbl ret for a TD on the last play of the 3Q, 26-0. MD drove 42 yds for a TD foll Bulger's 4th injury. MD had a 427-249 yd edge.

**AT SYRACUSE +13' 7-30 LOSS** WV had a 264-227 yd edge but 4 TO's. Bulger's 2Q inj made it a misleading final. WV led 2-0 but SU got a 40 yd PR to set up a FG. WV settled for a FG & SU drove 80 yds for a TD, 10-5. WV got another safety with just 1:04 left 1H. WV fmbl'd & SU got a 22 yd TD pass, 17-7 at half. SU was int'd at the WV 30 but WV was int'd at the 22. WV fmbl'd at the SU 4 & a 35 yd ret set up SU for a 43 yd FG. A 5 yd WV punt set up SU for a 23 yd FG with 3:21 left. SU added an int return for a TD late.

**NAVY -10 28-31 LOSS** Bulger was out & Navy had a 471-264 yd edge. WV led 14-7 but Navy got a TD to tie at half. Navy opened the 3Q with an 80 yd drive kept alive by an offside pen on a punt & a roughing the K penalty negating a missed FG. WV drove 36 yds for a TD foll an int but Navy got an 80 yd TD drive. WV got a 58 yd TD drive to tie. Navy drove 61 yds for a 29 yd FG. WV's final drive ended with an int at the Navy 15 with 1:01 left.

**RUTGERS -20 62-16 WIN** RU was without QB McMahon who was lost for the season & WV was w/o Bulger. RU got an 80 yd TD pass on the 1st play & had a 244-171 yd edge in the 1H. RU's defense allowed just 1 meaningful TD drive & yet WV led 41-13 at half because of an 82 yd KR to the 3, an 80 yd PR for a TD, an int return to the 3 and a fmbl'd KO at the 19 setting up short WV TD's. WV owned the 2H despite losing 2nd string QB Lewis in the 3Q & ex DB Porter finished the game at QB. WV finished w/a 449-392 yd edge.

**TEMPLE -17 20-17 LOSS** TU got a 55 yd TD drive but WV blk'd a punt to set up a 12 yd TD drive. TU missed a 43 yd FG & WV hit a 36 yd FG. TU drove 73 yds & got a TD with 1:20 left in the half but Terry ret'd the ensuing kick 81 yds for a TD & the Mounties led 17-14. TU controlled the 1H with 13 FD's but got just 3 FD's in the 2H. WV was int'd at the TU 3, SOD at the TU 32, & SOD at the TU 35 in the 3Q. TU got a 22 yd FG foll a 60 yd pass with 8:35 left. WV fmbl'd the KO but TU punted. WV then drove 70 yds in 14 plays to milk the clock at the end & their 32 yd FG with :10 left gave them the win.

**AT MIAMI, FLA +17' 20-28 WIN** WV controlled the 1H but 5 TO's did them in. WV drove 56 yds for a TD but fmbl'd at the UM 1 & was int'd at the UM 1. They got a 33 yd FG. UM missed a 31 yd FG foll an int & WV got a 33 yd FG just before the half but only led 13-0. UM drove 56 yds for a 3Q TD & WV drove 80 yds for a TD. UM drove 52 & 80 yds for a TD, 21-20. UM drove 80 yds for a TD with 1:49 left & WV was int'd at the 6 with :06 left.

**VIRGINIA TECH +19 20-22 WIN** I used a 3★ Late Phone Selection on WV. Defenses controlled the 1H but VT got a 46 yd TD run. WV drove 62 yds for a TD w/ :49 left in half but QB Bulger was inj'd on the TD and did not return. VT opened the 3Q w/ a 20 yd FG. Lewis QB'd the 2H for WV & generated 3 FD's on his 1st poss before punting but later was sk'd & fmbl'd into the EZ for a safety, 12-7. VT hit a 52 yd pass to set up a TD w/ 4:59 left. WV fmbl'd the KO but Sensabaugh scooped it & raced 76 yds to the VT 24. WV got a TD w/ 3:15 left. VT fmbl'd & WV drove 32 yds for the go ahead TD on Lewis' 2nd TD pass. Vick's 22 yd scramble w/ :23 left set up the game winning 44 yd FG on the game's final play.

**AT BOSTON COLLEGE +3' 17-34 LOSS** Big plays by BC & Bulger's absence were key. BC led 17-10 at half. WV was driving in the 3Q to tie when BC ret'd a fmbl 63 yds for a TD. Later BC got a 66 yd TD pass. WV went on a 15 play, 98 yd TD drive, 31-17. BC was not only able to run out the clock but nailed a 26 yd FG with 1:51 left. BC had only a 23-21 FD edge.

**PITTSBURGH +1 52-21 WIN** WV got its 2nd straight blowout victory in the Backyard Brawl & Pitt native Bulger hit 20 of 30 for 331 yds while RB Cobourne rushed for 210. It was tied 7-7 early but WV led 35-7 at the half with a 397-111 yd edge. WV amassed a 623-232 yd edge & led 52-14 in the rout before Pitt added a late garbage time TD drive.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year was a tough year for Don Nehlen in his 20th season as he finished tied with the 1986 & 1990 Mountaineer teams for his worst record, 4-7. They did finish the year strong with a blowout win in Pittsburgh in the "Backyard Brawl" and an almost upset over Virginia Tech. With ND on the home schedule this year WV has set a single season record for season tickets sold. Nehlen has had so much success partially because he has been able to keep his coaching staff intact. This year they must replace their offensive coordinator and they have had as many changes on the staff overall as they have had in his 21 years. The offense has 7 starters back. I really like their offensive line which should be the best in the Big East, and their skill players are top notch. The defensive front 7 looks solid with the young secondary the only major question on this team. This team should get back to their winning ways and a bowl game and hopefully their first bowl WIN since 1984.


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| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Yulkeith Brown 5-8 160 PS#55 |
| RB | Mike Vernillo 5-11 195 PS#75 |
| WR | Isaac Irby 5-9 170 PS#62 |
| DL | Justin Williams 6-3 280 PS#91 |
| RB | Adam Lang 6-3 220 PS#126 |
| QB | Jared Hostetler 6-1 190 PS#88 |
| LB | Adam Lehnortt 6-4 225 PS#144 |
| DL | Terrance Martin 6-4 280 PS#146JC |
| DB | Todd Mosby 6-3 200 PS#156 |
| TE | Caleb Cooper 6-5 265 PS#71 |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

**QB Brad Lewis Jr.** 6-3 225 *PS#119. 5 gms in 98, 38 yds. 3 sts in 99, 726 yds (60%), 8-3 ratio, 45 yds rush. Scott McBrien (6-2 185 rFr) was PS#96.*

**RB AVON COBOURNE SO.** 5-8 190 *PS#83. 1139 yds (5.1) in 10 sts as rFr, 1st tm Big East. Cooper Rego (5-9 198 Jr) was PS#4, ND trans, 340 yds ly.*

**FB Wes Ours Sr.** 6-1 280 *3 sts at FB in 98, 3 sts at LG in 99. +30 lbs. Adam King (6-0 225 rFr) was PS #232 LB. Jermey Knapp (6-0 240 Jr)*

**WR KHORI IVY SR.** 6-2 190 *PS#59. 4 sts in 97, 19 rec (14.8). 41 rec in 98, 16.0 ypc. 10 sts in 99, 53 rec (12.6). 2nd tm BE. AJ Nastasi (6-0 175 So) PS#39.*

**WR ANTONIO BROWN JR.** 5-10 170 *10.6 in 100m. 23 rec (12.0) as true. #2 in 99, 50 rec (9.2) 400 lb bench! Carlos Oseguedа (6-2 200 Sr) PS#50, 9 sts, 2 yrs.*

**TE Sean Berton So.** 6-5 235 *PS#15TE. 3 rec (5.3) as rFr. Tory Johnson (6-4 240 rFr) was PS#42. Brad Cusick (6-4 245 So) was PS#14.*

**C RICK GILLIAM SR.** 6-6 325 *Lettered in 97 & 98. 11 sts at OG in 99, 0 sks. Tim Brown (6-5 308 rFr) PS#76OL, 2 gms til inj. Ken Sandor (6-4 300 So) PS#187.*

**RG Jason Brooks Jr.** 6-3 291 ***PS#10L** in 97. 4 gms at Mich as rFr. Mike Enick (6-4 290 Sr) 2nd string 2 yrs. Jeremy Sherman (6-6 310 Jr) PS#180OL.*

**LG TERRY DIXON SR.** 6-3 320 *PS#60OL in 96 & signed at Wisky, JC in 97, RS in 98. 8 sts ly. Wes Ours (6-1 280 Sr) 3 sts. Justin Johnson (6-4 280 rFr) PS#72.*

**RT TANNER RUSSELL SR.** 6-8 310 *PS#107OL in 97. 2nd string in 98 & lettered. 11 sts in 99. Greg Mittleider (6-4 300 rFr) PS#363OL. Lance Nimmo (6-6 300 So) PS#246.*

**LT MATT WILSON SR.** 6-5 295 *12 gms in 98 & lettered. 11 sts in 98. Brad Knell (6-5 290 Jr) PS#88OL. 2nd string ly. Rondrick Smith (6-3 275 So) was PS#188.*

**K Brenden Rauh Jr.** 5-9 185 *PS#12K in 97. Joe Tassone (6-2 185 So) PS#32K in 99. Jon Ohliger (6-0 215 Sr) hit 31 yd FG in 99 in only attempt.*

**RLB MARK THURSTON JR.** 6-3 255 *PS#124LB in 97. 4 sts in 98, 26 tkls, 7 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 3 tfl. Kevin Freeman (6-3 230 So) PS#46TE in 98, 2 sts, 15 tkls ly.*

**DT ANTWAN LAKE SR.** 6-5 275 *PS#59TE in 97. 3 sks in 98. 11 sts in 99, 39 tkls, 10 tfl. Sedrick Lewis (6-3 300 Fr) PS#79. Terrance Martin (6-4 280 Jr) PS#146JC.*

**NT David Upchurch So.** 6-4 260 *PS#35TE in 98. 1 st in 99, 15 tkls, 1 tfl. John Paricka (6-3 275 Jr) PS#106JC. William Perry (6-2 300 So) PS#200DL.*

**DE Jason Davis rFr.** 6-5 280 *PS#168DL in 99, 4 tkls, 1 sk as true. Cortez McNeil (6-3 275 Jr) PS#183JC, 21 sks at JC in 98. Shannon Washington (6-5 245 Jr) PS#92.*

**WLB Grant Wiley rFr.** 6-1 230 *PS#141. Corey McIntyre (6-0 235 Sr) PS#190. 4 sks, 11 sp tms tkl in 98 (part qual in 97). 34 tkls ly. John Yura (6-1 215 Jr) PS#135.*

**MLB KYLE KAYDEN JR.** 6-3 235 *PS#333, 9 sts in 98, 73 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 81 tkls. David Carter (6-2 230 Sr) PS#271, 30 tkls, 2 yrs. Shaun Piper PS#184.*

**SLB CHRIS EDMONDS SR.** 6-3 240 *PS#186. 12 sts, 66 tkls, 8 tfl in 98. 11 sts, 61 tkls, 13 tfl in 99. James Davis (6-2 210 So) PS#228, 18 tkls in 99. Ben Collins PS#140QB.*

**CB Richard Bryant Jr.** 6-0 175 *PS#109WR in 97. 10 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu in 99. Lance Frazier (5-9 180 rFr) PS#146DB. Yulkeith Brown is PS#55.*

**CB Lew Daniels So.** 6-1 190 *PS#136RB in 98, 8 tkls as rFr, 9 KR (18.4). Track tm sprinter. Brian King (6-0 185 rFr) was PS#190DB in 99.*

**SS Shawn Hackett Jr.** 6-1 190 *PS#110JUCO. 105 tkls, 5 int at JC in 98. Redshirted in 99. Arthur Harrison (5-9 185 Jr) is PS#240JUCO.*

**FS Ricky Sherrod Jr.** 6-3 190 *PS#309RB in 97. 1 tkl til inj in 98. 3 sts in 99, 24 tkls, 3 pbu. Ben Meighan (6-2 200 So) PS#74QB in 98.*

**P MARK FAZZOLARI SO.** 6-0 185 *Took over P duties as rFr. 51 punts, 41.5 avg, solid 36.4 net. 2nd tm BE. Zach Anglin had 7 punts, 37.0 avg in 99.*

# W VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Morgantown, West Virginia
Weather (304) 296-9257

| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score WV | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Since 1980 W Virginia is 93-33-4 (74%) SU in the first 7 games of the season but is just 50-42 (54%) SU after Game 7. Last year broke a string of 6 straight seasons with a positive turnover ratio for the Mounties. W Virginia is 9-0-1 SU but 3-7 ATS L/10 vs the MAC. |
| Sep. 2 | Boston College | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mountaineers are 2-9 ATS their L/11 season openers. W Virginia is 7-2 ATS vs Boston College. |
| Sep. 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. 16 | Maryland | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | W Virginia is 3-7-1 ATS their L/11 Terp tussles. The underdog is 8-2-1 ATS the L/11 series meetings. |
| Sep. 23 | Miami (Fla) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Visiting team has dominated with a 8-1 ATS mark the L/9Y. W Virginia is 4-2-1 ATS since 1995 in their 2nd straight home game. |
| Sep. 28 | at Temple (Thurs) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visitor is 7-1 ATS the L/8 series meetings. Pending earlier results, WV is 7-16-3 ATS prior to Oct since '94. |
| Oct. 7 | Idaho | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Mounties are 16-11-2 ATS in October since 1992. W Virginia is 7-2 ATS L/9 sandwiched home games. |
| Oct. 12 | at Virginia Tech (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The favorite has covered 5 of 6 in this matchup, however... ...LY the Mounties almost pulled the upset (20-22) as 19 pt dogs. |
| Oct. 21 | Notre Dame | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ND won 21-14 in the only 90's meeting vs but WV covered as a 10 pt away dog. Despite an 0-2 mark LY, Mounties are 12-5-1 prior to a bye since 1991. |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 4 | Syracuse (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The favorite is 9-2-1 ATS the last dozen series meetings. Pending the MD result, WV is 17-11-1 ATS after a bye under Nehlen. |
| Nov. 11 | at Rutgers | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team has covered 8 of 9 games in this series. Despite an 0-2 mark LY, WV is 13-8 L/21 as an away favorite. |
| Nov. 18 | E Carolina | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | W Virginia is 5-2 SU but 1-4-2 ATS L/7 vs ECU. Mounties are 7-2 ATS in home finales & have held 3 foes to 3 or less in that span. |
| Nov. 24 | at Pittsburgh (Fri) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The last 3 games in this series have averaged 72.67 ppg!! Mountaineers are 9-3 ATS their L/12 season finales. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## STADIUM: MOUNTAINEER FIELD (63,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 11-0 | 7-5 | 5-6 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 8-3 | 4-7 | 50-28 |
| ATS | 8-2-1 | 6-6 | 5-5-1 | 4-6-1 | 5-5-1 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 40-34-4 |
| Home Fav | 3-1-1 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 1-3-1 | 1-3-1 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 15-14-3 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 6-4 |
| Away Fav | 2-1 | 3-0 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 0-2 | 12-7 |
| Away Dog | 1-0 | 0-3 | 2-1-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 6-9-1 |
| Favorite | 5-2-1 | 5-2 | 3-3 | 4-4-1 | 2-4-1 | 6-2 | 2-4 | 27-21-3 |
| Dog | 3-0 | 1-4 | 2-2-1 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 3-2 | 12-13-1 |
| Grass | 0-1 | 0-3 | 1-1-1 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 8-10-1 |
| Artificial | 8-1-1 | 6-3 | 4-4 | 2-5-1 | 2-5-1 | 6-2 | 4-4 | 32-24-3 |
| vs BIG EAST | 5-1-1 | 4-3 | 4-3 | 3-4 | 3-4 | 4-3 | 4-3 | 27-21-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-1 | 2-3 | 1-2-1 | 1-2-1 | 2-1-1 | 3-1 | 1-3 | 13-13-3 |
| Off SU Win | 7-2 | 4-2 | 1-2-1 | 2-5-1 | 4-2-1 | 5-2 | 2-1 | 25-16-3 |
| Off SU Loss | 0-0 | 2-3 | 4-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 4-3 | 14-12 |

## Coach: DON NEHLEN (Career 195-123-8)
### *Nehlen's records AT WEST VIRGINIA*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21st Year at West Virginia | | 42-41-4 | Home Favorite |
| 142-88-4 | Straight Up | 12-13-1 | Home Underdog |
| 108-100-7 | Vs The Spread | 22-22-1 | Away Favorite |
| 34-32 | Off A S/U Loss | 32-24-1 | Away Underdog |
| 72-56-2 | Vs BIG EAST | 35-44-5 | Vs Non-BIG EAST |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | Sugar | +6' | Florida | 7-41 | L |
| 94 | Carquest | -2 | S Carolina | 21-24 | L |
| 96 | Gator | +7 | N Carolina | 13-20 | T |
| 97 | Carquest | +3 | Georgia Tech | 30-35 | L |
| 98 | Insight.com | +3' | Missouri | 31-34 | W |

# W VIRGINIA (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **BIG EAST**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 7**
**DEFENSE: 4**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 32 (15,14,3)**
**Lost: 19 (6,10,3)**

## WEST VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3* | 26.6 | 20 | 144 | 3.8 | 225 | 59.7 | 13.9 | -5 | 1999 | 6 | 26.3 | 19 | 192 | 4.5 | 218 | 51.7 | 15.6 |
| 8* | 34.2 | 23 | 154 | 4.2 | 308 | 64.7 | 13.5 | +6 | 1998 | 7 | 22.3 | 19 | 171 | 3.8 | 180 | 51.7 | 15.8 |
| 7 | 30.0 | 20 | 168 | 4.3 | 215 | 58.9 | 12.8 | +7 | 1997 | 5 | 23.8 | 20 | 138 | 3.6 | 222 | 54.3 | 15.1 |
| 7* | 22.6 | 17 | 132 | 3.4 | 193 | 49.2 | 14.4 | +11 | 1996 | 8 | 13.0 | 14 | 66 | 1.9 | 158 | 45.7 | 17.2 |
| 8 | 23.0 | 20 | 161 | 3.4 | 213 | 51.7 | 16.2 | +1 | 1995 | 6 | 19.1 | 17 | 135 | 3.4 | 164 | 50.5 | 15.7 |
| 4 | 22.8 | 20 | 157 | 3.5 | 210 | 51.3 | 16.1 | +7 | 1994 | 5 | 22.0 | 19 | 116 | 3.1 | 231 | 52.1 | 15.8 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at E Carolina | 19 | 36-108 | 3.0 | 20-30 | 209 | 3 | 20 | 48-327 | 6.8 | 11-19 | 169 | 2 | 0 |
| Miami (Oh) | 25 | 41-218 | 5.3 | 19-35 | 226 | 2 | 24 | 42-152 | 3.6 | 17-39 | 393 | 6 | +4 |
| at Maryland | 16 | 31-90 | 2.9 | 18-33 | 159 | 1 | 15 | 48-249 | 5.2 | 11-19 | 178 | 0 | -4 |
| at Syracuse | 13 | 38-115 | 3.0 | 19-30 | 169 | 2 | 15 | 40-119 | 3.0 | 10-18 | 108 | 4 | -3 |
| Navy | 19 | 27-92 | 3.4 | 17-31 | 172 | 3 | 30 | 71-388 | 5.5 | 6-14 | 83 | 4 | 0 |
| Rutgers | 20 | 49-303 | 6.2 | 10-16 | 146 | 0 | 19 | 36-126 | 3.5 | 18-35 | 266 | 0 | +1 |
| Temple | 18 | 43-104 | 2.4 | 16-29 | 266 | 4 | 16 | 26-67 | 2.6 | 24-47 | 297 | 5 | -1 |
| at Miami (Fla) | 23 | 18-88 | 4.9 | 32-49 | 346 | 0 | 21 | 36-180 | 5.0 | 21-34 | 268 | 0 | -4 |
| Virginia Tech | 18 | 40-107 | 2.7 | 19-38 | 192 | 6 | 17 | 39-214 | 5.5 | 14-31 | 255 | 1 | +1 |
| at Boston Coll | 21 | 39-107 | 2.7 | 23-37 | 241 | 1 | 23 | 44-214 | 4.9 | 11-15 | 229 | 2 | +1 |
| Pittsburgh | 27 | 43-255 | 5.9 | 22-32 | 349 | 1 | 14 | 35-76 | 2.2 | 13-31 | 156 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 219 | 416-1587 | 3.8 | 215-360 | 2475 | 23 | 214 | 465-2112 | 4.5 | 156-302 | 2402 | 24 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 19.9 | 38-144 | 3.8 | 20-33 | 225 | 2.1 | 19.4 | 42-192 | 4.5 | 14-27 | 218 | 2.2 | -0.5 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Purdue | -10 | 24-26 | L |
| Temple | -24 | 24-13 | L |
| at Maryland | -3 | 17-31 | L |
| Kent | -32 | 45-6 | W |
| at E Carolina | +3 | 20-23 | T |
| at Boston College | +6' | 31-19 | W |
| at Syracuse | +1 | 0-22 | L |
| Virginia Tech | +2 | 0-27 | L |
| Rutgers | -7 | 59-26 | W |
| at Miami (Fla) | +12 | 12-17 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -11 | 21-0 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Pittsburgh | -4 | 34-0 | W |
| W Michigan | -28 | 34-9 | L |
| E Carolina | -7' | 10-9 | L |
| at Purdue | -6 | 20-6 | W |
| Maryland | -13 | 13-0 | T |
| Boston College | -14 | 34-17 | W |
| at Temple | -21 | 30-10 | L |
| Miami (Fla) | -3 | 7-10 | L |
| Syracuse | +4 | 7-30 | L |
| at Rutgers | -18 | 55-14 | W |
| at Virginia Tech | +4' | 14-31 | L |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Marshall | -15' | 42-31 | L |
| E Carolina | -7 | 24-17 | T |
| at Boston College | -7 | 24-31 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +8' | 28-17 | W |
| Rutgers | -28 | 48-0 | W |
| at Maryland | -9' | 31-14 | W |
| Virginia Tech | E | 30-17 | W |
| at Syracuse | +10 | 10-40 | L |
| Temple | -21 | 41-21 | L |
| at Notre Dame | +10 | 14-21 | W |
| Pittsburgh | -12 | 38-41 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ohio St | +10 | 17-34 | L |
| Maryland | -19 | 42-20 | W |
| Tulsa | -13 | 44-21 | W |
| at Navy | -16 | 45-24 | W |
| at Temple | -25 | 37-7 | W |
| Miami (Fla) | -4 | 31-34 | L |
| at Virginia Tech | +4 | 13-27 | L |
| Syracuse | +2' | 35-28 | W |
| at Rutgers | -20' | 28-14 | L |
| Boston College | -13' | 35-10 | W |
| at Pittsburgh | -15' | 52-14 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at E Carolina | -6 | 23-30 | L |
| Miami (Oh) | -3' | 43-27 | W |
| at Maryland | -6 | 0-33 | L |
| at Syracuse | +13' | 7-30 | L |
| Navy | -10 | 28-31 | L |
| Rutgers | -20 | 62-16 | W |
| Temple | -17 | 20-17 | L |
| at Miami (Fla) | +17' | 20-28 | W |
| Virginia Tech | +19 | 20-22 | W |
| at Boston College | +3' | 17-34 | L |
| Pittsburgh | +1 | 52-21 | W |

# WISCONSIN BADGERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Badgers had to replace 3 year starter Mike Samuel last year. Scott Kavanagh (PS#18) started the 1st 4 games & threw for 568 yards (50.6%) with a 2-1 ratio. With the Badgers at 2-2 and Kavanagh nursing a bruised elbow, redshirt frosh Brooks Bollinger took over. After throwing an interception on his very first colleglate pass, he had an impressive 2H versus Michigan and ended up starting the last 8 games. His mobility on the option helped take some of the heat off Dayne and he rushed for 573 yards. He also proved to be an accurate passer, throwing for 1,133 yards (58.6%) with an outstanding 8-2 ratio. As a starter he rushed the ball 92 times and passed it 126 for a total of 218 touches with just 1 turnover. He was #2 in the Big 10 in pass efficiency (152.9) and was the Big 10 Freshman of the Year. He will carry more of the burden of the offense this year but should improve with experience. Scott Wille (6-3 204 rFr) was PS#43 and Jim Sorgi (6-5 183 rFr) was PS#50 and they will fight for the backup spot. This unit is more experienced and while it will be tough for Bollinger to be more productive, the unit as a whole is improved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - RB's with the size (5-10 252), the speed (4.5) and the power of 99's Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne (#1DC of NYG), come along very rarely. In 4 years as a starter here, he simply broke the NCAA record for career rush yards and topped 2,000 yards rushing in both his freshman and senior seasons. Naturally he leaves some big shoes to fill. There is possibly another true frosh that could step right in. While Dayne was rated PS#3RB, Tyrone Griffin (6-0 235) is PS#41 and has 4.4 speed to go along with his impressive size. He is my favorite to win the starter's job. Michael Bennett (5-10 205 Jr) was PS#108 and topped 100 yards versus Indiana last year, finishing the season with 298 (5.2). He provides Alvarez with pure speed in the backfield as he won the 60 and 200 meter Big 10 titles in track! Broderick Williams (6-0 202 rFr) was PS#195 and is also a sprinter on the track team. Nick Mueller (6-1 271 Jr) was PS#161. I list the top 2 FB's below and they are solid. This is clearly a talented group but matching Dayne's numbers (2,034 yds, 6.0 ypc, 20 TD's) will be impossible.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year all 3 starters returned for the Badgers and while one lost his job, all 3 once again return. They lose WR Demetrius Brown (2 sts, 13 rec) and WR Ahmed Merritt (2 sts, 9 rec). Chris Chambers is a VHT that missed 2 games last year due to a broken finger and could be ready to live up to his potential in his 3rd year as a starter. He has steadily improved each year, going from 6 to 28 to 41 receptions and this spring was timed at 4.28 while also adding 10 lbs. Nick Davis is a gamebreaker on returns and hopes to bring those skills to the WR position where he had 19 grabs last year and a team high 18.2 ypc. Alvarez landed PS#13 in Travann Hayes (see Top Newcomers). True frosh Lee Evans had 2 starts in 99 but missed numerous games due to injury. The top 2 TE's are back and I list them below. Also in the mix at TE are Mark Anelli (6-5 254 Jr, PS#81) who had 2 starts last season, Mike Solwold (6-6 246 Sr, PS#4) who played in 7 games a year ago, and Rob Tucker (6-4 240 rFr) who was PS#57. With all the key components back and a bit more seasoned, this group is improved in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Barry Alvarez does a great job assembling big and talented offensive lines and Wisky has had a 1,000 yard rusher for seven consecutive years, a Big 10 record. Last year the Badgers returned 4 starters but this year two depart in LT Chris McIntosh (12 sts, 1st tm AA, 4 yr st'r, #1DC of SEA) and RT Mark Tauscher (11 sts, #7DC of GB) as well as 2 backups. The projected starting 5 averages over 6-5 308 lbs. This looks like another outstanding unit but I'll call it just a notch weaker with the loss of their All American LT.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - This has been a strength for the Badgers for the last two years. Last year they had to replace DE Tom Burke who had 22 sacks in 98 but this year all 4 veteran starters return including five VHT's that I list in the two deep below. Ben Herbert is the speed pass rusher and their defensive coordinator, Kevin Cosgrove, says this unit will put more pressure on QB's this year. This is a big, aggressive group that is adept at both stopping the run. Clearly one of the best in the country.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Badgers had 8 of 9 lettermen returning but this year lose their #1 and #3 tacklers in Chris Ghidorzi (12 sts, 9 tfl) and Donnel Thompson (9 sts, 5 tfl). I list the two deep below and three players return with starting experience. This group is dominated by HT's and could have an impact newcomer in their top frosh recruit this year, Darius Jones, who was in for the spring and has great size for an ILB. This is still a top notch LB corps but is a little less experienced than last year.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 98 the Badgers ranked #38 in my pass efficiency defense rankings while taking on a light slate of opposing QB's. They returned 3 starters from that group last year, including star CB Jamar Fletcher. Wisky was extremely stingy against the pass giving up just 50.3% with only 8 TD's and 16 int's to earn a strong #4 in my pass defense rankings last year. For the second straight year they have to replace their starting SS as this year Bobby Myers (12 sts, 4 int's, 7 pbu, #4DC of TEN) departs. They move RB Eddie Faulkner into the SS slot and I project him to be solid as a starter. They are deep with plenty of HT's in the 2 deep listed below. This looks like one of the best secondaries in the country and it is extremely deep at CB.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Barry Alvarez normally does an excellent job here as he has had some amazing KO men through the years that recorded a high percentage of touchbacks. With Vitaly Pisetsky deciding to return for a 5th year, he has that once again. Pisetsky was one of the 3 finalists for the Lou Groza Award last year. When kicks are returned, the teams average just 14.1 and that field position edge is huge. Kevin Stemke has a powerful leg and was PS#2K in 1997. He's had averages of 43.9 and 43.8 in his first 2 years and appeared to slip last year with a 41.3 average. Statistics can be deceiving however. Opponents rarely got to return a punt and his net punting average of 39.3 was among the tops in the land. Pisetsky actually says Stemke could be a better FG K than he is! They are a potent combo with excellent coverage units and top notch specialists. UW also boasts one of the nation's best returnmen in Nick Davis. Davis had no less than 3 TD's on returns last season, averaging 25.6 on KR's and 12.6 on PR's. Wisky has scored 78 pts on special teams the last 2 years. Is it any wonder Wisconsin finished as my #1 rated special teams unit in 99? Is it any wonder they are ranked there once again this year?

CB Jamar Fletcher's 10 pbu's & 7 int's helped him earn 2nd team AA in 1999.

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ron Dayne | 337 | 2087 | 53 | 2034 | 20 | 6.0 |
| **Brooks Bollinger** | 109 | 573 | 119 | 454 | 6 | 4.2 |
| **Michael Bennett** | 57 | 316 | 18 | 298 | 4 | 5.2 |
| **Eddie Faulkner** | 60 | 290 | 2 | 288 | 2 | 4.8 |
| **Matt Uhertl** | 31 | 156 | 0 | 156 | 1 | 5.0 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brooks Bollinger** | 140 | 82 | 58.6 | 1133 | 8 | 2 |
| Scott Kavanagh | 79 | 40 | 50.6 | 568 | 2 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Chambers** | 41 | 578 | 14.1 | 4 | 40 |
| **Nick Davis** | 19 | 346 | 18.2 | 1 | 81 |
| Demetrius Brown | 13 | 150 | 11.5 | 0 | 29 |
| **Chad Kuhns** | 11 | 133 | 12.1 | 2 | 29 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kevin Stemke** | 50 | 2063 | 41.3 | - | 39.3 | 0 | 17 |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Vitaly Pisetsky** | 6-7 | 5-6 | 4-5 | 1-2 | 16-20 | 53 |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chris Ghidorzi | 115 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| **Jason Doering** | 111 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Donnel Thompson | 88 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Roger Knight** | 63 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Bobby Myers | 56 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| **Jamar Fletcher** | 54 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 7 |
| **Wendell Bryant** | 48 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **John Favret** | 47 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Ross Kolodziej** | 44 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Eric Mahlik** | 43 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Mike Echols** | 31 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 |
| **Joey Boese** | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Jake Sprague** | 23 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nick Davis** | 20 | 252 | 12.6 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nick Davis** | 16 | 409 | 25.6 | 2 |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**MURRAY ST NL 49-10** - Dayne had 135 yards in the 1H & UW led 42-7. UW finished with a 404-190 yard edge. MS QB Fuente (Oklahoma transfer) hit just 10 of 26 & was int'd in the endzone on MSU's only sustained scoring drive.

**BALL ST -36' 50-10 WIN** UW led 22-7 at half but did not have an offensive TD. They settled for a 25 yd FG, missed a 27 yd FG and fmbl'd at the BSU 20. The rest of their 1H points came from a safety, 77 yd KR, 25 yd int ret & a 53 yd FG. UW got 2 TD's in the 3Q & coasted with a 270-21 yd rushing edge. Dayne finished with 158 yards & did not play in the 4Q. UW's final TD came with just :08 left to give them the cover.

**AT CINCINNATI -27 12-17 LOSS** UW settled for a 45 yd FG. UC got its 1st FD & then Cooper ripped off a 51 yd TD run, 7-3. UW drove 77 yds in the 2Q but settled for a FG. UW had a PR for a TD called back. UC took its opening 3Q drive 76 yds for a TD, 14-6. UW got a 96 yd TD drive, 14-12 (2 ptng). Mid 4Q UC muffed a punt but Dayne fmbl'd at the 1. UW fmbl'd a punt & UC tacked on a 41 yd FG. UW drove 66 yds & on 3D at the 17 w/:38 left had a TD pass called back & a 4th down pass fell inc. UW lost despite a 425-261 yd edge. Dayne finished with 231 yards on 28 carries.

**MICHIGAN +3' 16-21 LOSS** Alvarez coached from the pressbox due to a knee inj. UM's 1st 1Q TD was kept alive by a pers foul. Later UM rec'd a fmbl & ran a double reverse 45 yds for a TD. UW got a 32 yd FG & UM had a 36 yd FG blk'd. Dayne's 34 yd TD run made it 14-9 (xpng) at half. UM got a 91 yd drive for a TD late 3Q. UW was SOD at the UM 25. Bollinger replaced Kavanagh who was inj'd. Two poss later Bollinger's 13 yd TD run made it 21-16 w/ 1:29 left but UM rec'd the onside kick.

**AT OHIO ST +7 42-17 WIN** Bollinger's 1st start. OSU appeared on its way to a rout with 72, 48 & 73 yd drives resulting in 2 TD's & a FG, 17-0 with 10:23 left in the 1H, and they had a 218-55 yd edge. The rest of the game was all UW. They got a 42 yd FG & then drove 77 yds for a FG on the half's final play, 17-6. OSU fmbl'd the opening 3Q KO & UW got a 2 play TD drive (2 ptng), 17-12. Dayne's 11 yd TD run (2 ptng) made it 18-17. OSU drove but ended up punting out of FG formation & UW went on a long FG drive, 21-17. UW drove for 2 TD's, the 2nd after an OSU int. Dayne's 2 yd TD run closed the scoring.

**AT MINNESOTA (OT) -2' 20-17 WIN** Alvarez was in the hospital & had a phone hookup to the coaching booth. UM opened in a 4 WR set & went 86 yds for a TD. UW drove 81 yds for a TD mid 2Q but UM hit a 49 yd TD pass. UW got an 81 yd TD pass with 2:07 left, 14-14. UM missed a 27 yd FG on the final play of the half. UM nailed a 37 yd FG early 4Q but UW got an 11 play drive for a 36 yd FG with 2:59 left. In OT UM was int'd on 4th & 40. UW got a 31 yd FG. UM had 253 yds in the 1H but just 132 in the 2nd.

**INDIANA -14' 59-0 WIN** IU lost star DL Ogenleye prior to this to a season ending inj. UW's OL overpowered IU as they rolled to 705 yds total offense & did not punt. It was 14-0 after 1Q, 38-0 at half & 52-0 after 3Q's. UW's starters played just the 1H.

**MICHIGAN ST -2 40-10 WIN** MSU came in with the nation's #1 rushing defense. Dayne shredded them with 214 yds, playing just 3Q's. UW went 87 yds for a TD, capped by Dayne's 51 yd TD run. UW got a 42 yd FG foll an int & a 49 yd FG. UW drove 42 yds for a TD foll an int, 20-0 & got a 32 yd FG foll a fmbl'd punt. MSU nailed a 55 yd FG, 23-3 at half. UW opened the 3Q with a 65 yd TD drive & added a 23 yd FG. MSU was SOD at the UW 11. MSU RB Duckett got a 53 yd TD run 33-10. UW drove 20 yds for a TD foll another fmbl'd punt, 40-10 w/4:30 left. UW had a 360-238 yd edge & MSU turned it over 5 times to 0 for UW.

**AT NORTHWESTERN -23 35-19 LOSS** Many Badger fans were on hand & UW led 14-0 at half on 2 TD runs. Foll a UW fmbl, NU got a 22 yd FG. NU was int'd & UW ret'd it 93 yds for a TD & a 14 pt turnaround, 21-3. Dayne's 2nd TD made it 28-3 after 3Q's & NU got as close as 28-11 but a UW 27 yd TD pass sealed it. NU had a 347-296 yd edge but did most of their damage in garbage time. Dayne rushed for 81 1Q yds, 162 overall.

**AT PURDUE +1 28-21 WIN** This was Dayne's Heisman coronation as he rushed for 222 yds on 32 carries. Pur missed an early 42 yd FG & had a 37 yd FG blk'd. UW drove 37 yds for a TD foll an int. Pur drove 80 yds in 16 plays for a TD but UW ret'd the KO 91 yds for a TD, 14-7 with 5:15 left. Each team missed a FG. Wisky was SOD & Pur drove 66 yds for a TD. Pur ran a reverse pass but WR Sutherland was int'd in the EZ. Wisky drove 80 yds with Dayne's 41 yd TD rumble down the right sidelines making it 21-14. Wisky added a 34 yd int ret for a TD with just 4:43 left, 28-14. Pur drove 65 yds for a TD but UW rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.

**IOWA -31' 41-3 WIN** PSU had lost earlier that day & UW's win clinched the Rose Bowl & Big 10 Title. Dayne's 216 yds on 27 carries crushed Ricky Williams' NCAA rushing record. UW dominated at the 1H with a 340-126 yd edge & had 80, 73, 78 and 84 yd TD drives, 27-3. UW was SOD at the UI 1 but drove 43 & 68 yds for TD's on its next 2 poss. UI fmbl'd at the UW 10 & Wisky drove 87 yds, ending the game at the UI 3.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Wisconsin used to be a perennial doormat in the Big 10. From 1985-1990 they averaged just one Big 10 victory per season. Barry Alvarez has changed the Badgers' fortunes dramatically. He has guided the team to six bowl games with 5 bowl wins including 3 Rose Bowl titles ('93, '98 and '99) and last year they became the first Big 10 team ever to win back to back Rose Bowls. The Badgers finished last year ranked 4th in the AP and USA Today polls, their highest ranking at the end of the season since 1962. The Badgers are the only school in the nation to win BCS bowl games in each of the first two years of the new format. The Badgers led the Big 10 in both scoring offense and scoring defense last season. Ron Dayne set the NCAA record for rushing and brought home the Heisman Trophy to cap a storied 4 year career. Alvarez does things the old fashioned way with a solid defense and running game opting for size over speed. The Badgers play 7 home games this year for the first time since 1991. The team had just six senior starters in 1999. They have 8 starters back on offense but with the loss of Dayne it might not be as potent. The defense has 8 starters back and I rate them the top defense in the Big 10 led by outstanding DL's and DB's. They also have my top rated special teams in the country. This team could be poised to enter the national title hunt but it will be tough for any Big 10 team to get thru the season unscathed. The Badgers are capable of winning all their home games and the only question marks on the road are Michigan and Mich St. Must be considered a co-favorite for the Big 10 title.


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| DL | Traison Lewis 6-2 228 PS#49 |
| RB | Ryan Englebert 6-0 230 PS#62 |
| OL | Mike Lorenz 6-5 280 PS#51 |
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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB BROOKS BOLLINGER SO.** 6-2 207 *PS#36 in 98. Started L/8 as rFr, 1133 yds (58.6%), 8-2 ratio, 573 yds rush, #2 Big 10 pass eff, 8-0 as starter.*

**RB Tyrone Griffin Fr.** 6-0 235 *PS#41, 4.4 speed.* ***Michael Bennett*** *(5-10 205 Jr) PS#108, 298 yds (5.2), 10.3 in 100m. Sal DiMucci (6-0 230 rFr) PS#100.*

**FB CHAD KUHNS JR.** 6-1 232 *32 yds as rFr, 8 sts ly, 52 yds rush (5.8), 11 rec. Best blocking FB yet under Alverez. Carlos Daniels (6-1 245 Jr) 302 yds 2Y.*

**WR CHRIS CHAMBERS SR.** 6-1 206 *PS#12 in 97, 6 rec as true. 12 sts, 28 rec (20.1) in 98. 10 sts, 41 rec (14.1) ly. Lance Young (6-2 167 rFr) PS#123.*

**WR NICK DAVIS JR.** 5-10 180 *PS#89RB. 127 yds rush, 810 ret yds as true. 9 sts ly, 19 rec (18.2), 661 ret yds. Lee Evans (5-11 182 So) PS#73.*

**TE DAGUE RETZLAFF SR.** 6-8 273 *1 st in 97, 8 sts in 98, 9 rec (13.1), 8 sts in 99, 6 rec (8.2). John Sigmund (6-6 273 Sr) had 4 rec in 97 & 98. 5 sts, 8 rec in 99.*

**C CASEY RABACH SR.** 6-5 286 *PS#79. 12 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 98, 2nd tm Big 10. 12 sts in 99, 1st tm Big 10. Al Johnson (6-4 281 So) PS#16.*

**RG DAVE COSTA SR.** 6-5 300 *PS#155, 3 year starter w/36 career sts and 3 letters. Solid size. Jeremy Dox (6-3 282 Jr) PS#25DL 2nd string ly.*

**LG BILL FERRARIO SR.** 6-3 302 *13 sts as rFr. 12 sts in 98. 12 sts in 99, 1st tm Big 10. Jason Jowers (6-6 300 So) PS#92, 2nd string in 99.*

**RT Brian Lamont Jr.** 6-8 333 *PS#77. Scout team as rFr. 2nd string in 99, lettered. Josh Jakubowski (6-6 331 Sr) was PS#7, 2 letters.*

**LT Ben Johnson So.** 6-7 319 *PS#10 in 98. 2nd string in 99 & lettered. Morgan Davis (6-5 300 Fr). Originally signed in 99, in for spring.*

**K VITALY PISETSKY SR.** 5-10 228 *PS#19. KO's 97 &98. High % TB's. Hit 16/20 FG's in 99, long 53, 1st tm Big 10. 75.7% KO's either TB or inside 20.*

**DE JOHN FAVRET SR.** 6-4 230 *PS#63. 13 sts as rFr, 8 sks. 12 sts in 98, 8 sks, 67 tkls. 10 sts in 99, 47 tkls, 6 tfl. Ben Herbert (6-4 234 Jr) PS#22, 2 sks ly.*

**DT WENDELL BRYANT JR.** 6-4 298 *PS#17, 2 sts, 2 sks as true. 11 sts in 99, 1st tm Big 10, 48 tkls, 7 sks. Clint Bakken (6-2 295 So) was PS#46DL.*

**NT ERIK MAHLIK SR.** 6-3 265 *2 sts as rFr, 3 tfl. 8 sts in 98, 40 tkls, 6 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 5 tfl. Jake Sprague (6-4 273 Jr) PS#35, 3 sts, 4 tfl, 2 yrs.*

**DT ROSS KOLODZIEJ SR.** 6-3 279 *PS#44. 12 sts as rFr, 3 tfl. 8 sts in 98, 44 tkls, 8 tfl. 12 sts in 99, 7 tfl. 4.8 speed. Jesse Mayfield (6-6 269 rFr) PS#79.*

**OLB ROGER KNIGHT SR.** 6-2 221 *PS#66. 12 tkls, 1 sk as true. 3 sts, 9 tkls in 98. 8 sts in 99, 63 tkls, 7 tfl, 3 pbu. Ryan Marks (6-1 216 Sr) 21 tkls, 2 yrs.*

**ILB Nick Greisen Jr.** 6-2 239 *PS#71. 14 tkls, 1 tfl as true, 10 tkls, 1 sk in 99.* ***Darius Jones*** *PS#5 in for spring! Jeff Mack (6-0 230 Sr) PS#181.*

**ILB Bryson Thompson Jr.** 6-1 218 *PS#40DB. 4 tkls as true. 1 st (inj) 8 tkls in 99. Dan Lisowski (6-1 218 Jr) PS#84. 23 tkls in 98, 4 sts in 99, 14 tkls, 1 tfl.*

**CB MIKE ECHOLS JR.** 5-10 169 *11 sts as rFr, 3 int, 6 pbu, 46 tkls. 12 sts ly, 1 int, 12 pbu. BJ Tucker (5-11 165 So) PS#35. Bryon Brown (6-0 183 rFr) PS#146.*

**CB JAMAR FLETCHER JR.** 5-10 170 *10 sts in 98, 42 tkls, 7 int, 12 pbu. 1st tm B10. 2nd tm AA ly, 12 sts, 7 int, 10 pbu, 54 tkls. Joey Boese (5-11 169 Jr) PS#44.*

**SS Eddie Faulkner Sr.** 5-11 199 *PS#35. 1 st at RB in 97, 381 yds. 206 yds in 98. 307 yds in 99. Moves to DB. Devery Hughes (5-11 175 So) 9 gms in 99.*

**FS JASON DOERING SR.** 6-0 200 *2 sts, 36 tkls in 97. 12 sts in 98, 94 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. 12 sts in 99, 111 tkls, 5 pbu. Carlease Clark (5-11 181 Jr) PS#107LB.*

**P KEVIN STEMKE SR.** 6-2 187 *PS#2K in 97. 54 punts as true, 43.9 avg. 72 punts in 98, 43.8 avg. 50 punts in 99, 41.3 avg & super net of 39.3!!*

# WISCONSIN BADGERS

Madison, Wisconsin
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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score WISC | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Badgers are 7-2 ATS L/9 matchups vs Illinois.<br>Wisconsin is 4-7 ATS in the first of 2 or more road games.<br>UW is 3-1 SU, 1-3 ATS at the Metrodome.<br>Badgers are 9-3 ATS as a home dog since 1991.<br>Wisky is 9-4 ATS in the 1st game of a homestand.<br>Badgers are 7-3 ATS the L/10 home sandwiches. |
| Aug. 31 | W Michigan (Thur) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wisconsin is 1-4 ATS their last 5 home openers.<br>Badgers are 8-0 SU, 6-2 ATS since 1989 vs the MAC. |
| Sep. 9 | Oregon | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UW is 8-3 ATS in their second straight home game.<br>Badgers are 21-10 ATS off a SU win the L/4 seasons. |
| Sep. 16 | Cincinnati | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wisky is 9-3 ATS as a non-conference home fav L/7 years.<br>Bearcats shocked UW 17-12 LY despite a 261-425 yard deficit. |
| Sep. 23 | Northwestern | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The Badgers are 7-2 ATS last 9 Big 10 openers.<br>Home team is 4-1 ATS L/5Y in this series but is 2-3 SU in that span. |
| Sep. 30 | at Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UW is 1-6 ATS in their first game away from Camp Randall.<br>Despite a 3-1 mark LY, Wisky is 8-13 ATS L/21 Big 10 road games. |
| Oct. 7 | Ohio St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wisky handed OSU their worst home loss in 32 years last season.<br>If off a loss LW, UW is 5-11 ATS L5Y off a SU loss. |
| Oct. 14 | at Michigan St | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wisconsin is 3-13 ATS their L/16 sandwiched road games.<br>The favorite is 6-1 ATS the L/7 series meetings. |
| Oct. 21 | Purdue (HC) | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UW has covered 2 in a row but are 3-6 ATS L/9 in this series.<br>The home team is 4-1 SU in this series since 1995. |
| Oct. 28 | at Iowa | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UW's last 2 visits to Kinnick Stadium have resulted in 31-0 shutouts.<br>UW was on the losing end in 1996 but had a 325-138 yd edge in their 98 win. |
| Nov. 4 | Minnesota | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wisconsin 8-1 ATS the L/9 in their final game at Camp Randall.<br>The dog is 9-3 ATS the last 12 series meetings. |
| Nov. 11 | at Indiana | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Badgers are 7-3 ATS the week prior to a bye.<br>The home team is 5-2 ATS L/7 in series meetings. |
| Nov. 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 25 | at Hawaii | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wisconsin travelled to the Islands in '96 & won 59-10 as 28 pt fav's.<br>Badgers are 5-0 SU, 4-1 ATS vs current WAC schools since 1987. |
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## STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (76,129)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-1-1 | 6-4-1 | 4-5-2 | 7-5 | 8-4 | 10-1 | 9-2 | 53-22-4 |
| ATS | 8-2 | 6-5 | 3-8 | 6-6 | 5-7 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 43-35 |
| Home Fav | 2-0 | 4-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 5-1 | 4-1 | 21-11 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 5-2 |
| Away Fav | 3-2 | 1-1 | 0-4 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 11-13 |
| Away Dog | 1-0 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 6-8 |
| Favorite | 5-2 | 5-3 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 3-4 | 8-2 | 5-3 | 32-24 |
| Dog | 3-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 11-11 |
| Grass | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 10-10 |
| Artificial | 7-2 | 5-4 | 2-6 | 5-5 | 4-4 | 5-1 | 5-3 | 33-25 |
| vs BIG 10 | 7-1 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 5-3 | 6-2 | 31-25 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 12-10 |
| Off SU Win | 6-2 | 1-4 | 1-3 | 4-2 | 5-3 | 6-3 | 6-2 | 29-19 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-0 | 4-0 | 1-4 | 2-3 | 0-3 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 10-11 |

## Coach: BARRY ALVAREZ (Career 70-44-4)
### *Alvarez's records AT WISCONSIN*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11th Year at Wisconsin | | 25-16 | Home Favorite |
| 70-44-4 | Straight Up | 10-8 | Home Underdog |
| 59-51 | Vs The Spread | 11-14 | Away Favorite |
| 20-21 | Off A S/U Loss | 13-13 | Away Underdog |
| 43-37 | Vs BIG 10 | 16-14 | Vs Non-BIG 10 |

### LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | Hall of Fame | -8 | Duke | 34-20 | W |
| 96 | Copper | -8 | Utah | 38-10 | W |
| 97 | Outback | +8' | Georgia | 6-33 | L |
| 98 | Rose | +9 | UCLA | 38-31 | W |
| 99 | Rose | -14 | Stanford | 17-9 | L |

# WISCONSIN (10-2)

CONFERENCE: **BIG 10**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 8***
**DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 50 (22,26,2)**
**Lost: 15 (9,6,0)**

## WISCONSIN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 34.1 | 22 | 274 | 5.2 | 142 | 55.7 | 12.2 | +11 | 1999 | 8 | 12.8 | 17 | 110 | 3.5 | 188 | 50.3 | 23.2 |
| 9* | 31.8 | 17 | 216 | 4.3 | 114 | 52.5 | 10.4 | +23 | 1998 | 8 | 11.9 | 16 | 92 | 2.7 | 200 | 54.4 | 24.6 |
| 6* | 22.4 | 19 | 189 | 4.0 | 157 | 54.9 | 15.5 | -2 | 1997 | 5 | 23.5 | 17 | 156 | 4.3 | 218 | 61.2 | 15.9 |
| 8 | 29.0 | 20 | 249 | 5.5 | 137 | 58.4 | 16.4 | +10 | 1996 | 8 | 18.7 | 20 | 115 | 3.3 | 251 | 60.0 | 19.6 |
| 7 | 21.4 | 19 | 129 | 3.4 | 222 | 62.0 | 16.4 | +3 | 1995 | 7 | 23.0 | 21 | 168 | 4.1 | 227 | 60.5 | 17.2 |
| 9* | 29.8 | 22 | 245 | 5.4 | 177 | 59.2 | 14.2 | +1 | 1994 | 6 | 19.8 | 18 | 138 | 3.5 | 213 | 54.0 | 17.7 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Murray St | 24 | 50-265 | 5.3 | 11-19 | 139 | 0 | 11 | 24-93 | 3.9 | 10-26 | 97 | 0 | +1 |
| Ball St | 24 | 55-270 | 4.9 | 10-20 | 190 | 2 | 11 | 27-21 | 0.8 | 13-25 | 155 | 3 | +1 |
| at Cincinnati | 22 | 57-340 | 6.0 | 8-22 | 85 | 2 | 13 | 29-171 | 5.9 | 14-27 | 90 | 1 | -1 |
| Michigan | 16 | 36-125 | 3.5 | 15-28 | 155 | 4 | 19 | 38-94 | 2.5 | 22-35 | 257 | 3 | -1 |
| at Ohio St | 26 | 60-296 | 4.9 | 15-27 | 167 | 4 | 15 | 33-124 | 3.8 | 11-25 | 227 | 4 | +2 |
| at Minnesota | 22 | 52-156 | 3.0 | 11-21 | 212 | 3 | 17 | 37-188 | 5.1 | 12-27 | 197 | 2 | +1 |
| Indiana | 31 | 56-461 | 8.2 | 15-19 | 244 | 0 | 16 | 34-66 | 1.9 | 12-32 | 212 | 6 | -1 |
| Michigan St | 20 | 63-301 | 4.8 | 6-11 | 59 | 3 | 13 | 23-110 | 4.8 | 13-28 | 128 | 1 | +5 |
| at Northwestern | 17 | 49-207 | 4.2 | 6-11 | 89 | 1 | 21 | 47-197 | 4.2 | 19-31 | 150 | 1 | 0 |
| at Purdue | 14 | 44-216 | 4.9 | 7-11 | 72 | 3 | 34 | 31-144 | 4.6 | 36-65 | 350 | 0 | +3 |
| Iowa | 29 | 60-420 | 7.0 | 11-16 | 184 | 1 | 14 | 28-116 | 4.1 | 14-30 | 131 | 1 | +1 |
| Stanford (Bowl) | 16 | 53-226 | 4.3 | 7-14 | 105 | 0 | 14 | 27-(-5) | -0.2 | 18-35 | 264 | 4 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 261 | 635-3283 | 5.2 | 122-219 | 1701 | 23 | 198 | 378-1319 | 3.5 | 194-386 | 2258 | 26 | +11 |
| AVERAGES | 21.8 | 53-274 | 5.2 | 10-18 | 142 | 1.9 | 16.5 | 32-110 | 3.5 | 16-32 | 188 | 2.2 | 0.9 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | E | 7-43 | L |
| at Stanford | -3 | 24-24 | L |
| SMU | -22 | 42-0 | W |
| at Penn St | +13' | 17-9 | W |
| Ohio St | +5 | 16-27 | L |
| at Northwestern | -3 | 0-35 | L |
| Michigan St | -7 | 45-14 | W |
| at Purdue | -4 | 27-38 | L |
| at Minnesota | -8 | 34-27 | L |
| Iowa | -6' | 20-33 | L |
| Illinois | -1' | 3-3 | L |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| E Michigan | -26 | 24-3 | L |
| at UNLV | -37 | 52-17 | L |
| Stanford | -8 | 14-0 | W |
| Penn St | +8 | 20-23 | W |
| at Ohio St | +26' | 14-17 | W |
| Northwestern | -5 | 30-34 | L |
| at Michigan St | +3' | 13-30 | L |
| Purdue | -10 | 33-25 | L |
| Minnesota | -13' | 45-28 | W |
| at Iowa | +2' | 0-31 | L |
| at Illinois | -7 | 35-15 | W |
| at Hawaii | -28 | 59-10 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| † Syracuse | +8 | 0-34 | L |
| Boise St | -39 | 28-24 | L |
| at San Jose St | -16' | 56-10 | W |
| San Diego St | -9' | 36-10 | W |
| Indiana | -14 | 27-26 | L |
| at Northwestern | -3' | 26-25 | L |
| Illinois | -13 | 31-7 | W |
| at Purdue | +2 | 20-45 | L |
| at Minnesota | -6 | 22-21 | L |
| Iowa | +8' | 13-10 | W |
| Michigan | +14' | 16-26 | W |
| at Penn St | +15 | 10-35 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at San Diego St | -10 | 26-14 | W |
| Ohio Univ | -16' | 45-0 | W |
| UNLV | -38 | 52-7 | W |
| Northwestern | -12 | 38-7 | W |
| at Indiana | -9' | 24-20 | L |
| Purdue | -6 | 31-24 | W |
| at Illinois | -21' | 37-3 | W |
| at Iowa | -7 | 31-0 | W |
| Minnesota | -21' | 26-7 | L |
| at Michigan | +3 | 10-27 | L |
| Penn St | -1' | 24-3 | W |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Murray St | -42 | 49-10 | L |
| Ball St | -36' | 50-10 | W |
| at Cincinnati | -27 | 12-17 | L |
| Michigan | +3' | 16-21 | L |
| at Ohio St | +7 | 42-17 | W |
| at Minnesota | -2' | 20-17 | W |
| Indiana | -14' | 59-0 | W |
| Michigan St | -2 | 40-10 | W |
| at Northwestern | -23 | 35-19 | L |
| at Purdue | +1 | 28-21 | W |
| Iowa | -31' | 41-3 | W |

# WYOMING COWBOYS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Jay Stoner enters his fourth year as a starter and 5th year in the Wyoming system. Unfortunately it's also the 5th different offense he will have to learn. Stoner showed solid improvement between his rFr and Soph seasons. In 1998 he was 2nd Team WAC throwing for 2,373 yards (57.9%) with an 11-10 ratio and the mobile QB added 184 yards rushing. Last year Stoner was having a good game vs defending National Champion Tennessee and the Cowboys led in the 2Q when he was hit hard and suffered a deep bruise to his shoulder. Then a bruised sternum caused him to be erratic and he lost his starting job to Matt Swanson (6-2 200 Jr). Swanson was PS#170 and threw for 886 yards (56%) with a 6-6 ratio and got in 2 starts as the fans clamored for him. After tough outings vs UNLV and UL Monroe, Stoner returned to the lineup and had a tremendous finish to the season. In the last 5 games, Stoner threw for 1,397 yards (279.4 ypg) and for the season completed 60.8% of his passes with an 8-7 ratio while rushing for 108 yards. I look for him to have by far his best season this year. The battle for third string is between Casey Bramlet (6-0 195 rFr, PS#164) and Brandon Neill (6-3 207 So).

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Cowboys were trying to replace a 1,000 yard rusher and the leading returning rusher had only 200 yards. They ran a TB by committee at times and three backs combined for over 1,000 yards and their 4th leading rusher was WR Kofi Shuck who had 204 yards on reverses. Tim Beasley had 4 starts and was #2 with 376 yards (4.4) as well as 157 yards receiving. Jon Jennings had 489 total yards offense and both depart. Cliff Brye led the team in rushing with a nifty 5.9 ypc but that was mostly because of 78 and 48 yard runs versus N Mexico. Taking out those 2 runs he averaged 4.4 ypc. He was the projected starter but Koenning dismissed him from the team at the end of spring practice. The 5th & 6th leading rushers were also WR's gaining yards on the reverses. With Brye's departure Nate Scott, who has a nice combination of size and speed, steps to the front. Aaron Frude (5-10 195 Jr) was PS #330 and has 10 tackles in 2 years and rushed for 37 yards in the spring game. They also bring in JC transfer Travis Short (5-10 190 Jr). Derek Armah (5-10 193 rFr) was PS #255 WR and looked good in the spring. Despite the losses, this group was far from overwhelming last year and could equal the output.

**RECEIVERS** - When Joe Tiller was at the controls of the offense, this unit always had a star. From 91-96 a Cowboy led the NCAA in receiving yards four of the years and someone was ranked in the top 3 all six. In 1997 they had to replace their top 4 receivers and the group had a lot of dropped passes. The past 2 years their top WR has been Wendell Montgomery, a big speedy receiver who had 41 rec's (17.9) in 99. Last year three of the 4 starters were back and this year everyone departs. Beside Montgomery, they also lose Shuck (11 sts, 39 rec, 15.9), WR Tommy Nash (11 sts, 34 rec, 9.5), WR Willie King (6 sts, 31 rec, 12.5) and TE Sterling Kihei (4 rec). Dimel signed a solid crop of WR's last year and I expect them to step to the forefront in 2000. I list the two deep below and there is some talent here but it is lightly experienced and the TE spot is definitely a question mark. Many times last year they used 4 WR sets but this year will use a FB and TE. While this could end up a decent group, it is still very inexperienced and looks to be much weaker than last year's fine assortment of WR's.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Cowboys had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and ended up with three rFr starting on the offensive front. This year two starters depart in LG Dan Delcorio (11 sts, 2nd tm MW, 2 yr st'r) and RT Chris Cichosz (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) as well as two backups in LT Nate Selk and RT Trifon Demos (10 gms, 1 st). The corps of Irvin, Goldberg and Kellerman (sounds more like a legal team) will give Wyoming a solid foundation on the offensive front for the next 3 years. Koenning adds a JUCO who I expect to win a starting job and has a spattering of talent to fill in the 2nd & 3rd strings. Last year Wyoming allowed 4.7 sacks per game, and should be solidly improved this season.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Cowboys' defensive line appeared to be in great shape last year returning 7 of 8 lettermen but lost DE Pat Hirsch in week 3 and NG Jeff Boyle in week 6 for the season due to injuries. This year they must replace NG John Mathis (10 sts, 59 tkls, 10 tfl), DE Brian Van Emmerik (11 sts, 5 sks, 12 tfl), DT Jason Dreessen (6 sts, 9 tfl, 45 tkls) and DE Jerel Haynes (10 tkls, 1 st). Three players return who have been full-time starters and Koenning brings in 3 JUCO's and has two solid rFr who will contend for time. Koenning is very high on the D-line following spring even with Hirsch & Boyle sitting out to heal injuries.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Cowboys had to replace 1.5 starters to graduation and moved another starter to the D-line. This year they lose WLB Cortney Barnes (11 sts, 58 tkls, 7 tfl) and MLB Jared Jarnagin (11 sts, 102 tkls, 7 tfl). Three players do return with starting experience and 7 of the top 9 are back plus they get a JUCO transfer. This group is actually a little more experienced than it was last season.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Dana Dimel cut his teeth in coaching as a DB coach at Kansas St and had some solid secondaries. Wyoming finished 4th in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 97 but dropped to 50th in 98. Last year they had two starters returning but surprisingly slipped again down to 79th allowing 53.2% with a 20-17 ratio vs a soft slate of opposing QB's. Graduation losses are heavy this year. Gone are FS Matt Lehning (11 sts, 2nd tm MW, 4 int, #1 tkl'r), SS Trent Gamble (11 sts, 60 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu), CB Robbie Duncan (10 sts, 31 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu) and CB Alan Jones (2 sts, 7 pbu, 16 tkls). The majority of Wyoming's secondary this year was playing at JUCO last season as Koenning signed no less than 6 JUCO's who I plug into the 2 deep this season. There may be improvement in the pass defense rankings this year, but overall this group is a lot less experienced than last year and unless the JUCO's have a major impact, this unit looks weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Wyoming usually has an excellent P, thanks in part to the high altitude, and have had many strong finishes in my special teams rankings. They finished as high as #7 and #19 in the last 5 years and after ranking at #38 in 1998, they finished 33rd last year. The good news is that most of the key components are back. K Aaron Elling has a booming leg and was 3 of 3 on FG's from 50+, but a little erratic inside the 50 hitting just 3 of 12 from 30-49. I look for him to return to his soph form, and he has one of the strongest legs in the country. P Tom Waring averaged 41.6 on his punts and enters his 2nd year. They must replace solid PR Jon Jennings but top KR Alex English is back after averaging 29.2. This looks like a top 20 special teams unit.

NG Jeff Boyle earned WAC honors in 1998 and hopes to stay healthy this year

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cliff Brye | 76 | 485 | 34 | 451 | 4 | 5.9 |
| Tim Beasley | 85 | 412 | 36 | 376 | 5 | 4.4 |
| Jon Jennings | 71 | 313 | 11 | 302 | 4 | 4.3 |
| Kofi Shuck | 28 | 217 | 13 | 204 | 1 | 7.3 |
| Tommy Nash | 27 | 148 | 14 | 134 | 0 | 5.0 |
| **PASSING** | **ATT** | **COMP** | **PCT** | **YDS** | **TD** | **INT** |
| **Jay Stoner** | **222** | **135** | **60.8** | **1859** | **8** | **7** |
| **Matt Swanson** | **127** | **71** | **55.9** | **886** | **6** | **6** |
| **RECEIVING** | | **REC** | **YDS** | **AVG** | **TD** | **LONG** |
| Wendell Montgomery | | 41 | 733 | 17.9 | 5 | 60 |
| Kofi Shuck | | 39 | 621 | 15.9 | 5 | 64 |
| Tommy Nash | | 34 | 323 | 9.5 | 1 | 22 |
| Willie King | | 31 | 387 | 12.5 | 1 | 34 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tom Waring** | **52** | **2164** | **41.6** | **-** | **35.9** | **0** | **16** |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Aaron Elling** | **5-6** | **1-4** | **2-8** | **3-3** | **11-21** | **56** |

| PLAYER | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matt Lehning | 102 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Jared Jarnagin | 102 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **Patrick Chukwurah** | **90** | **9** | **14** | **0** | **1** |
| **Al Rich** | **75** | **0** | **1** | **6** | **3** |
| Trent Gamble | 60 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 3 |
| Jon Mathis | 59 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Cortney Barnes | 58 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| **Adrian Hill** | **45** | **1** | **3** | **2** | **0** |
| Jason Dreessen | 45 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Brian Van Emmerik | 44 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| Robbie Duncan | 31 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| **Matt Klotz** | **30** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **1** |
| **Leo Caires** | **30** | **2** | **3** | **0** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jon Jennings | 26 | 224 | 8.6 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alex English** | **10** | **292** | **29.2** | **1** |

## 1999 GAME BY GAME RESULTS

**AT TENNESSEE +24 17-42 LOSS** UT held WY to just 8 rush yds. WY led 10-7 after 1Q but UT scored 4 quick 2Q TD's after Stoner's injury, 35-10 at half. WY drove 98 yds for a TD, 35-17. In the final 2 min UT's starting offense went 94 yds & w/ a 1st & goal at the 1, instead of kneeling, Fulmer went for the spread covering TD w/ :22 left. WY had 4 TO's.

**WEBER ST NL 41-16** - WS got a 21 yd TD drive after an int. After an exchange of FG's, Elling nailed a career high 55 yd'r, 10-6. Swanson led an 80 yd TD drive, 13-10 at half. Stoner ret'd to boos but hit 10 of 14 & directed two 3Q TD drives. Coach Dimel said, "We were very, very conservative. We showed only about 20% of our offense & ran inside the tackles 70% of the time." It was 27-10 after 3Q's & WY added two 4Q TD's.

**AT AIR FORCE +9 10-7 WIN** WR Shuck led WY w/ 82 yds rush on 8 reverses. Stoner hit Shuck w/ a 60 yd TD pass, 7-0 at half. WY rec'd a fmbl on their own 5 & drove 85 yds for a FG, 10-0. Early 4Q AF went 67 yds for a TD. WY fmbl'd at the AF 37. AF punted on 4th & 18 w/ 2:12 left & WY ran out the clock & pulled the road upset.

**IDAHO -9' 28-13 WIN** Misleading final. IU took their 1st 3 poss inside the WY 35 but were SOD, had a FG blk'd & made a 52 yd FG & led just 3-0 despite dominating. WY pulled Stoner (3 of 9) & Swanson hit 12 of 21 for 177 & led a 57 yd TD drive. WY blk'd a punt to set up a quick TD, then an int was ret'd 54 yds to the 1 setting up a TD. An IU fmbl set up a 20 yd TD pass & in a 3:00 span WY erupted for 28 pts. IU got an 11 yd TD pass from Robertson who started due to inj's. IU got a 52 yd FG, 28-13 after 3Q's. IU had a late drive SOD at the WY 3 w/ 2:17 left & WY held on.

**UNLV -24' 32-35 LOSS** WY was w/o QB Stoner & NG Boyle. With Boyle out, UNLV rushed for 129 yds in the 1Q alone & led 21-3 early 2Q w/ 3 long TD drives. WY got 2 FG's before the half, 21-9. WY drove for a quick TD, 21-16. UNLV got a 43 yd PR for a TD, 28-16. WY was int'd on a tipped ball & UNLV ret'd it 34 yds for a TD, 35-16 w/ 2:53 left in the 3Q. WY was int'd at the UNLV 8 but got a 27 yd int ret for a TD a few plays later. WY returned another int 32 yds for a TD, 35-32 w/ 10:37 left. WY was SOD at the 45. UNLV had a 34 yd FG blk'd. WY started at their 20 & converted on 4th & 1 at the 34 but was int'd again w/ 1:17 left. UNLV has not won in Laramie s/79.

**AT UL MONROE -22' 38-20 LOSS** Only 14,640 in attendance. WY ret'd the KO 88 yds for a TD & got a 60 yd int ret for a TD. ULM got a pair of TD drives to tie but WY got a 20 yd TD drive after a fmbl, 21-14. ULM got a 66 yd TD pass, 21-20 (xpng). WY had a 1st & goal at the 2 w/ 1:42 left but were SOD. WY held ULM to just 150 yds in the 2H & they scored on 3 straight poss w/ 2 TD's & a FG in an 18 point win but ULM had an overall 409-356 yd edge.

**COLORADO ST -2' 13-24 LOSS** Misleading final as WY had a 25-17 FD edge & 378-337 yd edge. WY missed a FG on its 1st poss. CSU made a FG & WY was int'd. WY missed a FG, 3-0 at half. WY drove 87 yds for a TD & got a FG, 10-3. CSU got a pair of 80 yd TD drives capped by 49 & 48 yd TD passes. Between that WY hit a 56 yd FG, 17-13. CSU got a 41 yd int ret for a TD in the final seconds to account for the final points.

**AT UTAH +8 43-29 WIN** I used a 4★ Late Phone Selection on WY. It was a sloppy game w/ 10 TO's (Utah 6). Utah drove 81 yds for a TD & got a 46 yd FG after a long PR. WY drove 51 yds for a TD, 10-6 (xpng). Both teams missed chances & Utah had a 10-6 FD edge at half & also led by that score. WY drove 71 yds for a 3Q TD. WY got to the Utah 27 but a FG was blk'd & ret'd for a TD & Utah led 17-13. WY had another long TD drive & got a safety early 4Q & then drove 83 yds for a TD, 29-17. WY rec'd a fmbl for a TD, 36-17. Croshaw hit an 80 yd TD pass, 36-23. WY drove 37 yds for a TD foll an int & Utah got an 80 yd garbage drive for a TD w/ :34 left. WY had a 539-392 yd edge.

**BYU +7' 31-17 WIN** BYU had just 29 rush yds as 2 key RB's were inj'd. WY drove 58 yds for a TD. BYU drove 88 yds for a TD & WY got a 20 yd TD pass, 14-7 at half. WY opened the 3Q w/ a FG & BYU dropped a TD pass & settled for a 32 yd FG. WY added 80 & 83 yd drives for TD's. BYU got an 80 yd TD drive to close the scoring.

**NEW MEXICO -17 42-28 LOSS** NM's blitzing defense stopped WY often but also gave up big plays. NM had a 39:32 TOP but WY had a 493-392 yd edge. It was 7-7 after 1Q. It was 14-14 when NM was int'd at the WY 10 w/ :30 left. WY got a 3Q int and drove 22 yds for a TD. NM was SOD at the WY 26. Brye got a 41 yd TD run, 28-14. NM drove 79 yds for a TD. Brye got a 78 yd TD run after NM was SOD at the 5. WY got ahead of the spread w/ a TD w/ 3:43 left but NM got the backdoor cover w/ a 7 yd TD run.

**AT SAN DIEGO ST -1' 7-39 LOSS** SDS drove 80 yds for a TD but a WY 51 yd TD pass tied it. WY had a snap over the P's head for a safety. SDSU was int'd on its own 44 but WY fmbl'd going into the EZ. The Aztecs drove 80 yds for a TD w/ 1:41 left, 15-7. SDSU drove 8 yds for a 3Q TD foll a fmbl and then added a TD & FG, 32-7. In the 2H WY was SOD at the SDSU 28, 50, their own 36 and the SDSU 13. SDSU had a 73 yd int ret for a TD. SDSU had an 18-9 FD edge w/ 4:34 left in the 3Q & a 32-7 lead but each team finished with 21 FD's.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Twenty-two Wyoming seniors departed who played in 3 conference championships games but failed to make it to a bowl despite an outstanding four year record of 33-14. Part of the reason that Wyoming has not been invited to bowls is the lack of fan support. Wyoming is the 9th largest state in area, but the population is less than 500,000 (50th in the US). They have trouble getting fans to attend home games let alone go to a bowl. Dana Dimel, perhaps realizing this, moved on to greener pastures. Wyoming has finished at .500 or better for 7 straight seasons. Last year Wyoming defeated a pair of Top 25 teams. The Cowboys promoted from within as Def Coor Vic Koenning takes over and D-line coach Matt Wallerstedt is the new DC. Koenning's first defense at Wyoming in 1997 was 2nd in the nation in QB sacks. Wyoming is changing offensive coordinators and for Jay Stoner it will be his 5th offense in 5 years. This clearly looks like a rebuilding year with only 9 returning starters overall. On offense, I like the QB and O-line but experienced skill position players will be as rare as the air is up there. The defense will rely on JUCO's in the secondary and has just 5 starters back, but could be close to last year's standards. Opening with road trips to Auburn and Texas A&M will put them in an 0-2 hole but they should be 2-2 entering Mt West play. They have 4 road games in the conference and after usually ranking in the upper half of the conference in terms of talent, this rebuilt squad is in my lower half this year. Unless Koenning does a miracle job of blending this rebuilt team together, it looks like their first losing season in 8 years.


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## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WR | Sean Bowman | 6-2 190 PS#58 |
| LB | Jason Jones | 5-11 220 PS#180JC |
| DB | DaShawn Abram | 6-4 200 PS#181JC |
| DB | Gideon Smith | 6-0 180 PS#240JC |
| WR | Leonard Jones | 5-9 160 PS#191 |
| WR | Kolby Drube | 6-3 210 PS#230 |
| OL | Jay Dirks | 6-2 296 PS#289JC |
| OL | Trenton Franz | 6-3 250 PS#314 |
| DB | Tom Vincent | 6-2 190 PS#291 |
| DB | Eric Lee | 5-11 190 PS#342JC |


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## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JAY STONER SR.** 6-1 203 *PS#49. 7 sts in 97, 1890 yds, 8-10 ratio. 11 sts in 98. 2nd tm WAC, 2373 yds (58%), 11-10 ratio. 9 sts ly, 1859 yds (61%), 8-7 ratio.*

**RB Aaron Frude Jr.** 5-10 190 *PS#330. Nate Scott (6-1 185 Jr) PS#225JC, 4.4 spd. Travis Short (5-10 190 Jr) PS#343JC. Derek Armah (5-10 193 rFr) PS#255WR.*

**FB Darth Tesinsky Jr.** 6-0 229 *4 tkls in 98. 2 tkls in 99 at LB. Added 14 lbs & moves to FB. Marcus Ford (6-1 223 Jr) PS#441RB in 97.*

**WR Sean Bowman Fr.** 6-2 190 *PS#58. Alex English (6-3 202 Sr) PS#230. Valpo trans, 10 KR (29.2) here in 99. Michael Wahlstrom (6-3 190 rFr) PS#124QB.*

**WR Brock Ralph So.** 6-3 185 *Alberta Canada 100m champ. 8 rec here in 99 as rFr (7.1). Ryan McGuffey (6-1 197 rFr) was PS#170WR in 99.*

**TE Arlen Smith Sr.** 6-0 237 *39 yd rush, 28 rec yds at FB in 99. Casey Adams (6-5 240 rFr) PS#256DL. Eric Haley (6-4 230 rFr) PS#173WR.*

**C MIKE IRVIN SO.** 6-3 300 *10 sts as rFr, great feet. Added 30 lbs this year. Ben Murphy (6-4 266 So) S#257DL, lettered in 99 as backup.*

**RG Tam Pruitt So.** 6-3 282 *PS#344DL. 5 tkls at DL in 99, lettered. Anthony Stannard (6-2 277 So) PS#339DL, 385 lb bench. Knee surgery in 99.*

**LG Jay Dirks Jr.** 6-2 296 *PS#289JC. Pat Hutchinson (6-5 298 Jr) PS#326OL in 97. Brian Johnson (6-3 286 Jr) lettered in 98, inj ly.*

**RT ADAM GOLDBERG SO.** 6-7 315 *PS#348OL in 98. 11 sts at LT as rFr. +15 lbs. Nate Reimers (6-6 325 So) PS#180OL, lettered as rFr.*

**LT ROB KELLERMAN SO.** 6-6 295 *Koenning feels he is top OL in Mt West. +35 lbs in 99, 11 sts as rFr. Bill Bullert (6-6 307 Sr) JC in 98 & reds.*

**K AARON ELLING SR.** 6-1 200 *Hit super 16 of 20 FG's in 98, long of 54, 21 TB's on 50 KO's. 11 of 21 FG's in 99 but 3 of 3 from 50+, long 56.*

**DAN PATRICK CHUKWURAH SR.** 6-2 238 *18 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl as rFr. 9 sts in 98, 37 tkls, 7 sks. 11 tfl. 2nd tm MW in 99, 90 tkls, 9 sks, 14 tfl. Joe Anderson (6-3 230 rFr) PS#252.*

**DT Daniel Gibson Jr.** 6-4 290 *PS#400JC. Damon Roark (6-3 280 Jr) is PS#450JC. Brandon Jones (6-3 259 So) had 5 tkls as rFr in 99.*

**NG JEFF BOYLE SR.** 6-1 295 *PS#299DL. 39 tkls, 6 sks, 4 tfl in 97. 11 sts in 98, 2nd tm WAC, 58 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. 6 sts, 16 tkls til inj ly. 420 lb bench, 605 squat.*

**DE Pat Hirsch Jr.** 6-3 268 *13 sts as rFr. 33 tkls, 6 tfl. 9 sts in 98, 23 tkls, 5 tfl. 9 tkls til inj in 99. Casey Adams (6-5 240 rFr) was PS#256 in 99.*

**SLB ADRIAN HILL SR.** 6-2 229 *PS#331LB. 2 sts in 98, 16 tkls, 5 tfl. 8 sts in 99, 45 tkls, 4 tfl. Tim Glynn (6-4 235 Jr) 14 tkls. John Wilson (6-3 228 So).*

**MLB Herman White Jr.** 6-0 220 *PS#84LB in 98. 26 tkls as true. 28 tkls in 99. Kwabena Peprah (5-11 218 Sr) 7 sts. 43 tkls, 6 tfl in 98. 25 tkls, 1 sk in 99.*

**WLB Leo Caires Sr.** 6-1 220 *7 tkls in 98. 1 st in 99, 30 tkls, 5 tfl. Matt Klotz (6-1 215 Jr) 44 tkls, 1 sk in 2 yrs. Jason Jones (5-11 220 Jr) PS#180JC.*

**CB Gideon Smith Jr.** 6-0 180 *PS#240JC this year. Marcus Freeman (5-10 180 Jr) is PS#450JC. Mark Sheller (5-9 183 Sr) 19 tkls in 3 yrs.*

**CB Eric Lee Jr.** 5-11 190 *PS#342JC ty. Sidney Lewis (5-10 150 Jr) is PS#450JC ty. Allen Bridgeman (5-9 196 So), 2 tkls last year.*

**SS AL RICH SR.** 5-11 194 *3 sts as true, 2 int, 3 pbu. 9 sts in 98, 1st tm WAC, 74 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 75 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. Jacque Finn (6-3 175 rFr).*

**FS DaShawn Abram Jr.** 6-4 200 *PS#181JC ty. Pete Merrill (6-1 190 Jr) PS#209WR in 95. PS#625JC ty. Rich Sweeney (6-2 188 Sr) 10 tkls in 2Y.*

**P TOM WARING SR.** 6-1 175 *PS#59K in 96. 52 punts here in 99, 41.6 avg & net of 35.9. Tyson Dunham (6-2 178 rFr). Luke Donovan (6-0 177 rFr).*

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| Date | Opponent | TURF | OPEN | LINE | Final Score WY | Final Score Opp | Win / Loss | HF | HD | AF | AD | GRS | ART | VS CONF | VS NON CONF | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aug. 31 | at Auburn (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cowboys are 3-8 ATS since 1989 in their first lined game. Wyoming has played an SEC team each of the L/2Y, 0-2 SU, 1-1 ATS. |
| Sep. 9 | at Texas A&M | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UW is 15-6 ATS L/21 tries as an away dog. Wyoming is 8-3 ATS L/11 September contests. |
| Sep. 16 | C Michigan | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pokes are 7-3 ATS L/3Y (but 1-2 LY) in non-conf play. Should apply here: UW is 19-14 ATS S/91 when off a SU loss. |
| Sep. 23 | Nevada | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pending LW's results, WY is 0-6 ATS L/6 when favored by DD. Despite a 1-3 mark LY, WY is 19-14 ATS as a home fav L/33 tries. |
| Sep. 30 | at New Mexico | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UW is 6-17, 4-14 & 2-8 ATS as an away favorite. Wyoming entered 2000 8-15 ATS their L/23 conf games. |
| Oct. 7 | San Diego St | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The home team is 4-1 ATS the L/5 series meetings. Cowboys are 2-5 ATS their L/7 October home games. |
| Oct. 14 | Air Force | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The favorite is 9-4 ATS in the last 13 series meetings. This has been a low scoring series of late, combined avg is 15.7 ppg L/3Y. |
| Oct. 21 | at UNLV | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cowboys are 4-9 ATS in the 1st of B2B away games since 1988. Wyoming is 3-1 SU but 0-4 ATS vs the Rebels. |
| Oct. 26 | at BYU (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The last two times UW played on Thursday were in '96 & '97. I had Thursday Night winners on my Private Play Hotline each time. |
| Nov. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS: Cowboys are 5-9 ATS the L/4 Novembers. |
| Nov. 11 | Utah | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | UW is 4-6 ATS L/10 after a bye but were 2-0 LY. Wyoming is 2-5 ATS their last 7 vs the Utes. |
| Nov. 16 | at Colorado St (Thurs) | G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | The visiting team is 7-1 ATS in their L/8 meetings. Cowboys are 2-5 ATS in this series. |
| Nov. 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | BONUS ANGLE: UW is 4-11 ATS in their final road game. |
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## 2000 Angles, Trends & Notes

Wyoming's win LY was their 1st over BYU since 1988.
For a second straight season all of Wyoming's games are on grass.
Cowboys are 9-0 SU in "NL" games since 1988.
Wyoming was 5-1 SU in day games in 99, 2-3 SU in night games.

## STADIUM: WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM (33,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 6-6 | 6-5 | 10-2 | 7-6 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 52-29 |
| ATS | 6-4 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 6-6 | 6-7 | 5-5 | 4-6 | 40-37 |
| Home Fav | 3-2 | 3-2 | 4-1 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 20-15 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 4-14 |
| Away Dog | 3-0 | 3-3 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 15-6 |
| Favorite | 3-4 | 3-2 | 5-2 | 5-5 | 4-7 | 3-4 | 1-5 | 24-29 |
| Dog | 3-0 | 3-3 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 16-8 |
| Grass | 6-3 | 4-3 | 6-3 | 5-5 | 4-7 | 5-3 | 4-6 | 34-30 |
| Artificial | 0-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 6-7 |
| vs Conf | 5-3 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 6-3 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 3-4 | 29-27 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 4-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 11-10 |
| Off SU Win | 5-2 | 1-4 | 4-1 | 6-4 | 2-5 | 4-4 | 3-4 | 25-24 |
| Off SU Loss | 1-1 | 4-1 | 3-2 | 0-1 | 3-2 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 12-10 |

## Coach: VIC KOENNING (Career 0-0)
### *Koenning's records AT WYOMING*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Year at Wyoming | | 0-0 | Home Favorite |
| 0-0 | Straight Up | 0-0 | Home Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread | 0-0 | Away Favorite |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss | 0-0 | Away Underdog |
| 0-0 | Vs Conf | 0-0 | Vs Non-Conf |

## LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

| YR | BOWL | LINE | OPPONENT | SCORE | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | Fiesta | +20 | Oklahoma | 7-41 | L |
| 87 | Holiday | +4 | Iowa | 19-20 | W |
| 88 | Holiday | +2' | Oklahoma St | 14-62 | L |
| 90 | Copper | +7 | California | 15-17 | W |
| 93 | Copper | +3' | Kansas St | 17-52 | L |

# WYOMING (7-4)

CONFERENCE: **MT. WEST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 4***
**DEFENSE: 4**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 37 (17,18,2)**
**Lost: 24 (12,12,0)**

## WYOMING'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 27.5 | 22 | 148 | 3.6 | 250 | 58.7 | 14.5 | +2 | 1999 | 7 | 24.5 | 20 | 158 | 3.9 | 241 | 53.2 | 16.3 |
| 7* | 20.2 | 19 | 126 | 3.3 | 226 | 56.7 | 17.4 | +7 | 1998 | 5 | 19.5 | 19 | 182 | 4.4 | 185 | 52.5 | 18.8 |
| 3 | 24.8 | 20 | 151 | 3.9 | 217 | 48.7 | 14.9 | +8 | 1997 | 6 | 17.5 | 18 | 147 | 3.6 | 181 | 45.2 | 18.8 |
| 10* | 38.7 | 26 | 140 | 4.0 | 359 | 61.5 | 12.9 | +2 | 1996 | 8 | 23.7 | 23 | 139 | 3.6 | 300 | 61.6 | 12.7 |
| 7 | 29.3 | 23 | 178 | 4.6 | 273 | 57.0 | 15.4 | -12 | 1995 | 7 | 24.0 | 21 | 172 | 3.7 | 199 | 53.0 | 15.4 |
| 5 | 26.6 | 22 | 175 | 4.0 | 281 | 55.0 | 17.1 | -4 | 1994 | 5 | 28.4 | 18 | 193 | 4.5 | 189 | 44.5 | 13.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Tennessee | 20 | 40-8 | 0.2 | 22-30 | 195 | 13 | 24 | 41-258 | 6.3 | 14-21 | 264 | 2 | -1 |
| Weber St | 26 | 52-250 | 4.8 | 14-21 | 238 | 4 | 23 | 43-183 | 4.3 | 15-34 | 151 | 1 | 0 |
| at Air Force | 17 | 43-177 | 4.1 | 15-23 | 179 | 1 | 20 | 49-262 | 5.3 | 10-22 | 134 | 1 | +1 |
| Idaho | 18 | 36-25 | 0.7 | 15-30 | 247 | 5 | 21 | 30-57 | 2.0 | 26-58 | 302 | 3 | +2 |
| UNLV | 22 | 30-147 | 4.9 | 21-46 | 244 | 2 | 18 | 49-192 | 3.9 | 13-28 | 186 | 3 | -2 |
| at UL Monroe | 19 | 38-138 | 3.7 | 14-26 | 218 | 2 | 20 | 40-213 | 5.3 | 16-28 | 196 | 3 | +2 |
| Colorado St | 25 | 45-121 | 2.7 | 22-33 | 257 | 4 | 17 | 27-90 | 3.3 | 21-32 | 247 | 0 | -2 |
| at Utah | 25 | 52-190 | 3.7 | 21-38 | 349 | 7 | 16 | 31-45 | 1.5 | 22-44 | 347 | 3 | +2 |
| BYU | 28 | 44-173 | 3.9 | 20-30 | 302 | 3 | 22 | 29-29 | 1.0 | 30-46 | 362 | 4 | 0 |
| New Mexico | 19 | 29-244 | 8.4 | 17-27 | 249 | 3 | 23 | 51-157 | 3.1 | 19-38 | 235 | 3 | +4 |
| at San Diego St | 21 | 44-156 | 3.5 | 25-47 | 267 | 3 | 21 | 50-246 | 4.9 | 13-23 | 232 | 3 | -3 |
| TOTALS | 240 | 453-1629 | 3.6 | 206-351 | 2745 | 47 | 225 | 440-1732 | 3.9 | 199-374 | 2656 | 26 | +2 |
| AVERAGES | 21.8 | 41-148 | 3.6 | 19-32 | 250 | 4.3 | 20.4 | 40-158 | 3.9 | 18-34 | 241 | 2.4 | 0.2 |

### 1995 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Air Force | +9 | 10-34 | L |
| Hawaii | -7 | 52-6 | W |
| Oklahoma St | -10 | 45-25 | W |
| at Tulsa | -8' | 6-35 | L |
| Louisville | -3 | 27-20 | W |
| at BYU | +7 | 20-23 | W |
| Colorado St | +1 | 24-31 | L |
| Utah | -3 | 24-30 | L |
| at San Diego St | +7 | 34-31 | W |
| Fresno St | -4' | 38-10 | W |
| at UTEP | -19 | 42-19 | W |

### 1996 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Idaho | -17 | 40-38 | L |
| at Iowa St | -4' | 41-38 | L |
| Hawaii | -21 | 66-0 | W |
| Air Force | -2 | 22-19 | W |
| at UNLV | -30' | 33-21 | L |
| at San Jose St | -22' | 45-22 | W |
| W Michigan | -28 | 42-28 | L |
| Fresno St | -14 | 42-21 | W |
| SMU | -14' | 59-17 | W |
| at San Diego St | +2 | 24-28 | L |
| at Colorado St | -2 | 25-24 | L |
| † BYU | +10 | 25-28 | W |

### 1997 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Ohio St | +30 | 10-24 | W |
| Iowa St | -14' | 56-10 | W |
| at Hawaii | -11 | 35-6 | W |
| San Jose St | -29 | 30-10 | L |
| at Colorado | +14' | 19-20 | W |
| Montana | -11' | 28-13 | W |
| at Nevada | -8 | 34-30 | L |
| Colorado St | -2 | 7-14 | L |
| at SMU | -6 | 17-22 | L |
| San Diego St | -14 | 41-17 | W |
| UNLV | -19' | 35-23 | L |
| at Air Force | -2' | 3-14 | L |
| at Fresno St | -6 | 7-24 | L |

### 1998 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| Montana St | NL | 17-9 | – |
| at Georgia | +19' | 9-16 | W |
| La Tech | -7' | 31-19 | W |
| Utah | -8' | 27-24 | L |
| SMU | -9' | 12-7 | L |
| at UNLV | -21 | 28-25 | L |
| Rice | -7' | 34-24 | W |
| at TCU | -3' | 34-27 | W |
| at Colorado St | +6' | 27-19 | W |
| Air Force | +6 | 3-10 | L |
| at Tulsa | -10' | 0-35 | L |

### 1999 RESULTS

| Opponent | Line | Score | W/L |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Tennessee | +24 | 17-42 | L |
| Weber St | NL | 41-16 | – |
| at Air Force | +9 | 10-7 | W |
| Idaho | -9' | 28-13 | W |
| UNLV | -24' | 32-35 | L |
| at UL Monroe | -22' | 38-20 | L |
| Colorado St | -2' | 13-24 | L |
| at Utah | +8 | 43-29 | W |
| BYU | +7' | 31-17 | W |
| New Mexico | -17 | 42-28 | L |
| at San Diego St | -1' | 7-39 | L |

# OTHER 1-A SCHOOL'S 1999 GAME RESULTS

## AKRON
(SU: 7-4 ATS: 5-5-1)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Penn St | L | +45' | 24-70 |
| S 11 | at Buffalo | L | -20 | 17-10 |
| S 18 | Temple | W | +1 | 25-15 |
| S 25 | at E Michigan | L | -1 | 17-38 |
| O 2 | at Ball St | W | -1 | 31-9 |
| O 9 | Ohio Univ | W | -1' | 41-28 |
| O 16 | Bowling Green | W | -3' | 55-25 |
| O 23 | at Navy | W | +10 | 35-29 |
| O 30 | W Michigan | L | +1 | 10-24 |
| N 6 | at Miami (Oh) | T | +9 | 23-32 |
| N 13 | Kent St | L | -16 | 37-34 |

## ARKANSAS ST
(SU: 4-7 ATS: 7-3)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Illinois | L | +14' | 3-41 |
| S 11 | at Mississippi | W | +32 | 14-38 |
| S 18 | at Memphis | W | +18 | 26-31 |
| S 25 | TCU | W | +16 | 21-24 |
| O 2 | Sam Houston St | – | NL | 45-20 |
| O 9 | at Utah St | W | +12 | 14-20 |
| O 16 | Idaho | W | +7' | 24-30 |
| O 23 | at N Texas | W | E | 14-10 |
| O 30 | Louisiana-Lft | L | -10' | 31-27 |
| N 6 | at Boise St | L | +9' | 10-63 |
| N 13 | Nevada | W | +3' | 44-28 |

## BALL ST
(SU: 0-11 ATS: 2-9)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Indiana | W | +24 | 9-21 |
| S 11 | at Wisconsin | L | +36 | 10-50 |
| S 18 | Toledo | L | +6' | 10-23 |
| S 25 | at Army | L | +9' | 21-41 |
| O 2 | Akron | L | +1 | 9-31 |
| O 9 | at N Illinois | L | +9 | 17-37 |
| O 16 | BYE | | | |
| O 23 | at W Michigan | L | +18 | 0-28 |
| O 30 | Ohio Univ | L | +7' | 25-37 |
| N 6 | at E Michigan | W | +11 | 21-31 |
| N 13 | at Bowling Green | L | +15' | 14-35 |
| N 20 | C Michigan | L | +2' | 21-27 |

## BOISE ST
(SU: 10-3 ATS: 8-3)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at UCLA | L | +27 | 7-38 |
| S 11 | Southern Utah | – | NL | 35-27 |
| S 18 | at Hawaii | L | -6' | 19-34 |
| S 25 | New Mexico | W | +3 | 20-9 |
| O 2 | Utah | W | +16 | 26-20 |
| O 9 | E Washington | – | NL | 41-7 |
| O 16 | at N Texas | L | -7 | 10-17 |
| O 23 | Nevada | W | +2 | 52-17 |
| O 30 | at Utah St | W | +3 | 33-27 |
| N 6 | Arkansas St | W | -9' | 63-10 |
| N 13 | New Mexico St | W | -8 | 45-26 |
| N 20 | at Idaho | W | +2' | 45-14 |
| D 30 | Louisville | W | +1' | 34-31 |

## BOWLING GREEN
(SU: 5-6 ATS: 6-4)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Pittsburgh | L | +5 | 10-30 |
| S 11 | Tennessee Tech | – | NL | 40-15 |
| S 18 | at Marshall | W | +22 | 16-35 |
| S 25 | at Kent St | L | -16 | 27-41 |
| O 2 | Toledo | W | +2 | 34-23 |
| O 9 | Miami (Oh) | L | +7 | 31-45 |
| O 16 | at Akron | L | +3' | 25-55 |
| O 23 | at Ohio Univ | W | +6' | 14-17 |
| O 30 | C Michigan | W | -5' | 31-7 |
| N 6 | BYE | | | |
| N 13 | Ball St | W | -15' | 35-14 |
| N 20 | at UCF | W | +11 | 33-30 |

## BUFFALO
(SU: 0-11 ATS: 3-6)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | BYE | | | |
| S 11 | Akron | W | +20 | 10-17 |
| S 18 | at U Conn | – | NL | 0-23 |
| S 25 | at Ohio Univ | L | +22 | 6-45 |
| O 2 | N Illinois | L | +16 | 21-45 |
| O 9 | C Michigan | L | +17 | 19-38 |
| O 16 | at W Michigan | W | +33 | 17-45 |
| O 23 | Marshall | L | +44 | 3-59 |
| O 30 | at Kent St | L | +14 | 20-41 |
| N 6 | Hofstra | – | NL | 13-20 |
| N 13 | at Virginia | W | +49 | 21-50 |
| N 20 | at Miami (Oh) | L | +33 | 0-43 |

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN
(SU: 4-7 ATS: 4-6)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 2 | E Illinois | – | NL | 33-17 |
| S 11 | at Syracuse | L | +30 | 7-47 |
| S 18 | at Purdue | L | +38 | 16-58 |
| S 25 | Miami (Oh) | W | +19 | 16-24 |
| O 2 | at W Michigan | L | +14 | 16-38 |
| O 9 | at Buffalo | W | -17 | 38-19 |
| O 16 | BYE | | | |
| O 23 | N Illinois | L | -2 | 27-31 |
| O 30 | at Bowling Green | L | +5' | 7-31 |
| N 6 | Toledo | L | +6' | 13-32 |
| N 13 | E Michigan | W | +3' | 29-26 |
| N 20 | at Ball St | W | -2' | 27-21 |

## EASTERN MICHIGAN
(SU: 4-7 ATS: 4-6-1)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | BYE | | | |
| S 11 | at Michigan St | L | +32 | 7-51 |
| S 18 | at Miami (Oh) | W | +24' | 14-35 |
| S 25 | Akron | W | +1 | 38-17 |
| O 2 | at Louisville | L | +23 | 10-45 |
| O 9 | W Michigan | W | +8' | 37-40 |
| O 16 | Ohio Univ | T | -1 | 27-26 |
| O 23 | at Toledo | W | +10' | 20-13 |
| O 30 | at UCF | L | +8 | 6-31 |
| N 6 | Ball St | L | -11 | 31-21 |
| N 13 | at C Michigan | L | -3' | 26-29 |
| N 20 | at N Illinois | L | +4' | 23-30 |

## IDAHO
(SU: 7-4 ATS: 4-5)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 3 | at E Washington | – | NL | 48-21 |
| S 11 | at Auburn | W | +11 | 23-30 |
| S 18 | at Washington St | W | -3 | 28-17 |
| S 25 | BYE | | | |
| O 2 | at Wyoming | L | +9' | 13-28 |
| O 9 | N Texas | L | -20 | 28-10 |
| O 16 | at Arkansas St | L | -7' | 30-24 |
| O 23 | Utah St | W | -6' | 31-3 |
| O 30 | at N Mexico St | L | -5' | 14-42 |
| N 6 | at Nevada | W | -2' | 42-33 |
| N 13 | at Montana | – | NL | 33-30 |
| N 20 | Boise St | L | -2' | 14-45 |

## KENT ST
(SU: 2-9 ATS: 6-5)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Cincinnati | L | +19 | 3-41 |
| S 11 | Navy | L | +18 | 28-48 |
| S 18 | at Pittsburgh | W | +33 | 23-30 |
| S 25 | Bowling Green | W | +16 | 41-27 |
| O 2 | at Ohio Univ | L | +14 | 3-31 |
| O 9 | at Toledo | L | +19 | 7-47 |
| O 16 | Miami (Oh) | W | +24 | 10-17 |
| O 23 | at N Illinois | L | +14 | 7-50 |
| O 30 | Buffalo | W | -14 | 41-20 |
| N 6 | Marshall | W | +34 | 16-28 |
| N 13 | at Akron | W | +16 | 34-37 |

## LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
(SU: 2-9 ATS: 6-4)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Oklahoma St | W | +34 | 7-24 |
| S 11 | Texas Tech | W | +22 | 17-38 |
| S 18 | at Houston | L | +21 | 0-45 |
| S 25 | Mid Tenn St | W | -2 | 45-31 |
| O 2 | Louisiana Tech | W | +15 | 31-41 |
| O 9 | at Washington St | L | +21 | 0-44 |
| O 16 | at Tulane | W | +27' | 32-48 |
| O 23 | UL Monroe | L | -3 | 7-31 |
| O 30 | at Arkansas St | W | +10' | 27-31 |
| N 6 | BYE | | | |
| N 13 | at S Mississippi | L | +37 | 0-48 |
| N 20 | Wofford | – | NL | 37-34 |

## LOUISIANA TECH
(SU: 8-3 ATS: 6-4)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A 28 | at Florida St | W | +36 | 7-41 |
| S 4 | Texas A&M | L | +14' | 17-37 |
| S 11 | Sam Houston St | – | NL | 55-17 |
| S 18 | at Alabama | W | +13' | 29-28 |
| S 25 | BYE | | | |
| O 2 | at Louisiana-Lft | L | -15 | 41-31 |
| O 9 | BYE | | | |
| O 16 | Mid Tenn St | L | -30 | 42-18 |
| O 23 | at UCF | W | -5' | 46-35 |
| O 30 | at Toledo | W | -6 | 34-17 |
| N 6 | UL Monroe | W | -26 | 58-17 |
| N 13 | at Alabama-Birm | W | -8 | 41-20 |
| N 20 | BYE | | | |
| N 26 | at USC | L | +1 | 19-45 |

## MARSHALL
(SU: 13-0 ATS: 9-3)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Clemson | W | -2' | 13-10 |
| S 11 | Liberty | – | NL | 63-3 |
| S 18 | Bowling Green | L | -22 | 35-16 |
| S 25 | Temple | W | -28 | 34-0 |
| O 2 | at Miami (Oh) | W | -4 | 32-14 |
| O 9 | BYE | | | |
| O 14 | Toledo | W | -23 | 38-13 |
| O 23 | at Buffalo | W | -44 | 59-3 |
| O 30 | N Illinois | W | -26 | 41-9 |
| N 6 | at Kent St | L | -34 | 28-16 |
| N 13 | at W Michigan | W | -11' | 31-17 |
| N 20 | BYE | | | |
| N 27 | Ohio Univ | W | -25' | 34-3 |
| D 4 | W Michigan | L | -20 | 34-30 |
| D 27 † | BYU | W | -3 | 21-3 |

## MIAMI (OH)
(SU: 7-4 ATS: 3-7-1)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Northwestern | W | -4 | 28-3 |
| S 11 | at W Virginia | L | +3' | 27-43 |
| S 18 | E Michigan | L | -24' | 35-14 |
| S 25 | at C Michigan | L | -19 | 24-16 |
| O 2 | Marshall | L | +4 | 14-32 |
| O 9 | at Bowling Green | W | -7 | 45-31 |
| O 16 | at Kent St | L | -24 | 17-10 |
| O 23 | BYE | | | |
| O 30 | Cincinnati | L | -4 | 42-52 |
| N 6 | Akron | T | -9 | 32-23 |
| N 13 | at Ohio Univ | L | -5 | 28-40 |
| N 20 | Buffalo | W | -33 | 43-0 |

## MID TENN ST
(SU: 3-8 ATS: 3-4)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Mississippi St | W | +35' | 7-40 |
| S 11 | at Arizona | W | +44 | 19-34 |
| S 18 | Wofford | – | NL | 52-42 |
| S 25 | at Louisiana-Lft | L | +2 | 31-45 |
| O 2 | Troy St | – | NL | 31-48 |
| O 9 | at Arkansas | L | +36 | 6-58 |
| O 16 | at Louisiana Tech | W | +30 | 18-42 |
| O 23 | BYE | | | |
| O 30 | at UL Monroe | L | +6 | 0-10 |
| N 6 | Tenn-Martin | – | NL | 70-14 |
| N 13 | UCF | L | +14 | 14-39 |
| N 20 | E Tennessee | – | NL | 24-7 |

## NEVADA
(SU: 6-5 ATS: 5-5)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | Oregon St | L | -1 | 13-28 |
| S 11 | at Colorado St | W | +17' | 33-38 |
| S 18 | at Oregon | L | +14 | 10-72 |
| S 25 | Fresno St | L | -2 | 24-49 |
| O 2 | UNLV | W | -8 | 26-12 |
| O 9 | at N Mexico St | W | +4 | 23-16 |
| O 16 | BYE | | | |
| O 23 | at Boise St | L | -2 | 17-52 |
| O 30 | N Texas | W | -11 | 41-28 |
| N 6 | Idaho | L | +2' | 33-42 |
| N 13 | at Arkansas St | L | -3' | 28-44 |
| N 20 | Utah St | L | -3 | 35-37 |

## NEW MEXICO ST
(SU: 6-5 ATS: 5-5)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 2 | NM-Highlands | – | NL | 73-7 |
| S 11 | at New Mexico | W | +6' | 35-28 |
| S 18 | at Arizona St | W | +25' | 35-7 |
| S 25 | at UTEP | L | -3 | 23-54 |
| O 2 | at Colorado St | L | +15 | 7-46 |
| O 9 | Nevada | L | -4 | 16-23 |
| O 16 | BYE | | | |
| O 23 | at Army | L | +6' | 18-35 |
| O 30 | Idaho | W | +5' | 42-14 |
| N 6 | at Utah St | W | +2' | 14-6 |
| N 13 | at Boise St | L | +8 | 26-45 |
| N 20 | N Texas | W | -12 | 22-9 |

## NORTH TEXAS
(SU: 2-9 ATS: 3-8)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 2 | UNLV | L | +2 | 3-26 |
| S 11 | at LSU | L | +34 | 0-52 |
| S 18 | at Texas Tech | W | +31 | 21-14 |
| S 25 | BYE | | | |
| O 2 | at Baylor | L | +11' | 10-23 |
| O 9 | at Idaho | W | +20 | 10-28 |
| O 16 | Boise St | W | +7 | 17-10 |
| O 23 | Arkansas St | L | E | 10-14 |
| O 30 | at Nevada | L | +11 | 28-41 |
| N 6 | BYE | | | |
| N 13 | at TCU | L | +22 | 3-27 |
| N 20 | at New Mexico St | L | +12 | 9-22 |
| N 27 | Utah St | L | +4 | 7-34 |

## N ILLINOIS
(SU: 5-6 ATS: 7-3)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 2 | W Illinois | – | NL | 21-27 |
| S 11 | at Vanderbilt | W | +17 | 31-34 |
| S 18 | at Iowa | L | +14' | 0-24 |
| S 25 | W Michigan | W | +8' | 21-24 |
| O 2 | at Buffalo | W | -16 | 45-21 |
| O 9 | Ball St | W | -9 | 37-17 |
| O 16 | at C Michigan | W | +2 | 31-27 |
| O 23 | Kent St | W | -14 | 50-7 |
| O 30 | at Marshall | L | +26 | 9-41 |
| N 6 | BYE | | | |
| N 13 | at Toledo | L | +6 | 14-44 |
| N 20 | E Michigan | W | -4' | 30-23 |

## OHIO UNIVERSITY
(SU: 5-6 ATS: 5-4-1)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Minnesota | L | +22 | 7-33 |
| S 11 | N Iowa | – | NL | 21-36 |
| S 18 | at Ohio St | W | +43 | 16-40 |
| S 25 | Buffalo | W | -22 | 45-6 |
| O 2 | Kent St | W | -14 | 31-3 |
| O 9 | at Akron | L | +1' | 28-41 |
| O 16 | at E Michigan | T | +1 | 26-27 |
| O 23 | Bowling Green | L | -6' | 17-14 |
| O 30 | at Ball St | W | -7' | 37-25 |
| N 6 | BYE | | | |
| N 13 | Miami (Oh) | W | +5 | 40-28 |
| N 20 | BYE | | | |
| N 26 | at Marshall | L | +25' | 3-34 |

## TOLEDO
(SU: 6-5 ATS: 5-5)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 2 | Syracuse | L | +13' | 12-35 |
| S 11 | BYE | | | |
| S 18 | at Ball St | W | -6' | 23-10 |
| S 25 | U Mass | – | NL | 24-3 |
| O 2 | at Bowling Green | L | -2 | 23-34 |
| O 9 | Kent St | W | -19 | 47-7 |
| O 14 | at Marshall | L | +23 | 13-38 |
| O 23 | E Michigan | L | -10' | 13-20 |
| O 30 | Louisiana Tech | L | +6 | 17-34 |
| N 6 | at C Michigan | W | -6' | 32-13 |
| N 13 | N Illinois | W | -6 | 44-14 |
| N 20 | W Michigan | W | -3' | 45-21 |

## UCF
(SU: 4-7 ATS: 4-5)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | Purdue | L | +17 | 13-47 |
| S 11 | at Florida | W | +36 | 27-58 |
| S 18 | at Georgia Tech | L | +29' | 10-41 |
| S 25 | at Georgia | W | +27' | 23-24 |
| O 2 | E Illinois | – | NL | 31-21 |
| O 9 | BYE | | | |
| O 16 | Nicholls St | – | NL | 28-0 |
| O 23 | Louisiana Tech | L | +5' | 35-46 |
| O 30 | E Michigan | W | -8 | 31-6 |
| N 6 | at Auburn | L | +10' | 10-28 |
| N 13 | at Mid Tenn St | W | -14 | 39-14 |
| N 20 | Bowling Green | L | -11 | 30-33 |

## UL MONROE
(SU: 5-6 ATS: 4-5)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | Nicholls St | – | NL | 27-10 |
| S 11 | at Minnesota | L | +27 | 0-35 |
| S 18 | at Arkansas | L | +35' | 6-44 |
| S 25 | Northwestern St | – | NL | 38-7 |
| O 2 | at Alabama-Birm | L | +13' | 0-47 |
| O 9 | at Utah | L | +28 | 0-42 |
| O 16 | Wyoming | W | +23 | 20-38 |
| O 23 | at Louisiana-Lft | W | +3 | 31-7 |
| O 30 | Mid Tenn St | W | -6 | 10-0 |
| N 6 | at Louisiana Tech | L | +26 | 17-58 |
| N 13 | at Tulsa | W | +7' | 37-34 |

## UTAH ST
(SU: 4-7 ATS: 3-7)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Georgia | L | +28 | 7-38 |
| S 11 | SF Austin | – | NL | 51-17 |
| S 18 | at Utah | L | +16' | 18-38 |
| S 25 | BYE | | | |
| O 1 | BYU | W | +17 | 31-34 |
| O 9 | Arkansas St | L | -12 | 20-14 |
| O 16 | at Kansas St | L | +29' | 0-40 |
| O 23 | at Idaho | L | +6' | 3-31 |
| O 30 | Boise St | L | -3 | 27-33 |
| N 6 | N Mexico St | L | -2' | 6-14 |
| N 13 | BYE | | | |
| N 20 | at Nevada | W | +3 | 37-35 |
| N 27 | at N Texas | W | -4 | 34-7 |

## WESTERN MICHIGAN
(SU: 7-5 ATS: 5-6)

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | LINE | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S 4 | at Florida | W | +35' | 26-55 |
| S 11 | Youngstown St | – | NL | 46-28 |
| S 18 | at Missouri | L | +12' | 34-48 |
| S 25 | at N Illinois | L | -8' | 24-21 |
| O 2 | C Michigan | W | -14 | 38-16 |
| O 9 | at E Michigan | L | -8' | 40-37 |
| O 16 | Buffalo | L | -33 | 45-17 |
| O 23 | Ball St | W | -18 | 28-0 |
| O 30 | at Akron | W | -1 | 24-10 |
| N 6 | BYE | | | |
| N 13 | Marshall | L | +11' | 17-31 |
| N 20 | at Toledo | L | +3' | 21-45 |
| N 27 | BYE | | | |
| D 3 | at Marshall | W | +20 | 30-34 |

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### AKRON

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Virginia Tech |
| Sep. 9 | at C Michigan |
| Sep. 16 | UCF |
| Sep. 23 | at Ohio Univ |
| Sep. 30 | Miami (Oh) |
| Oct. 7 | at Bowling Green |
| Oct. 14 | N Illinois |
| Oct. 21 | Connecticut |
| Oct. 28 | Marshall (HC) |
| Nov. 4 | OPEN |
| Nov. 11 | Buffalo |
| Nov. 18 | at Kent St |

### ARKANSAS STATE

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at N Carolina St |
| Sep. 9 | at Oklahoma |
| Sep. 16 | Memphis |
| Sep. 23 | at TCU |
| Sep. 30 | Richmond (HC) |
| Oct. 7 | at Mississippi |
| Oct. 14 | at Idaho |
| Oct. 21 | New Mexico St |
| Oct. 28 | at Utah St |
| Nov. 4 | Boise St |
| Nov. 11 | N Texas |
| Nov. 18 | OPEN |

### BALL STATE

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Florida |
| Sep. 9 | W Illinois |
| Sep. 16 | at Kansas St |
| Sep. 23 | OPEN |
| Sep. 30 | N Illinois |
| Oct. 7 | at Miami (Oh) |
| Oct. 14 | E Michigan (HC) |
| Oct. 21 | at Buffalo |
| Oct. 28 | at C Michigan |
| Nov. 4 | W Michigan |
| Nov. 11 | at Toledo |
| Nov. 18 | Connecticut |

### BOISE STATE

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at New Mexico |
| Sep. 9 | Northern Iowa |
| Sep. 16 | at Arkansas |
| Sep. 23 | at C Michigan |
| Sep. 30 | OPEN |
| Oct. 7 | at Washington St |
| Oct. 14 | E Washington |
| Oct. 21 | N Texas |
| Oct. 28 | at New Mexico St |
| Nov. 4 | at Arkansas St |
| Nov. 11 | Utah St |
| Nov. 18 | Idaho |

### BOWLING GREEN

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Michigan |
| Sep. 9 | Pittsburgh |
| Sep. 16 | at Temple |
| Sep. 23 | at Buffalo |
| Sep. 30 | at Kent St |
| Oct. 7 | Akron |
| Oct. 14 | at Miami (Oh) |
| Oct. 21 | E Michigan |
| Oct. 28 | OPEN |
| Nov. 4 | Marshall |
| Nov. 11 | Ohio Univ |
| Nov. 18 | at Toledo |

### BUFFALO

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Syracuse |
| Sep. 9 | at Rutgers |
| Sep. 16 | Connecticut |
| Sep. 23 | Bowling Green |
| Sep. 30 | at Marshall |
| Oct. 7 | at Ohio Univ |
| Oct. 14 | OPEN |
| Oct. 21 | Ball St (HC) |
| Oct. 28 | at N Illiniois |
| Nov. 4 | Kent St |
| Nov. 11 | at Akron |
| Nov. 18 | Miami (Oh) |

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Purdue |
| Sep. 9 | Akron |
| Sep. 16 | at Wyoming |
| Sep. 23 | Boise St |
| Sep. 30 | at Toledo |
| Oct. 7 | Kent St |
| Oct. 14 | OPEN |
| Oct. 21 | at Ohio Univ |
| Oct. 28 | Ball St |
| Nov. 4 | at E Michigan |
| Nov. 11 | W Michigan |
| Nov. 18 | at N Illinois |

### CONNECTICUT

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at E Michigan |
| Sep. 9 | Colgate |
| Sep. 16 | at Buffalo |
| Sep. 23 | Northeastern |
| Sep. 30 | at Louisville |
| Oct. 7 | at Boston College |
| Oct. 14 | OPEN |
| Oct. 21 | at Akron |
| Oct. 28 | S Florida |
| Nov. 4 | Mid Tenn St |
| Nov. 11 | Rhode Island |
| Nov. 18 | at Ball St |

### EASTERN MICHIGAN

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | Connecticut |
| Sep. 9 | Miami (Oh) |
| Sep. 16 | at S Carolina |
| Sep. 23 | at Temple |
| Sep. 30 | UCF |
| Oct. 7 | Toledo (HC) |
| Oct. 14 | at Ball St |
| Oct. 21 | at Bowling Green |
| Oct. 28 | OPEN |
| Nov. 4 | C Michigan |
| Nov. 11 | N Illinois |
| Nov. 18 | at W Michigan |

### IDAHO

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Washington |
| Sep. 9 | Montana |
| Sep. 16 | at Oregon |
| Sep. 23 | at Washington St |
| Sep. 30 | Montana St |
| Oct. 7 | at W Virginia |
| Oct. 14 | Arkansas St (HC) |
| Oct. 21 | at Utah St |
| Oct. 28 | OPEN |
| Nov. 4 | at N Texas |
| Nov. 11 | New Mexico St |
| Nov. 18 | at Boise St |

### KENT ST

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Pittsburgh |
| Sep. 9 | at Purdue |
| Sep. 16 | Youngstown St |
| Sep. 23 | at Miami (Oh) |
| Sep. 30 | Bowling Green |
| Oct. 7 | at C Michigan |
| Oct. 14 | Ohio Univ (HC) |
| Oct. 21 | at Marshall |
| Oct. 28 | W Michigan |
| Nov. 4 | at Buffalo |
| Nov. 11 | OPEN |
| Nov. 18 | Akron |

### LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | Sam Houston St |
| Sep. 9 | at Texas |
| Sep. 16 | at Texas Tech |
| Sep. 23 | Northwestern St |
| Sep. 30 | at Alabama-Birm |
| Oct. 7 | Tulane |
| Oct. 14 | at Louisiana Tech |
| Oct. 21 | OPEN |
| Oct. 28 | N Texas |
| Nov. 4 | at UL Monroe |
| Nov. 11 | OPEN |
| Nov. 18 | at Midd Tenn St |

### LOUISIANA TECH

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Aug. 26 | Miss Valley St |
| Sep. 2 | at Kansas St |
| Sep. 9 | at Penn St |
| Sep. 16 | Stephen F Austin |
| Sep. 23 | at Tulsa |
| Sep. 30 | OPEN |
| Oct. 7 | at Mid Tenn St |
| Oct. 14 | Louisiana-Lft |
| Oct. 21 | at Auburn |
| Oct. 28 | at Miami (Fla) |
| Nov. 4 | UCF |
| Nov. 11 | at UL-Monroe |
| Nov. 18 | at Hawaii |

### MARSHALL

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Aug. 31 | SW Missouri St |
| Sep. 9 | at Michigan St |
| Sep. 16 | OPEN |
| Sep. 23 | at N Carolina |
| Sep. 30 | Buffalo |
| Oct. 5 | W Michigan |
| Oct. 14 | at Toledo |
| Oct. 21 | Kent St |
| Oct. 28 | at Akron |
| Nov. 4 | at Bowling Green |
| Nov. 11 | Miami (Oh) |
| Nov. 18 | at Ohio Univ |

### MIAMI (OH)

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Vanderbilt |
| Sep. 9 | at E Michigan |
| Sep. 16 | at Ohio St |
| Sep. 23 | Kent St |
| Sep. 30 | at Akron |
| Oct. 7 | Ball St (HC) |
| Oct. 14 | Bowling Green |
| Oct. 21 | OPEN |
| Oct. 28 | at Cincinnati |
| Nov. 4 | Ohio Univ |
| Nov. 11 | at Marshall |
| Nov. 18 | at Buffalo |

### MIDDLE TENN ST

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Illinois |
| Sep. 9 | at Florida |
| Sep. 16 | Murray St |
| Sep. 23 | at Maryland |
| Sep. 30 | OPEN |
| Oct. 7 | Louisiana Tech |
| Oct. 14 | UL Monroe (HC) |
| Oct. 21 | at Alabama-Birm |
| Oct. 28 | at Mississippi St |
| Nov. 4 | at Connecticut |
| Nov. 11 | S Florida |
| Nov. 18 | Louisiana-Lft |

### NEW MEXICO STATE

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at S Carolina |
| Sep. 9 | OPEN |
| Sep. 16 | New Mexico |
| Sep. 23 | at Georgia |
| Sep. 30 | at UTEP |
| Oct. 7 | Army |
| Oct. 14 | Tulsa (HC) |
| Oct. 21 | at Arkansas St |
| Oct. 28 | Boise St |
| Nov. 4 | Utah St |
| Nov. 11 | at Idaho |
| Nov. 18 | at N Texas |

### NORTH TEXAS

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Aug. 31 | Baylor |
| Sep. 9 | at Texas Tech |
| Sep. 16 | at UNLV |
| Sep. 23 | at Kansas St |
| Sep. 30 | OPEN |
| Oct. 5 | Samford |
| Oct. 14 | Utah St (HC) |
| Oct. 21 | at Boise St |
| Oct. 28 | at Louisiana-Lft |
| Nov. 4 | Idaho |
| Nov. 11 | at Arkansas St |
| Nov. 18 | New Mexico St |

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Aug. 31 | at Northwestern |
| Sep. 9 | Illinois St |
| Sep. 16 | OPEN |
| Sep. 23 | at Auburn |
| Sep. 30 | at Ball St |
| Oct. 7 | UCF (HC) |
| Oct. 14 | at Akron |
| Oct. 21 | at W Michigan |
| Oct. 28 | Buffalo |
| Nov. 4 | Toledo |
| Nov. 11 | at E Michigan |
| Nov. 18 | C Michigan |

### OHIO UNIVERSITY

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Aug. 31 | at Iowa St |
| Sep. 9 | at Minnesota |
| Sep. 16 | Tennessee Tech |
| Sep. 23 | Akron |
| Sep. 30 | at W Michigan |
| Oct. 7 | Buffalo |
| Oct. 14 | at Kent St |
| Oct. 21 | C Michigan (HC) |
| Oct. 28 | OPEN |
| Nov. 4 | at Miami (Oh) |
| Nov. 11 | at Bowling Green |
| Nov. 18 | Marshall |

### TOLEDO

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Penn St |
| Sep. 9 | Weber St |
| Sep. 16 | E Illinois |
| Sep. 23 | at W Michigan |
| Sep. 30 | C Michigan |
| Oct. 7 | at E Michigan |
| Oct. 14 | Marshall (HC) |
| Oct. 21 | OPEN |
| Oct. 28 | at Navy |
| Nov. 4 | at N Illinois |
| Nov. 11 | Ball St |
| Nov. 22 | Bowling Green |

### UCF

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Georgia Tech |
| Sep. 9 | Northwestern St |
| Sep. 16 | at Akron |
| Sep. 23 | William & Mary |
| Sep. 30 | at E Michigan |
| Oct. 7 | at N Illinois |
| Oct. 14 | E Kentucky |
| Oct. 21 | UL Monroe (HC) |
| Oct. 28 | at Alabama |
| Nov. 4 | at Louisiana Tech |
| Nov. 11 | Virginia Tech |
| Nov. 18 | OPEN |

### UL MONROE

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Minnesota |
| Sep. 9 | at Memphis |
| Sep. 16 | Nicholls St |
| Sep. 23 | at Tennessee |
| Sep. 30 | SW Texas |
| Oct. 7 | at Arkansas |
| Oct. 14 | at Mid Tenn St |
| Oct. 21 | at UCF |
| Oct. 28 | OPEN |
| Nov. 4 | Louisiana-Lft |
| Nov. 11 | Louisiana Tech |
| Nov. 18 | Wofford |

### UTAH STATE

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Sep. 2 | at Texas Tech |
| Sep. 9 | S Utah |
| Sep. 16 | OPEN |
| Sep. 23 | at Arizona St |
| Sep. 30 | Utah |
| Oct. 6 | at BYU |
| Oct. 14 | at N Texas |
| Oct. 21 | Idaho |
| Oct. 28 | Arkansas St |
| Nov. 4 | at N Mexico St |
| Nov. 11 | at Boise St |
| Nov. 18 | Idaho St |

### WESTERN MICHIGAN

| DATE | OPPONENT |
|---|---|
| Aug. 31 | at Wisconsin |
| Sep. 9 | at Iowa |
| Sep. 16 | Indiana St |
| Sep. 23 | Toledo |
| Sep. 30 | Ohio Univ |
| Oct. 5 | at Marshall |
| Oct. 14 | OPEN |
| Oct. 21 | N Illinois (HC) |
| Oct. 28 | at Kent St |
| Nov. 4 | at Ball St |
| Nov. 11 | at C Michigan |
| Nov. 18 | E Michigan |


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# AKRON ZIPS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - James "Butchie" Washington continues to make strides as a passing QB. Now entering his senior season, he is the Zips' career completions & passing yards leader with 4,380 yds. He is an elusive, mobile QB and has improved his passing numbers each season. For the 2nd straight year the Zips offense showed incredible balance with 188 ypg rushing and 178 ypg passing. He has improved his completion percentage from 45.4% to 49.3% to 54.6% in 1999. He also had his best TD/Int ratio at 12-9 and had 243 yards rushing. He should really blossom in his senior season. Last year Coach Owens added the shotgun, one back and vertical passing schemes to the playbook. They do lose backup QB Greg Gromek who had 101 passes in 97 but just 4 in 98 and 15 last year. The top contenders for the backup spot are Ryan Uhlenhake (6-0 197 Jr) who was PS#140 and has 7 pass attempts in two years with five completions and a 1-1 ratio. He has thrown for 61 yards with those five completions. Micah Faler (6-2 170 rFr) was PS#153 and has the best size of the 3 QB's and will contend. This unit should continue to improve in Washington's senior season.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Zips had to replace second team MAC RB Lomax who rushed for 861 yds with a solid 5.3 ypc. I expected VHT Christian Morgan (PS#23, 6-4 225, 4.5 speed) to win the starting job. Instead he only saw action in five games last year after sitting out 98 due to academics and had just 81 yds rushing. He was not on the spring roster. A frosh RB did emerge as Brandon Payne was the MAC Freshman of the Year in 99. He led the MAC in PR's (12.5 avg) and finished 5th in rushing with 845 yards & 13 TD's. Payne did avg just 4.1 ypc, a step down from Lomax but he now has a year of experience and is quick. FB Anthony McCray is strong, has 4.52 speed and had 352 yds (4.8) rushing and gives them a speedy tandem of starters. TB Jimmie Gray (5-7 165 Sr) has 505 yds and a nifty 5.9 ypc the last two seasons. Ty Washington (5-9 175 So) had 32 yds rushing and backup FB Matt Zuercher (6-1 232 Jr) has 48 yds rushing and 3 rec's as well as 16 tackles over the past 2 years. The only other loss to this group is Raschi Culler who had 2 starts and 254 yds rushing. With Payne now a soph, this unit will be improved.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Zips had to replace two starters but did return their top three receivers from the previous year in terms of receptions. This year, basically everyone is back including all 3 starters, and there are some promising newcomers that could contribute. Lavel Bailey led the team in receptions each of the last 2 years. He improved on his 41 receptions and 13.6 ypc of 1998 with a super 42 rec's and amazing 22.4 ypc with 9 TD's last year. He was among the NCAA leaders in ypc. Jake Schifino showed promise in 98 with 16 rec's and had 37 rec's (12.2) in his 1st year as a full-time starter. TE Tim Ritley (PS#71) had 11 rec's (12.9) in his first year as a starter, and has solid size. Matt Cherry (6-2 186 rFr, PS#177) also has a strong frame and should contribute. Bates Szakos (6-3 180 rFr, PS #233) has 4.5 speed as well as solid size. Orlando Williamson (6-3 195 So) is another tall WR who had 6 rec's last year. Backup TE Nick Fortener (6-2 238 So) had 10 rec's and 2 starts after moving from FB. With everyone back, this unit should be improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Despite losing 3 senior starters, Coach Owens says "We think this year's offensive line is going to be one of the best we've had." He says they are more athletic and will be able to run plays both right and left with equal efficiency. Owens believes that he has 10 offensive linemen that can play. The losses this year are RG Dan Wessman (11 sts, 2nd tm MAC, 3 yr st'r), LT Steve Hale (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and LG Brock Knisely (10 sts). One outstanding newcomer this year is Konrad Dean who was a 2 year starter at Temple and was regarded as the best OL there in 98. Last year they had 3 returning starters but I'll go along with Owens and call this unit improved in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Zips had to replace one starter and 3 backups from the defensive front including a DE that tied for the tops in the MAC in sacks. This year 8 of the top 9 DL's return. The lone loss is DT Ron Smith (11 sts, 5.5 sks, 9 tfl, 2nd tm MAC). He was the most productive in putting pressure on opposing QB's and will be missed. While 3 starters returned last year, Jermaine Williams was suspended early in the year and it took awhile for him to get back into shape and he only saw limited action. He is back after starting 8 games in 98, and joins the 3 other starters. I'll call this a solidly improved unit despite the loss of their top player.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year 2 starters returned to this unit and this year the losses are heavier as all 3 depart. Gone are Nate Johnson (PS#92, 11 sts, 67 tkls, 2 tfl), LB George Cameron (11 sts, 8 tfl, 3 yr st'r) and LB Richard Jones (9 sts, 4.5 tfl, 59 tkls) as well as 2 backup LB's who combined for 33 tackles and 1 start. Despite the losses, Owens is very high on this group and says that Margues Hayes, Ryan Myers and Louis Mackey are as good as any set of LB's they played against last year with the exception of Penn St. It will be interesting to see if they live up to that praise. Hayes was their top recruit last season and Mackey was a part-time starter in 98 who was one credit shy last year and academically ineligible. Ed March saw plenty of action last season with 17 tackles as an undersized LB but is bigger, stronger and faster. They also add a solid JUCO transfer as well in Myers, who transferred from Ashland. This group does have potential, but I will still call it weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The secondary returns 7 of its top 8 from a unit that allowed just 50.2% completions. Akron had ranked #97 in my pass defense rankings in 98 and improved last year even though they had just 2 returning starters finishing #89 in my rankings. This year the only loss is FS Jon Eaton (11 sts, 83 tkls, 6 pbu). Owens also brings in a solid JUCO trans in Kris Williams who I project into the 2 deep. This is a veteran secondary and should be solidly improved in the pass defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Brandon Payne led the MAC in punt returns & Zach Derr is a proven long distance FG kicker and kickoff man and both return. After finishing #77 in my special teams rankings in 98, the Zips moved up to #72 last year. They must replace P Jon Eaton, but the Zips only had a net of 32.7 last year, and it's possible that one of the three candidates could even improve upon those numbers. With all of the top returnmen back, I look for the Zips to improve their special teams ranking this year.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I mentioned that the Zips' defense was improving and the schedule maker greatly aided them by assigning four of the MAC's weakest teams to their slate. I said that Akron had a very good shot at their first winning record since 1992, and they achieved it finishing in 3rd place in the MAC East. They had big come from behind wins versus both Navy and Kent (trailed Navy 23-0) which was the greatest lead lost in the 121 years of Navy football. For the 2nd straight year they knocked off a Big East opponent when they throttled Temple, a game they led 25-0 after 3Q's. The Zips had a balanced offense that scored 28.6 ppg, their most in 30 years and the team won 3 road games which is rare. They are also the only MAC team along with Marshall that had more than one non-conference win over Div IA teams. This year they get 6 home games for the first time since 1988 and excitement abounds on campus. With 8 returning starters on offense including QB Butchie Washington they should be more potent. The defense also looks stronger up front and in the secondary and will be stingier. They must travel to Ohio and BG, two of the teams they are battling in the East for position and one of their 6 home games is versus division power Marshall. Another winning record is likely (only their 2nd since 1992) but keep in mind the schedule is tougher this year and they will not sneak up on anybody. They are still, get this, a contender in the MAC East.

# AKRON (7-4)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** EAST

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 8*** **DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 44 (22,20,2)** **Lost: 20 (12,8,0)**

## AKRON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 28.6 | 20 | 188 | 3.8 | 178 | 53.7 | 12.8 | -1 | 1999 | 7 | 28.6 | 18 | 183 | 4.5 | 208 | 50.2 | 13.7 |
| 10* | 24.1 | 20 | 187 | 4.3 | 188 | 49.7 | 15.6 | -2 | 1998 | 8 | 27.2 | 21 | 198 | 4.2 | 177 | 53.2 | 13.8 |
| 5* | 19.8 | 16 | 224 | 4.9 | 119 | 47.7 | 17.3 | -4 | 1997 | 9 | 39.5 | 25 | 249 | 5.6 | 247 | 62.5 | 12.5 |
| 9* | 15.9 | 15 | 161 | 3.6 | 129 | 41.4 | 20.0 | -10 | 1996 | 5 | 24.5 | 19 | 185 | 4.2 | 132 | 52.1 | 13.0 |
| 7 | 12.8 | 15 | 95 | 2.4 | 169 | 47.9 | 20.2 | -15 | 1995 | 8 | 38.9 | 22 | 252 | 5.2 | 181 | 59.5 | 11.1 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Penn St | 19 | 48-144 | 3.0 | 15-31 | 137 | 2 | 19 | 45-332 | 7.4 | 8-12 | 221 | 1 | -1 |
| at Buffalo | 20 | 52-192 | 3.7 | 13-16 | 146 | 3 | 10 | 38-125 | 3.3 | 6-17 | 64 | 3 | -1 |
| Temple | 24 | 57-318 | 5.6 | 13-20 | 108 | 1 | 14 | 27-107 | 4.0 | 15-33 | 174 | 0 | -1 |
| at E Michigan | 15 | 40-41 | 1.0 | 17-36 | 205 | 7 | 14 | 40-135 | 3.4 | 15-30 | 225 | 1 | -1 |
| at Ball St | 26 | 56-282 | 5.0 | 10-24 | 136 | 1 | 14 | 33-102 | 3.1 | 12-25 | 141 | 2 | 1 |
| Ohio Univ | 17 | 49-176 | 3.6 | 9-13 | 160 | 2 | 24 | 66-280 | 4.2 | 11-21 | 139 | 3 | 2 |
| Bowling Green | 27 | 47-263 | 5.6 | 15-21 | 267 | 0 | 25 | 34-117 | 3.4 | 22-44 | 336 | 5 | 1 |
| at Navy | 19 | 49-138 | 2.8 | 16-28 | 208 | 5 | 16 | 45-128 | 2.8 | 10-25 | 222 | 0 | 1 |
| W Michigan | 15 | 47-144 | 3.1 | 8-22 | 182 | 5 | 26 | 31-130 | 4.2 | 29-48 | 373 | 1 | 0 |
| at Miami (Oh) | 15 | 43-115 | 2.7 | 11-23 | 233 | 3 | 19 | 50-398 | 8.0 | 7-24 | 114 | 0 | -4 |
| Kent St | 26 | 58-254 | 4.4 | 11-23 | 178 | 1 | 18 | 42-164 | 3.9 | 16-22 | 275 | 1 | 2 |
| TOTALS | 223 | 546-2067 | 3.8 | 138-257 | 1960 | 30 | 199 | 451-2018 | 4.5 | 151-301 | 2284 | 17 | -1 |
| AVERAGES | 20.3 | 50-188 | 3.8 | 13-23 | 178 | 2.7 | 18.1 | 41-183 | 4.5 | 14-27 | 208 | 1.5 | -0.1 |

## STADIUM: RUBBER BOWL (35,202)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 1-10 | 2-9 | 4-7 | 2-9 | 4-7 | 7-4 | 25-52 |
| ATS | 3-5 | 3-7 | 3-8 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 5-5-1 | 31-41-1 |
| Home Fav | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 8-4 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 11-9 |
| Away Fav | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-6 |
| Away Dog | 1-1 | 2-3 | 1-5 | 2-3 | 1-6 | 2-3 | 1-1-1 | 10-22-1 |
| Favorite | 2-4 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 3-3 | 10-10 |
| Dog | 1-1 | 3-6 | 2-8 | 5-4 | 4-6 | 4-4 | 2-2-1 | 21-31-1 |
| Grass | 0-3 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 0-3 | 0-2 | 2-2-1 | 5-16-1 |
| Artificial | 3-2 | 2-6 | 1-5 | 6-3 | 5-3 | 6-3 | 3-3 | 26-25 |
| vs MAC | 3-4 | 3-6 | 3-5 | 4-4 | 4-5 | 5-4 | 3-4-1 | 25-32-1 |
| Vs Non Conf | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 6-9 |

## LEE OWENS (Career 19-36)

**Owens' records at Akron**

6th Year at Akron

| | |
|---|---|
| 19-36 | Straight Up |
| 25-29-1 | Vs The Spread |
| 13-18-1 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 19-22-1 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| RB | Dan Basch 6-1 240 PS#246 |
| LB | Eric Culberson 6-3 225 PS#240JC |
| DB | Kris Williams 6-1 185 PS#240JC |
| DB | Jesse Scott 5-10 168 PS#199 |
| RB | Duane Griffin 6-1 215 PS#276 |
| OL | Aaron Conley 6-4 280 PS#272 |
| DL | Keenan Johnson 6-3 280 PS#228 |
| RB | Matt Carter 5-11 180 PS#352 |
| DL | Mike Grzeskowiak 6-6 305 PS#283 |
| OL | Mike Piccirillo 6-3 275 PS#358 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brandon Payne** | 208 | 920 | 75 | 845 | 13 | 4.1 |
| **Jimmie Gray** | 65 | 422 | 20 | 402 | 3 | 6.2 |
| **Tony McCray** | 73 | 363 | 11 | 352 | 2 | 4.8 |
| Raschi Culler | 61 | 264 | 10 | 254 | 0 | 4.2 |
| **James Washington** | 82 | 243 | 203 | 40 | 2 | 0.5 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **James Washington** | 240 | 131 | 54.6 | 1896 | 12 | 9 |
| Greg Gromek | 15 | 6 | 40.0 | 59 | 1 | 2 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lavel Bailey** | 42 | 941 | 22.4 | 9 | 77 |
| **Jake Schifino** | 37 | 452 | 12.2 | 1 | 75 |
| **Brandon Payne** | 16 | 114 | 7.1 | 0 | 21 |
| **Tim Ritley** | 11 | 142 | 12.9 | 1 | 26 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jon Eaton | 51 | 2013 | 39.5 | - | - | 1 | 7 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Zac Derr** | 3-4 | 3-5 | 6-6 | 0-0 | 12-15 | 48 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jon Eaton | 83 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Nate Johnson | 67 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| George Cameron | 60 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Richard Jones | 59 | 1.5 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Dwight Smith** | 59 | 0.5 | 1 | 15 | 2 |
| **Rich Reliford** | 54 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 2 |
| **Mike Hughes** | 44 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Ron Smith | 37 | 5.5 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| **Derek Wilborn** | 36 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Chris Smith** | 28 | 1.5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Ade Edwards** | 22 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Brad Detwiler** | 19 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brandon Payne** | 14 | 175 | 12.5 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jimmie Gray** | 17 | 361 | 21.2 | 0 |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JAMES WASHINGTON SR.** 6-0 210 *5 sts as rFr, 526 yds pass (45.4%), 149 rush. 11 sts in 98, 1958 yds (49%), 8-7 ratio. 11 sts ly, 1896 yds (55%), 12-9 ratio, 243 rush.*

**RB BRANDON PAYNE SO.** 5-10 190 *MAC Fr of Yr. 845 yds rush (4.1), 16 rec (7.1), 212 ret yds. Jimmie Gray (5-7 165 Sr) 402 yds in 99 (6.2) 4.45 speed.*

**FB ANTHONY McCRAY SR.** 5-8 205 *9 gms in 98, 75 yds (4.7), 6 sts in 99, 352 yds (4.8). Strong & 4.52 speed. Matt Zuercher (6-1 232 Jr) has 77 yds, 16 tkls, 2 yrs.*

**WR LAVEL BAILEY SR.** 5-10 180 *2 sts in 97, 11 rec (18.4). 8 sts in 98, #1 w/41 rec's (13.6). 11 sts in 99, #1 w/42 rec's & super 22.4 ypc w/9 TDs.*

**WR JAKE SCHIFINO JR.** 6-2 205 *PS#206 in 98. 2 sts, 16 rec (15.6) as true. 9 sts in 99, 37 rec (12.2). Andrew Wilson (5-11 186 Jr) was PS#108.*

**TE TIM RITLEY JR.** 6-3 235 *PS#71 in 97, 1 st as rFr, 9 rec (12.4). +15 lbs in 99, 11 rec (12.9) in 11 sts. Nick Fortener (6-2 238 So) had 2 sts.*

**C SCOTT SMITH JR.** 6-4 275 *PS#298 in 97. 2nd string in 98. +30 lbs in 99 & 9 sts. Also backup LS. Aaron Conley (6-4 280 Fr) is PS#272.*

**RG Jeremiah Danielson Sr.** 6-2 280 *Served 4 yrs in Navy then All Conf at JC in 98. 2nd string in 11 gms here in 99. Shawn Klik (6-3 265 Sr) 1 gm ly.*

**LG Paul Ondrusek Jr.** 6-3 280 *PS#292, 2nd string as true, RS in 98. 3 sts in 99. Thomas McBride (6-4 302 Sr) lettered in 97, 2nd string in 11 gms ly.*

**RT JEFF GRZESKOWIAK JR.** 6-5 292 *"Grizz" started L/5 as rFr in 98. 11 sts in 99 added 25 lbs ly. Bryan Shaw (6-5 299 rFr) was PS#410OL.*

**LT KONRAD DEAN JR.** 6-4 312 *11 sts as true at Temple in 97. 9 sts in 98. Best OL there. RS in 99 due to trans. Mike Grzeskowiak is PS#283.*

**K ZAC DERR JR.** 5-8 150 *Hit 9 of 15 FG's as rFr, incl 4 of 6 from 40+. Hit super 12 of 15 FG's in 99, long of 48, 6 of 6 from 40+!*

**DE ADE EDWARDS SR.** 6-4 255 *6 sts as rFr, 21 tkls. 11 sts in 99, 22 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Ryan Shultz (6-4 255 So) 15 tkls, 4 tfl in 99. Terrell Colbert is PS#625JC.*

**DT CHRIS SMITH JR.** 6-3 270 *1 st, 3 tkls as true. 10 sts in 99, 28 tkls, 1.5 sks, 5 tfl. Jason Wiggins (6-4 255 Sr) PS#375LB. 3 sts in 98, 7 tkls, 8 tkls in 99.*

**NT Jermaine Williams Sr.** 6-2 278 *8 sts in 98, 22 tkls, 1.5 sks, 4.5 tfl. Susp early ly, 6 tkls, 2 tfl. Michael Hannon (6-3 241 Jr) PS#219, 5 tkls, 1 sk, 5 gms ly.*

**DE DEREK WILBORN SR.** 6-0 225 *5 sts as rFr, 36 tkls, 1 tfl. 11 tkls in 98, 1 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 36 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Ryan Gargasz (6-6 245 So) 5 tkls ly.*

**WLB Marques Hayes rFr.** 6-2 228 *PS#131LB in 99, +28 lbs. Brad King (5-11 210 Sr) 16 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 2 sts, 9 tkls in 97. Tom ACL in 98, 1 tkl ly.*

**ILB Ryan Myers So.** 6-2 236 *Trans from Ashland. Good size. Eric Culberson (6-3 225 Jr) PS#240JC. Jacob Thompson (6-3 250 Sr) is big.*

**ILB Louis Mackey Sr.** 6-2 215 *JC trans in 98. 2 sts here, 33 tkls, 3 tfl. RS in 99. Ed March (6-0 225 Jr) 1 st, 17 tkls in 99. Bigger & faster this year.*

**CB DWIGHT SMITH SR.** 5-11 200 *PS#246RB. 2 sts, 39 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu in 98. 11 sts, 2 int, 15 pbu,* ***2nd tm MAC*** *in 99. Corvin Amos (5-10 184 So) 5 tkls as true.*

**CB Jesse Smith rFr.** 6-1 181 *PS#385 Brad Detwiler (5-10 191 So) PS#239, 1 st, 35 tkls as true. RS in 98. 1 st, 19 tkls ly. Morgan Russell PS#280JC.*

**SS MIKE HUGHES SR.** 6-1 200 *2 tkls in 96, 4 tkls in 98, 10 sts ly, 44 tkls, 8 tfl, 4 pbu. Mike Young (5-10 185 Jr) PS#128 in 97. 9 tkls, 2 yrs (inj ly).*

**FS RICH RELIFORD SR.** 5-9 185 *7 sts at CB in 97. 2 int, 7 pbu. 9 sts in 98, 34 tkls, 8 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 2 int, 11 pbu at CB. Kris Williams (6-1 185 Jr) PS#240JC.*

**P Mike Delaney Jr.** 6-2 225 *3 punts in 99, 44.7 avg. Andy Jerdon (5-11 183 rFr). John Gambone (6-3 185 Fr) is an invited walk-on.*

# ARKANSAS ST INDIANS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Cleo Lemon returns for his 4th year as the starter at ASU and is already their career passing yardage leader. Lemon started the last 7 games and was the #1 frosh passer in the NCAA in 97, throwing for 1,452 yards (43.9%) with a 6-8 ratio. In 98 he had 12 starts and solidly improved, throwing for 2,721 yards (47.3%) with a 14-10 ratio. Last year he got in just 9 starts (missing 2 games with injury) and threw for 1,569 yards (45.7%) with a solid 15-8 ratio. Andy Shatley (6-3 219 Jr) was the Arkansas high school QB of the year in 93 and originally signed in 94 but spent 4 years playing minor league baseball with the Toronto organization. He threw for 100 yards in his return to football in 98 and last year in 2 starts threw for 428 yards (54.1%) with a 4-1 ratio and 72 yards rushing. His running compliments Lemon's strong arm and Shatley did lead the team to its only conference road win over N Texas. This group should be solidly improved in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Probably the biggest signing in ASU history was Jonathan Adams in 98 as he is a VHT (PS #6). He was bothered by injuries in 98 and rushed for just 317 yards (3.6). Last year he could not unseat returning starter Lamont Zachery but did rush for 680 yards, topping the 100 yard barrier 3 times. He could be ready for a breakout year. Zachery was a speedy TB that rushed for 846 yards (4.9) in 99 and led the team in rushing each of the last 2 seasons. Hollis went out and signed Vernon Hicks (PS#100) who broke Adams' career Arkansas high school rushing records. Hollis went the JUCO route to bring in Danny Smith who will likely alternate with Adams. The third leading rusher, FB Jacquis Walker, also returns. Nick Brumfield (5-10 255 So) moved over from TE in spring, and could be the backup FB. JUCO transfer Sanchez Sherer has solid speed for his size and will also compete at FB. This should be the year Jonathan Adams steps to the forefront and proves himself to be one of the better backs in the country.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year ASU had 2 of 3 starters returning but lost their all-time leading receiver Lenny Johnson, who had 55 receptions and almost 1,000 yards in 98. This year 2 of 3 starters depart. Gone are WR JJ Washington (19 rec, 18.8) and TE Ron Teat (72 career rec, only 11 rec's in 99). Robert Kilow was by far the top receiver last year. He is a rare HT here and returns after racking up 1st Team Big West honors at both WR and as a return specialist. True frosh Vincent Strickland (PS#104) has 4.4 speed & was recruited by Florida & FSU. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and there is some more talent available. Hollis signed 3 JUCO's who may have an immediate impact. With the top guy back and JUCO's to fill the holes, I'll call this unit solidly improved despite the losses.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - ASU had allowed a high percentage of sacks in 97 and 98, and had weak ypc's of 2.7 and 2.6. They were also on the small side. Last year 4 of 5 starters returned to the offensive front but Hollis threw all the jobs up for grabs at the start of the season and 1 Sr, 1 Jr, 2 So's and a rFr ended up starting. They played much better than past editions as they gave up 16 fewer sacks than the 98 squad and opened the holes for 3.9 ypc. This year 4 of 5 starters are back and they should have more continuity. Hollis compares RT Garry Johnson to former Ohio St standout Korey Stringer. I list the two deep below and the projected starters average 302 lbs per man. This looks like perhaps the Big West's top offensive line.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Indians defensive front switched to a 3 man unit last year and had two qualities that coaches do not like as it was small and inexperienced, having to replace all three starters. This year two starters depart but the unit does get a lot bigger. Gone are DE Maquonzie Thomas (11 sts, 7 tfl), NT Lance Miller (11 sts, 8 tfl) and DE Duane Alvin (4 tkls). NG Tyronne Armstrong adds 50 lbs to the NT position, got in one start as a true frosh, and will benefit from a year's seasoning. Four players return with starting experience and while this is not an overwhelming group, it looks to be more of a force than the 99 edition.

**LINEBACKERS** - This was a very experienced group last year but not an overwhelming one. This year they lose OLB Lamarcus Harris (11 sts, 11 tfl), OLB Reginald Cooley (10 sts, 6 tfl), ILB Andy Henault (8 sts, 72 tkls), OLB Michael Bailey (3 sts, 2 tfl) and ILB Scott Miller (18 tkls). While this group is a lot less experienced, they have had a good number of JC transfers the last few years. The big addition this year is LP Spence who was PS#43LB and originally signed with Ole Miss in 97. Despite being less experienced, this group may be more talented and should at least be equal to last year.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - ASU had 2 returning starters to the secondary last year but fell from #68 in my pass defense rankings to #98, allowing 56.9% with an 18-10 ratio. This year basically everyone is back including six players with starting experience. Also in the mix are some top notch JC transfers as well as an HT true frosh. This looks like a much stronger, deeper, and more experienced group for 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Joe Hollis has done a great job in this area. In 1998 ASU's special teams finished #59 in my rankings and last year I called for them to break into the top 50. They did just that, finishing #31 in my special teams rankings. Their star returnman, Robert Kilow, returns as does K Nick Gatto who hit 8 of 12 FG's. They must replace super P Ryan Smith who averaged 44.4 last year. Most of the key components are back but finding a new P is their top priority. Andy Shatley was the pooch punter last year and averaged 36.5 while also completing a FD pass on a fake punt. Shatley could be the permanent punter this year as well as the #2 QB. The Indians have blocked 3 punts in each of the last 2 years and should continue to do well in that category. I expect this group to stay in the top 50.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Arkansas St moved to IA ball in 1992 and has recorded just 1 winning season since then (in 1995). Joe Hollis has shown steady progress since taking over the helm going 2-9, 4-8 and 4-7. ASU had 4 losses by less than a TD at the start of the year including close calls vs Memphis and TCU. They finished the year strong, winning 3 of their last 4 SU. Included in their wins was their 1st Big West win in 4 years and 5th road win of the 90's. The Indians have now lost 9, 8 and 7 games in Hollis' tenure and last year improved both offensively and defensively, scoring 4.4 more ppg and allowing 5.5 less in 99. They drastically increased their ypc rushing from 2.6 to 3.9 and also got better at ypc defense and pass % defense. After allowing 447 ypg in 98 it was down to 416 in 99. Taking away the Illinois and Boise St games, ASU had a 25.8 to 25.3 ppg edge and six of their 11 opponents finished with winning records including 3 bowl participants. ASU does lose 19 players including 11 starters from last year's squad but has plenty of experience returning while adding some top notch transfers and frosh. The offense looks potent and improved. The defense with 6 starters back should continue to make strides. They dominated the spring drills and allowed just 192 yds in the spring game. Hollis is now also the athletic director and one thing he will probably put as a priority is softening the non conference slate. His predecessor left him with 4 bowl teams from 99 as well as Memphis and NC St on this year's agenda. If teams like Oklahoma, TCU and Ole Miss do not beat them up too badly injury wise, it should strengthen them for Big West play. They do have 3 conference home games and a road trip to Utah St is winnable. With the tough non-conf slate they really do not have a shot at a winning season but I will consider them a contender in the Big West.

# ARKANSAS ST (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **BIG WEST**

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 7*** **Returning: 41 (19,20,1)**

**DEFENSE: 6** **Lost: 19 (9,9,1)**

## ARKANSAS STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 22.4 | 18 | 147 | 3.9 | 182 | 47.4 | 14.7 | -1 | 1999 | 7 | 30.2 | 21 | 202 | 4.8 | 214 | 56.9 | 13.8 |
| 9* | 18.0 | 15 | 85 | 2.6 | 240 | 47.3 | 18.0 | 0 | 1998 | 9 | 32.1 | 22 | 230 | 5.1 | 216 | 57.3 | 13.9 |
| 5* | 18.2 | 17 | 94 | 2.7 | 206 | 45.8 | 16.6 | -1 | 1997 | 7 | 35.8 | 23 | 234 | 5.2 | 215 | 62.8 | 12.5 |
| 3 | 24.7 | 17 | 156 | 4.8 | 217 | 52.0 | 15.1 | -10 | 1996 | 5 | 33.2 | 22 | 163 | 3.7 | 258 | 82.0 | 12.7 |
| 8* | 24.0 | 17 | 132 | 4.3 | 207 | 52.5 | 14.1 | +1 | 1995 | 7 | 26.1 | 22 | 208 | 4.0 | 201 | 56.5 | 16.6 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at Illinois | 8 | 30-29 | 1.0 | 14-27 | 149 | 3 | 23 | 44-190 | 4.3 | 20-32 | 237 | 2 | 0 |
| at Mississippi | 19 | 32-98 | 3.1 | 15-33 | 333 | 2 | 22 | 40-231 | 5.8 | 16-25 | 253 | 1 | -2 |
| at Memphis | 17 | 29-128 | 4.4 | 14-25 | 170 | 5 | 27 | 54-252 | 4.7 | 14-21 | 163 | 2 | 0 |
| TCU | 14 | 39-187 | 4.8 | 8-26 | 93 | 1 | 14 | 52-268 | 5.2 | 5-10 | 88 | 2 | 0 |
| Sam Houston St | 26 | 38-266 | 7.0 | 13-25 | 195 | 1 | 17 | 32-175 | 5.5 | 19-28 | 203 | 0 | 0 |
| at Utah St | 16 | 26-82 | 3.2 | 16-31 | 192 | 2 | 22 | 44-213 | 4.8 | 17-32 | 166 | 2 | +3 |
| Idaho | 16 | 37-135 | 3.6 | 12-27 | 162 | 0 | 21 | 41-122 | 3.0 | 23-46 | 293 | 0 | +0 |
| at N Texas | 23 | 60-298 | 5.0 | 7-15 | 54 | 0 | 13 | 38-243 | 6.4 | 7-18 | 79 | 0 | +1 |
| Louisiana-Lft | 15 | 33-69 | 2.1 | 16-29 | 240 | 2 | 18 | 47-162 | 3.4 | 17-31 | 212 | 2 | -1 |
| at Boise St | 12 | 32-34 | 1.1 | 9-30 | 130 | 2 | 27 | 46-253 | 5.5 | 18-32 | 329 | 4 | -2 |
| Nevada | 27 | 54-291 | 5.4 | 15-25 | 281 | 3 | 25 | 27-118 | 4.4 | 26-45 | 328 | 4 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 193 | 410-1617 | 3.9 | 139-293 | 1999 | 21 | 229 | 465-2227 | 4.8 | 182-320 | 2351 | 19 | -1 |
| AVERAGES | 17.6 | 37-147 | 3.9 | 13-27 | 182 | 1.9 | 20.8 | 42-202 | 4.8 | 17-29 | 214 | 1.7 | -0.1 |

## STADIUM: INDIAN STADIUM (33,410)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 6 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 1-10 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 2-9 | 4-8 | 4-7 | 21-46 |
| ATS | 2-8 | 4-3 | 4-1-1 | 3-5 | 5-6 | 7-3 | 25-26-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-3 |
| Home Dog | 0-5 | 2-1 | 1-0-1 | 1-0 | 1-3 | 3-0 | 8-9-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 |
| Away Dog | 2-3 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 2-4 | 4-1 | 3-2 | 16-13 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-4 |
| Dog | 2-8 | 4-3 | 4-1-1 | 3-4 | 5-4 | 6-2 | 24-22-1 |
| Grass | 2-6 | 2-1 | 4-1-1 | 3-5 | 3-6 | 6-1 | 20-20-1 |
| Artificial | 0-2 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 5-6 |
| vs Conf | 0-6 | 3-2 | 2-0-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 4-2 | 11-14-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 4-4 | 3-1 | 14-12 |

## JOE HOLLIS (14-29-1)

**Hollis' records at Arkansas St**

4th Year at Arkansas St

| | |
|---|---|
| 10-24 | Straight Up |
| 15-14 | Vs The Spread |
| 10-8 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 6-6 | Vs Conference |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| RB | Vernon Hicks 5-9 175 PS#100 |
| DB | Dameon Ashford 5-10 174 PS#111 |
| WR | Vincent Strickland 6-1 180 PS#104 |
| DB | Alvin Powell 6-1 195 PS#126JC |
| RB | Danny Smith 5-7 170 PS#205JC |
| WR | Jody Jennings 5-10 165 PS#226JC |
| DL | Brian Rucker 6-0 300 PS#194DL |
| TE | Jeremy Pegues 6-4 250 PS#327JC |
| RB | Quincy Williams 6-0 195 PS#424 |
| RB | Tyshon Reed 6-1 210 PS#355JC |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lamont Zachery | 172 | 911 | 65 | 846 | 4 | 4.9 |
| **Jonathan Adams** | 145 | 718 | 38 | 680 | 6 | 4.7 |
| **Jacquis Walker** | 35 | 129 | 5 | 124 | 1 | 3.5 |
| **Andy Shatley** | 17 | 72 | 32 | 40 | 0 | 2.4 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cleo Lemon** | 230 | 105 | 45.7 | 1569 | 15 | 8 |
| **Andy Shatley** | 61 | 33 | 54.1 | 428 | 4 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Robert Kilow** | 57 | 783 | 13.7 | 5 | 75 |
| J. J. Washington | 19 | 358 | 18.8 | 4 | 39 |
| **Jamie Hickenbotham** | 14 | 281 | 20.1 | 4 | 50 |
| Lamont Zachery | 14 | 237 | 16.9 | 1 | 63 |
| Ron Teat | 11 | 125 | 11.4 | 0 | 36 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Smith | 42 | 1864 | 44.4 | - | - | 0 | 13 |

| KICKING | 0-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nick Gatto** | 2-3 | 4-4 | 2-4 | 0-1 | 8-12 | 48 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sean Mitchell** | 91 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Andy Henault | 72 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| **Segun Ajigbeda** | 70 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| LeMarcus Harris | 66 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Lance Miller | 58 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| **Hanis Bowens** | 58 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 |
| Maquonzie Thomas | 47 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Kishan Cotton** | 44 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Reggie Cooley | 35 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Charles Mabry** | 34 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| **Keith Headley** | 31 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Russell Seaton** | 29 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Robert Kilow** | 18 | 167 | 9.3 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Robert Kilow** | 20 | 435 | 21.8 | 0 |

## 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

### OFFENSE

**QB CLEO LEMON SR.** 6-3 209 *7 sts as true, 1452 yds (44%), 6-8 ratio. 12 sts in 98, 2721 yds (47%), 14-10 ratio. 9 sts in 99, 1569 yds (46%), 15-8 ratio.*

**RB JONATHAN ADAMS JR.** 6-0 214 ***PS#6RB in 98!!*** *317 yds (3.6) in 5 sts as true in inj plagued yr. 2 sts in 99, 680 yds (4.7). Danny Smith is PS#205 JUCO.*

**FB JACQUIS WALKER SR.** 6-0 245 *PS#314RB. 3 sts as true, 78 yds (4.1). 12 sts in 98, 309 yds (4.2), 16 rec (10.3). 5 sts in 99, 124 yds (3.5), 10 rec (9.2).*

**WR ROBERT KILOW SR.** 5-11 167 *PS#57WR. JC in 97. 22 rec, super 22.8 ypc in 98. 7 sts ly. 57 rec (13.7) 1st tm BW WR & RS. Jody Jennings is PS#226 JC.*

**WR Jamie Hickenbotham So.** 5-10 173 *PS#360RB. 14 rec (20.1), 4 sts as true. Alvin Powell (6-1 195) is PS#126JC. Vincent Strickland is PS#104WR.*

**TE Jerry Pegues Jr.** 6-4 250 *JUCO. Bob Lanaux (6-6 240 So) PS#152TE, 1 st, 4 gms ly. Anwar Cooper (6-6 267 Sr) PS#85OL 1 st, 5 rec in 3 yrs.*

**C Jack Wright Sr.** 6-1 267 *PS#352. 6 sts in 97. 12 gms in 98. 1 st in 99, 3 letters.* ***Joe O'Bar*** *(6-2 325 Jr) 10 sts in 98, 2 sts in 99.*

**RG JOHN CROSSLEY SO.** 6-2 308 *PS#189. 11 sts in 99, strong. Justin Beller (6-4 325 rFr). Jesse Duncan (6-2 341 So) 8 gms as true, RS in 99.*

**LG JAMIE POND SR.** 6-3 322 *PS#307. 6 sts as rFr. 12 sts in 98. 11 sts in 99. Bobby Ginder (6-5 290 Sr) 3 letters. Anthony Mitchell (6-4 291 rFr).*

**RT GARRY JOHNSON SO.** 6-4 309 *PS#420. 11 sts as rFr,* ***2nd tm Big West****. Aaron Vojacek (6-4 341 rFr) PS#206. Burt Samples (6-7 300 So).*

**LT GARRICK JONES JR.** 6-4 307 *12 sts as rFr at RT in 98. 10 sts at LT in 99, added 15 lbs. Matt Lazarine (6-5 320 rFr) PS#205 in 99.*

**K NICK GATTO SR.** 6-0 185 *PS#87JUCO. 18 of 25 FG's at JC. Hit 8 of 12 FG's here in 99 with long of 48. 2 of 5 from 40+ & handled KO's.*

### DEFENSE

**DE Maci Davis So.** 6-1 278 *PS#181, 24 tkls, 2 tfl as true. James Morman (6-2 247 Sr) 5 tkls in 99 (JC trans). Tyrone Jackson (6-3 295 rFr) PS#450.*

**NT Tyronne Armstrong So.** 6-2 317 *7 gms, 1 st as a true frosh, 2 tkls, 1 sk. Brian Rucker (6-0 300) is PS#194. Bryant Berry (6-0 275 rFr).*

**DE ERIK KELLIM SR.** 6-3 274 *Trans from Ark Tech. 4 sts in 99, 21 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. JC Miller (6-3 261 Sr) JC trans ly, 22 tkls, 4 sts, 5 tfl.*

**OLB L.P. Spence So.** 6-2 212 *PS#43 & orig signed at Ole Miss!! Here in spring. Leonard Johnson (6-2 235 rFr) was PS#278 in 99.*

**ILB Russell Seaton Sr.** 6-1 225 *3 tkls in 97. 4 sts, 45 tkls in 98. 4 sts, 29 tkls, 1 tfl in 99. Joseph Jones (6-2 226 So) 9 tkls, 1 pbu as true.*

**ILB Charles Mabry Sr.** 5-11 231 *JC in 98, 4.6 speed. 9 gms here in 99, 34 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. Tyshon Reed (6-1 210 Jr) PS#398JC, 4.55 speed.*

**OLB SEGUN AJIGBEDA SR.** 6-2 233 *PS#325. 9 sts, 65 tkls as rFr. 6 sts, 10 tfl in 98. 11 sts in 99, 70 tkls, 3 tfl. John Shivers (6-2 231 So) 7 tkls as true.*

**CB HANIS BOWENS SR.** 5-9 162 *11 sts here as JC trans in 99, 58 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu. Terrance Fuller (5-9 192 Jr) PS#121, 45 tkls, 3 pbu in 2 yrs, 3 sts.*

**CB KISHAN COTTON SR.** 5-10 194 *9 sts in 98, 71 tkls, 5 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 44 tkls, 1 tfl, 6 pbu. Eniak Mpwo (5-10 185 Jr) PS#64 in 97, JC trans.*

**SS SEAN MITCHELL SR.** 5-9 190 *8 sts in 97, 59 tkls. 12 sts in 98, 126 tkls, 5 tfl, 7 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 91 tkls, 4 pbu.* **Travis Ducking** *13 sts, 86 tkls, 3 int, 2 yrs.*

**FS Keith Headley Jr.** 6-1 200 *1 st in 98, 18 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu. 4 sts in 99, 31 tkls, 1 int. Randell King (5-11 200 Jr) 88 tkls, 2 int at JC in 99.*

**P Andy Shatley Jr.** 6-3 219 *Also backup QB. 11 punts for 40.5 avg with 5 inside 20 in 98. 24 punts for 36.5 avg LY with 6 inside 20.*

# BALL ST CARDINALS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 1998 Ball St used 3 starters due to injuries and they combined to hit 48.2% of their passes. Two of them returned last year and I expected Purdue transfer Clay Walters (6-5 205 Sr) to win the starting job. Lynch stuck with soph Brian Conn who started all 11 games. Conn threw for 1,525 yds and completed 58.4% of his passes in the new high completion, short passing offense but only had a 10-14 ratio. He did improve as the season went on and in the final 5 games he completed 63% with a 5-3 ratio. However, Conn is 0-13 SU as a starter. Walters saw limited duty with 39 passes (61.5%) and moved to WR in spring. Conn will have to battle 2 HT redshirt frosh. Andy Roesch was PS#63, threw for over 6,000 yds in high school, and has nice size. Talmadge Hill (6-1 185 rFr) was PS#121 and adds mobility to the unit as well as a solid passing arm. This unit has added talent and more experience than last year. In the 2nd year of the new passing offense, they could put up much improved numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year Ball St had to replace its top two rushers, including LeAndre Moore who had 909 yds (4.2). Much was expected of JUCO transfer Quavis Tate (5-6 191) who had over 1,000 yds rushing as a soph at JC. Tate began the year as starter but had just 317 yds (3.0). He got in trouble with the coaching staff and was suspended for the final two games and is no longer on the team. Nick Dunbar had just 184 yds after the first 5 games but was thrown into the starting role and had 406 yds over the final six games. He looks to be the feature back this year. Both FB's who saw action last year return and I list them below. This is a more experienced unit.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year was the first year for the new pass offense and they had just 1 returning starter. This year's group is even less experienced as all 3 starters depart. Gone are WR Adrian Reese, who was by far the main man with 58 rec's, and leaves as the #3 all time leading receiver in Ball St history. Also departing are WR Montez Currin with 10 rec's (18.9) and TE Jimmy Place (10 sts & 8 rec's). The leading returning receiver, Jermaine Jordan, had 15 rec's in the first six games but missed much of the 2H of the year due to injury. The 3 projected starters below all have solid size. Westbrook was a starter at Ark St and Jordan looks ready to emerge. KR specialist Sean Schembra will also contend, and I look for a big impact from converted QB Walters. Both candidates at TE look solid. Last year's group was nothing special and this year's could be stronger.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Ball St featured the MAC's biggest O-line last year with an avg of 308 lbs per man but they proved to be slow footed and struggled with the new offensive schemes. Almost the entire OL unit returns with the lone loss being OT Ryan Carter, a 2 year starter. The O-line allowed 49 sacks (a poor 16.4% of pass attempts) and only paved the way for 2.6 ypc. OG Chad Ludwig did have a serious illness during the offseason, and lost a significant amount of weight. He did not practice in the spring but hopes to regain strength by the fall. This is a much more experienced group than the one that had to replace 3 starters last year and they have some quality redshirt frosh whom I expect to take over some spots on the two deep. There's only one way for this unit to go, and look for much improved production this year.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Ball St did take on a tough slate of opposing rush attacks, including option teams like Army, Akron, Indiana and Ohio and the powerful Badgers of Wisconsin. Part of their reason for struggling against the run was their undersized front. Versus Wisconsin, Ron Dayne at 253 lbs outweighed six of Ball St's front 8 players on defense. While weak against the run, the D-line also failed to put pressure on opposing QB's with just 12 sacks. This year's front is a little bigger but really needs the two solid redshirt frosh (both above 270 lbs) to gain lots of time at the tackle spots. The only loss is DT Marcus Adams (6 sts, 27 tkls, 5 tfl) and 5 players return with starting experience (including DE Triggs who missed 99 with inj). This unit is definitely stronger in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year Lynch switched from a 4-3 to a 4-4 defense possibly due to the amount of depth he had returning at the LB slot. They had a veteran group with all 4 starters returning, but their star Larry Davis was ruled ineligible prior to the season and they did not live up to expectations. This year they lose OLB Nate Perry (4 sts, 37 tkls), ILB Ernest Pressley (10 sts, #1 tkl'r), ILB Marlon Llewellyn (1 st, 43 tkls), OLB Lecedus Thompson (2 sts, 17 tkls) and OLB Byron Driver (7 sts, 51 tkls). They have 4 players returning with starting experience. I project a rFr HT to take over one spot. This is far from an overwhelming unit but even with the losses, could have a stronger year in the 2nd season of the 4-4.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - BSU was #104 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and returned 3 starters last year but still finished #111, allowing 58% with a 16-2 ratio. Over the last 2 seasons they have allowed a total of 33 TD's with just 6 int's. In the 2 deep below you'll note OLB Nate Andrews, who in the 4-4 is more like a SS. This year they must replace DB Lowell Faison (11 sts, 75 tkls). Last year their #2 tackler from 98, Pete Smith, lost his job at FS to Jade Winchell, but filled in and started 6 games at OLB. Smith is listed as #2 FS in spring. I like Jesse Avant's move from RB to the CB slot and they have 2 CB's with starting experience. I think this group is more talented than it has been in recent years and does have a good deal of experience. I expect solid improvement in the pass defense rankings this season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Redshirt frosh Sean Schembra took over Ball St's KR duties in the sixth game and finished with a solid 22.0 avg. Before he took the job, Ball St avg'd just 15.7 in their first 5 games. The rest of BSU's special teams got weaker as the season progressed. They had a punt blocked in 3 of their final four games and K Tom Pucke made only 2 of 8 FG's with a long of 40. Pucke missed the first part of the season due to injury but then Kevin Jennings, who connected on 3 of 4 FG's, was injured vs Army. Adrian Reese ranked 17th in the NCAA in PR's in 98 but could not duplicate that in 99, slumping to just 7.9 on 17 returns. P Brad Kroft had a solid year avg'g 41.7 yds with a 34.5 net, but must be replaced. Ball St ranked just #91 in my special teams ratings in 98 and last year slipped even further to #99. As long as a steady P is found, they should be improved overall with the other 3 units getting better, and they should suffer less punt blocks. Ball St did block 3 opponent's punts on the year giving them 5 in two years.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Bill Lynch returns for his sixth season at the helm. He was 35-12-3 as the head coach at Butler and guided Ball St to the '96 MAC Title & the Las Vegas Bowl. He has won or shared five conference titles in 10 years as a head coach. The last few years have not been fruitful for Lynch. After a pair of 7-4 seasons in '95 & '96, they slumped to 5-6 in '97 and then the unthinkable 1-10 and 0-11 seasons the past two years. The strength of the team in his first 2 seasons was its defense but it has gone steadily downhill. After returning just 4 and 3 starters in '97 & '98 and having the ppg fly up to 31.2 he returned 8 starters to the stop unit last year, but once again took a step backwards, allowing 32.8 ppg and 235 ypg rushing (4.8). Improvement was expected last season but never materialized. Ball St finished last in the MAC in total offense, averaging just 258.9 ypg. They never held the lead in 9 of 11 games. The '99 squad had just 22 upperclassmen and this year they have 43, so they are a much more veteran group. Last year Ball St went to more of a passing offense using 3, 4 and 5 WR sets. This will be their 2nd year in the new offense which saw the passing completion percentage rise to 59.1%, but the ypc rushing dropped to 2.6. The defense shifted to a 4-4 which was a little stronger vs the pass, but still weak vs the rush. With 7 starters back they can only improve. The losing streak should end on Sept 9th and I look for them bag 3 or 4 wins as they have 3 teams that were in IA ball just 2 years ago on their slate.

# BALL ST (0-11)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** WEST

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 7*** **DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 48 (26,21,1)** **Lost: 14 (7,5,2)**

## BALL STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4* | 14.3 | 16 | 98 | 2.6 | 161 | 59.1 | 18.1 | -8 | 1999 | 8 | 32.8 | 21 | 235 | 4.8 | 169 | 58.0 | 12.3 |
| 8* | 13.6 | 16 | 143 | 3.5 | 139 | 48.2 | 20.7 | -4 | 1998 | 3 | 31.2 | 21 | 211 | 4.8 | 220 | 64.2 | 13.8 |
| 3 | 21.7 | 17 | 169 | 3.7 | 150 | 48.7 | 14.7 | -5 | 1997 | 4 | 23.6 | 19 | 132 | 3.5 | 239 | 60.9 | 15.7 |
| 3 | 24.7 | 17 | 175 | 3.7 | 158 | 55.8 | 13.5 | +4 | 1996 | 4 | 17.5 | 18 | 124 | 3.4 | 218 | 56.7 | 19.6 |
| 5* | 18.5 | 16 | 164 | 3.5 | 126 | 60.3 | 15.6 | -1 | 1995 | 6 | 17.0 | 15 | 126 | 3.4 | 132 | 42.2 | 15.2 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at Indiana | 18 | 38-120 | 3.2 | 17-30 | 149 | 4 | 18 | 44-217 | 4.9 | 9-12 | 154 | 0 | 0 |
| at Wisconsin | 11 | 27-21 | 0.8 | 13-25 | 155 | 3 | 24 | 55-270 | 4.9 | 10-20 | 190 | 3 | -1 |
| Toledo | 16 | 29-68 | 2.3 | 15-33 | 207 | 6 | 18 | 50-257 | 5.1 | 14-20 | 99 | 1 | -2 |
| at Army | 15 | 41-93 | 2.3 | 14-20 | 144 | 5 | 23 | 63-447 | 7.1 | 2-4 | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| Akron | 14 | 33-102 | 3.1 | 12-25 | 141 | 2 | 26 | 56-282 | 5.0 | 10-24 | 136 | 1 | -1 |
| at N Illinois | 21 | 48-169 | 3.5 | 19-30 | 170 | 3 | 19 | 43-195 | 4.5 | 14-25 | 202 | 2 | -4 |
| at W Michigan | 15 | 40-68 | 1.7 | 18-28 | 141 | 7 | 25 | 27-107 | 4.0 | 27-42 | 311 | 1 | 0 |
| Ohio Univ | 16 | 44-147 | 3.3 | 18-21 | 126 | 5 | 19 | 55-279 | 5.1 | 6-13 | 88 | 1 | 0 |
| at E Michigan | 21 | 47-126 | 2.7 | 20-29 | 173 | 5 | 16 | 33-129 | 3.9 | 17-24 | 293 | 0 | 1 |
| at Bowling Green | 14 | 31-53 | 1.7 | 19-30 | 259 | 5 | 21 | 59-293 | 5.0 | 5-12 | 52 | 0 | -1 |
| C Michigan | 13 | 38-107 | 2.8 | 10-27 | 109 | 4 | 22 | 52-112 | 2.2 | 20-35 | 312 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 174 | 416-1074 | 2.6 | 175-298 | 1774 | 49 | 231 | 537-2588 | 4.8 | 134-231 | 1863 | 12 | -8 |
| AVERAGES | 15.8 | 38-98 | 2.6 | 16-27 | 161 | 4.5 | 21.0 | 49-235 | 4.8 | 12-21 | 169 | 1.1 | -0.7 |

## STADIUM: BALL STATE STADIUM (23,600)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3-1 | 6-4-1 | 7-4 | 7-4 | 5-6 | 1-10 | 0-11 | 34-42-2 |
| ATS | 8-2 | 4-7 | 6-3-1 | 5-5 | 3-7 | 4-7 | 2-9 | 32-40-1 |
| Home Fav | 2-1 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 6-10 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-4 | 7-6 |
| Away Fav | 2-0 | 1-2 | 0-1-1 | 3-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 6-4-1 |
| Away Dog | 3-1 | 1-2 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 1-4 | 2-5 | 2-5 | 13-20 |
| Favorite | 4-1 | 2-5 | 1-2-1 | 4-2 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 12-14-1 |
| Dog | 4-1 | 2-2 | 5-1 | 1-3 | 2-5 | 4-5 | 2-9 | 20-26 |
| Grass | 4-1 | 3-4 | 5-2-1 | 3-4 | 3-3 | 4-3 | 1-6 | 23-23-1 |
| Artificial | 4-1 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 1-3 | 9-17 |
| vs MAC | 7-1 | 3-6 | 5-2-1 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 2-6 | 1-7 | 24-32-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 8-8 |

## BILL LYNCH (Career 57-47-3)

**Lynch's records at Ball St**

6th Year at Ball St

| | |
|---|---|
| 21-35 | Straight Up |
| 20-31-1 | Vs The Spread |
| 9-21 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 14-25-1 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Kenny Sanders 6-3 189 PS#65 |
| RB | Scott Blair 6-1 192 PS#240 |
| DL | Jerome Tilmon 6-3 245 PS#188 |
| DB | Justin Beriault 6-3 170 PS#222 |
| WR | Steve Sutherland 6-3 180 PS#198 |
| DB | Jason Barnes 6-0 180 PS#263 |
| OL | Jeff Ramsey 6-5 275 PS#359 |
| OL | Travis Saylor 6-4 285 PS#360 |
| DL | Martin Ferrill 6-4 225 PS#289 |
| DB | Tommy Schembra 6-1 175 PS#318 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nick Dunbar** | **163** | **625** | **35** | **590** | **4** | **3.6** |
| Quavis Tate | 104 | 348 | 31 | 317 | 2 | 3.0 |
| **Marcus Merriweather** | **26** | **148** | **12** | **136** | **2** | **5.2** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brian Conn** | **257** | **150** | **58.4** | **1525** | **11** | **14** |
| **Clay Walters** | **39** | **24** | **61.5** | **242** | **2** | **2** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adrian Reese | 58 | 664 | 11.4 | 5 | 33 |
| **Jermaine Jordan** | **15** | **234** | **15.6** | **2** | **54** |
| **David Westbrook** | **14** | **125** | **8.9** | **2** | **22** |
| Montez Currin | 10 | 189 | 18.9 | 0 | 56 |
| **Sean Schembra** | **10** | **101** | **10.1** | **0** | **29** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brad Kroft | 59 | 2463 | 41.7 | - | 34.5 | 2 | 6 |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Thomas Pucke** | **0-2** | **1-3** | **1-3** | **0-0** | **2-8** | **40** |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ernest Pressley | 118 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Shaka Johnson** | **98** | **1** | **3** | **0** | **0** |
| **Jade Winchell** | **91** | **0** | **0** | **4** | **0** |
| Lowell Faison | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Pete Smith** | **73** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **0** |
| Sunungura Rusununguko | **65** | **1** | **5** | **0** | **0** |
| Byron Driver | 51 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Nate Andrews** | **45** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Rachman Crable** | **44** | **1** | **4** | **1** | **0** |
| Marlon Llewellyn | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Chickaro Martin** | **39** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| Nate Perry | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Steve Monson** | **35** | **0** | **0** | **4** | **1** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adrian Reese | 17 | 134 | 7.9 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sean Schembra** | **22** | **485** | **22.0** | **0** |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB BRIAN CONN JR.** 6-2 211 *2 sts as rFr, 258 yds (41%), 2-1 ratio, 91 rush. 11 sts in 99, 1525 yds (58%), 10-14 ratio, 315 rush. Andy Roesch (PS#63).*
**TB NICK DUNBAR SO.** 5-10 194 *PS#347. 184 yds in 1st 5 as rFr, L/7 sts, 406 yds, 3.6 ypc L/6. Marcus Merriweather had 136 yds (5.2) in 7 gms as true.*
**FB SCOTT VOLK SO.** 5-11 228 *PS#188. Started L/6 as rFr. 49 total yds. Tony DelAngel (6-1 234 Jr) PS#109DL. Johnny Short (5-8 185 Fr) PS#300.*
**WR Jermaine Jordan Sr.** 6-2 197 *PS#287. 11 rec in 96 (9.7). 15 rec in 6 gms in 99 til inj (15.6).* ***Clay Walters*** *(6-5 205 Sr) PS#33QB, 1376 yds in 2 yrs.*
**WR David Westbrook Sr.** 6-3 190 *PS#184. 7 sts at Ark St in 97, 17 rec (14.6). Trans in 98. 14 rec in 99 (8.9). Sean Schembra (5-11 185 So) had 10 rec.*
**TE Doug Nelson Sr.** 6-5 261 *PS#65TE. 9 gms in 97. 9 gms in 98 & 99. 3 rec (15.0). Tim Streit (6-5 238 So) had 3 rec (8.3) in 10 gms as rFr.*
**C JEFF THIEL SR.** 6-4 305 *7 gms as rFr. 2nd string in 98. 11 sts in 99, 3 letters. Nathan Boyd (6-2 294 Jr) 2nd string in 99. Colin Johnson had 10 tkls ly.*
**RG CHAD LUDWIG SR.** 6-3 310 *800 lb squat! 7 gms as rFr. 11 gms in 98, 1 st. 11 sts in 99, 3 letters. Shane Smith (6-5 300 Jr) 2nd string in 99, 11 gms.*
**LG Travis Barclay rFr.** 6-5 290 *PS#159. David Miller (6-3 315 So) 2nd string in 99, 1 st, 11 gms, lettered. Andy Thompson (6-6 320 rFr) PS#443.*
**RT JOHN MOORE JR.** 6-6 310 *7 gms in 98, ltrd. 11 sts in 99, good size. Lavar Charleston (6-3 262 Jr) PS#330, 2nd string. Brian Whalen (6-5 270 Jr).*
**LT AARON JOHNSON SR.** 6-5 310 *10 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 98 (9 @ OT, 2 @ DT). 11 sts in 99 at LT, 3 letters. Kris Berry (6-4 255 rFr) PS#166OL.*
**K THOMAS PUCKE JR.** 5-10 205 *PS#42. 49 yd FG in HS. Hit 4 of 8 in 98 with long of 36. Miss start of 99 (inj) but 2 of 8 FG's (13-15 xp's) long of 40.*

**DE Rob Mayzer So.** 6-3 255 *PS#317. 6 tkls as true. Jonas Williams (6-1 265 So) PS#228, 8 tkls, 1 tfl as true in 3 gms. Jerome Tilmon is PS#188.*
**DT MARK ZACKERY JR.** 5-11 282 *PS#123. 11 sts as rFr, 47 tkls, 7 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 20 tkls, 4 tfl. Matt Messaros (6-0 276 Sr) 5 sts, 4 tfl in 99. Greg Pagnard was PS#226.*
**DT SUNUNGURA RUSUNUNGUKO SR.** 6-2 248 *1 st as true, 20 tkls. 7 sts in 97 (inj) 33 tkls, 6 tfl, RS in 98. 10 sts in 99, 65 tkls, 6 tfl. Merco Hietberg (6-4 270) PS#255.*
**DE RACHMAN CRABLE JR.** 6-3 243 *PS#199 in 97. 7 sts in 98, 36 tkls, 6 tfl. 10 sts in 99, 44 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl.* ***Evan Triggs*** *(6-3 266 Sr) 6 sts, 22 tkls, 5 tfl in 98.*
**OLB Cornelius Bowick Jr.** 6-2 216 *PS#219. Scout tm Def POY in 98. Vernard Alsberry (6-0 198 Jr) 10 tkls, 1 tfl in 2 yrs. Donald Crumpton (6-3 185 Jr).*
**ILB Paul Strabavy rFr.** 6-2 225 *PS#111LB in 99. Allen Lidy (6-0 252 Jr) 14 tkls in 2 yrs. Brent Walker (6-2 223 Jr) 25 tkls, 1 tfl in 2 yrs.*
**ILB SHAKA JOHNSON JR.** 5-11 225 *PS#248. 3 sts as rFr, 44 tkls. 11 sts in 99, 98 tkls, 4 tfl.* ***Bayette George*** *(6-2 240 Jr)* ***7 sts*** *in 98, 3 tfl. 4 sts ly, 6 tfl.*
**OLB Nate Andrews Sr.** 5-10 197 *1 st as rFr, 23 tkls. 4 sts in 97, 30 tkls. 3 sts in 99, 45 tkls. Alger Boswell (5-7 188 Jr) 3 sts, 38 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 pbu, 2 yrs.*
**CB Jesse Avant rFr.** 5-10 170 *PS#67RB in 99. Chickaro Martin (5-10 164 Jr) 39 tkls in 99. 4.5 speed. Doug Owusu (6-0 170 rFr) PS#209.*
**CB STEVE MONSON SO.** 5-10 175 *PS#307. 5 sts as true, 35 tkls, 4 pbu. Chikosi Bell (5-10 165 Sr) 8 pbu at JC in 98. 6 sts here in 99, 33 tkls, 4 pbu.*
**FS JADE WINCHELL SO.** 5-10 193 *PS#113QB. 10 sts as rFr, 91 tkls, 4 pbu.* ***Pete Smith*** *(5-10 160 Sr) 9 sts in 98, #1 w/135 tkls. 6 sts ly, 73 tkls, 3 tfl.*
**P Phil Cunningham rFr.** 6-3 190 *Must replace Brad Kroft who had 59 punts in 99 with solid 41.7 average & net of 34.5. Needs to produce.*

# BOISE ST BRONCOS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Bart Hendricks had shared the QB job at Boise in his first 2 years with 12 starts. In 98 he threw for 1,799 yds with a 13-6 ratio and 373 yds rushing. Last year he got off to a slow start and the fans began to turn against him. A 21-31 for 269 yds performance against N Mexico turned his season around. After starting out with a 4-5 ratio after 3 games, he had an 18-8 ratio over the final 10. Overall he threw for 3,081 yds (57.1%) and ran for an additional 622. He was named the Big West Offensive POY and deservedly so. He should have a big senior season. B.J. Rhode (6-4 211 So) was PS#181. He opened up the season as 3rd string but then took over the 2nd string job, attempting 12 passes for 152 yds. Ryan Dinwiddie (6-0 175 rFr) was PS#101 and had a 56-10 ratio in HS. I like the talent at this position and while it will be tough for Hendricks to outdo last season's performance, I will call them slightly improved.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year Boise St had to replace a 1,000 yd rusher in Aaron Hurley who avg'd a nifty 5.1 in 98. The most effective runner for Boise last year was Hendricks, who after deducting sacks averaged over 5 ypc. They used a TB by committee with 4 backs with having over 45 carries. The only one that departs is Gavin Reed, who led the team in rushing in 1997 and had 396 yds in 99 (4.3). Davy Malaythong led the team in 99 and can squat 600 lbs and has 4.41 speed. Brock Forsey (5-11 194 So) was solid as a rFr with 465 yds (4.7) and was also the top KR. He rushed for 152 yards in the bowl game. Aristotle Thompson (5-8 192 Sr) was PS#101DB and moved back to RB from the defense last year with 156 yds. David Word (5-7 172 rFr) was PS#226. I list the FB's below. Also look at the Top Newcomers for 2000 as Koetter was able to sign 3 solid youngsters who could play right away. I look for solid improvement in this unit in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year this was a very inexperienced group as all of the receivers coming into 1999 had a combined 10 career catches. This year they are a much more veteran group. The main loss this year is TE Dave Stachelski (#5DC of NE, 33 rec, 14.1). Four of the top 5 in terms of receptions return and 4 of the top 6 in terms of receiving yards are back. FL Jeb Putzier made 2nd team BW and I list the 2 deep below. Swillie and Fanucci emerged at midseason and garnered most of their receptions in the 2H of the year. With a much more experienced group, I'll call this position solidly improved this season.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Boise had returned 4 starters to the O-line for three straight years and last year's veteran group led a potent offense. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are RT Keith Dilworth (11 sts, 4 yr st'r), RG Jeremy Mankins (13 sts, 1st team Big West, 4 yr st'r), Willie Van Gorder (13 sts, 2nd team BW), C Joey Horvart (7 sts) and C Ryan Groneman (4 sts, 4 yr st'r). Four players do return with starting experience and Koetter brings in 3 solid JUCO's, some decent redshirt frosh and a DL that had 4 starts in 99. This has the makings of a good offensive line but it is clearly less experienced compared to recent editions.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Broncos have made solid strides the last 2 years in rush defense, going from allowing 4.4 ypc rush in 97 to 3.4 ypc in 98 to 3.2 ypc last year. They had 3 senior starters returning in 99 but lost one to injury for the season in week 2. This year they must replace DE Andy Bennett (13 sts, 2nd team BW, 10 tfl), DE Mike Maloy (13 sts, 1st team BW, 8 sks) and DT Jon Rydman (5 tkls til inj). They are solid in the middle with 3 players with starting experience returning including an HT. They have 3 JUCO's vying for time at DE. Replacing two All Conference performers at the ends will not be easy but this group should be almost as strong as the 99 version.

**LINEBACKERS** - Boise had one of the most underrated corps of LB's in the country last year as it was very athletic and productive. They do lose a good one in MLB Bryan Johnson who was 1st team Big West and led the team with 117 tackles and 13.5 tfl. Shawn Sandoval started the first four in 99 until injury and should contend for a starter's job. They have two starters back and basically have 5 of the top 6 returning. Last year they had 2 of 3 starters back but one of those returnees was their top defensive player in Johnson. While this is a solid group, it looks a notch weaker.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 98 Boise finished a solid #46 in my pass defense rankings and last year returned 3 starters (although one lost his job). They moved all the way to #27 in 99, allowing 49.5% with a 16-17 ratio. They actually lose 5 of the top 8 this year including CB Damien Schilling (9 sts, 2nd team BW, 7 pbu), CB Damon Bouie (4 sts, 5 pbu, 2 int) and SS Ross Farris (10 sts, 53 tkls, 7 pbu). They do return a pair of All Conference DB's and add a rare HT rFr in Travis Burgher (PS #61) who I project as a starter. Even with the losses, the best guys are back and this should be the strongest secondary in the Big West.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Boise ranked a poor #97 in my special teams rankings in 98 and had to replace both their P and K. As you would expect with a conference championship team, the 1999 special teams unit was solid as Boise moved all the way up to #32 including a +4 in the TD/Blk category. P Jeff Edwards is back after having a solid 42.7 avg on 64 punts in 99. K Nick Calaycay hit 16 of 21 FG's with a long of 46 after taking over the FG kicking job in the fourth game of the season. He was 1st team BW last year but did struggle to regain form in the spring. Brett Thompson, who was PS#85JUCO, began the year handling FG's but was 0 for 2. Thompson, however, did a super job on KO's with 30% being TB's. They had 2 solid PR's in Damien Schilling and Gavin Reed who combined to avg 11.1 per return with 1 TD and they both depart. Top KR Brock Forsey is back and had a nifty 26.9 avg in 99. This was a special unit last year that had solid production from all five areas and it will be tough to match those stats this year. I look for a slight drop in the rankings in 2000.

# BOISE ST (10-3)

CONFERENCE: **BIG WEST**

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 7*** **DEFENSE: 5**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 37 (19,15,3)** **Lost: 22 (10,10,2)**

## BOISE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5* | 33.1 | 22 | 163 | 3.8 | 259 | 55.1 | 12.8 | +11 | 1999 | 9 | 21.3 | 18 | 116 | 3.2 | 221 | 49.5 | 15.8 |
| 10* | 29.9 | 23 | 176 | 4.2 | 246 | 51.9 | 14.1 | -4 | 1998 | 10 | 31.8 | 20 | 126 | 3.4 | 270 | 50.0 | 12.4 |
| 7 | 25.9 | 19 | 154 | 3.6 | 212 | 50.5 | 14.1 | -4 | 1997 | 5 | 32.5 | 22 | 154 | 4.3 | 285 | 56.5 | 13.5 |
| 4 | 20.0 | 17 | 120 | 3.3 | 212 | 50.7 | 16.6 | -20 | 1996 | 3 | 23.0 | 24 | 223 | 4.8 | 233 | 60.4 | 19.8 |
| X | 28.0 | 19 | 170 | 4.0 | 238 | 61.0 | 12.9 | +1 | 1995 | X | 24.0 | 20 | 157 | 4.2 | 219 | 53.3 | 15.6 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at UCLA | 21 | 35-156 | 4.5 | 20-40 | 204 | 2 | 19 | 41-153 | 3.7 | 20-34 | 248 | 1 | -1 |
| S Utah | 20 | 48-135 | 2.8 | 13-26 | 205 | 1 | 15 | 59-216 | 3.7 | 9-14 | 109 | 2 | -1 |
| at Hawaii | 17 | 48-83 | 1.7 | 19-32 | 217 | 5 | 17 | 30-74 | 2.5 | 20-39 | 261 | 3 | +1 |
| New Mexico | 17 | 38-126 | 3.3 | 21-31 | 269 | 3 | 21 | 41-57 | 1.4 | 22-41 | 273 | 5 | +1 |
| Utah | 18 | 46-114 | 2.5 | 17-28 | 215 | 6 | 15 | 25-60 | 2.4 | 13-32 | 242 | 3 | +2 |
| E Washington | 25 | 54-264 | 4.9 | 14-24 | 209 | 3 | 15 | 24-44 | 1.8 | 15-44 | 199 | 4 | +1 |
| at N Texas | 18 | 28-88 | 3.1 | 21-41 | 266 | 3 | 14 | 50-241 | 4.8 | 5-16 | 50 | 1 | -1 |
| Nevada | 23 | 41-167 | 4.1 | 14-29 | 259 | 2 | 26 | 31-149 | 4.8 | 26-43 | 340 | 7 | +2 |
| at Utah St | 26 | 42-193 | 4.6 | 22-41 | 292 | 6 | 15 | 38-224 | 5.9 | 13-22 | 118 | 2 | +1 |
| Arkansas St | 27 | 46-253 | 5.5 | 18-32 | 329 | 2 | 12 | 32-34 | 1.1 | 9-30 | 130 | 4 | +2 |
| New Mexico St | 23 | 37-131 | 3.5 | 20-34 | 316 | 4 | 21 | 45-102 | 2.3 | 17-32 | 346 | 4 | 0 |
| at Idaho | 20 | 49-211 | 4.3 | 15-28 | 256 | 1 | 18 | 29-68 | 2.3 | 21-42 | 241 | 5 | +3 |
| Louisville (Bowl) | 28 | 42-198 | 4.7 | 20-39 | 335 | 1 | 26 | 32-89 | 2.8 | 26-47 | 314 | 2 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 283 | 553-2113 | 3.8 | 234-425 | 3372 | 39 | 234 | 477-1511 | 3.2 | 216-436 | 2871 | 43 | +11 |
| AVERAGES | 21.8 | 43-163 | 3.8 | 18-33 | 259 | 3.0 | 18.0 | 37-116 | 3.2 | 17-34 | 221 | 3.3 | 0.8 |

## STADIUM: BRONCO STADIUM (30,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 3-8 | 10-1 | 7-4 | 2-10 | 4-7 | 6-5 | 9-3 | 38-30 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-7 | 7-3 | 4-4 | 7-3 | 20-17 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 4-3 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-4 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 6-5 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-2 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 10-7 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 4-5 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-6 | 6-2 | 3-3 | 5-1 | 16-12 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 5-5 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-5 | 6-3 | 2-2 | 6-2 | 15-12 |
| vs BIG WEST | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 4-0 | 3-2 | 5-1 | 13-6 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 3-3 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 7-11 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Davy Malaythong | 152 | 613 | 27 | 586 | 7 | 3.9 |
| Gavin Reed | 92 | 432 | 36 | 396 | 6 | 4.3 |
| Bart Hendricks | 129 | 622 | 239 | 383 | 9 | 2.9 |
| Brock Forsey | 98 | 486 | 21 | 465 | 2 | 4.7 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Bart Hendricks | 390 | 223 | 57.1 | 3081 | 23 | 13 |
| BJ Rhode | 12 | 5 | 41.7 | 152 | 1 | 0 |
| RECEIVING | | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
| Jeb Putzier | | 40 | 551 | 13.8 | 2 | 46 |
| Dave Stachelski | | 33 | 465 | 14.1 | 6 | 80 |
| Jay Swillie | | 29 | 417 | 14.4 | 1 | 29 |
| Lou Fanucchi | | 26 | 515 | 19.8 | 2 | 51 |
| Billy Wingfield | | 23 | 244 | 10.7 | 0 | 22 |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| Jeff Edwards | 64 | 2730 | 42.7 | - | 35.5 | - | 13 |
| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
| Nick Calaycay | 5-5 | 8-8 | 3-7 | 0-1 | 16-21 | 46 |
| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
| Bryan Johnson | 117 | 4.5 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Quintin Mikell | 100 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 2 |
| Kareem Williams | 81 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 3 |
| Shaunard Harts | 75 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Mike Maloy | 58 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 0 |
| Ross Farris | 53 | 2.5 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Dempsy Dees | 42 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 6 |
| Greg Sasser | 38 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Andy Bennett | 37 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Damien Schilling | 35 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Damon Bouie | 32 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Shawn Sandoval | 29 | 0.5 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Damien Schilling | 36 | 365 | 10.1 | 0 |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
| Brock Forsey | 15 | 404 | 26.9 | 0 |

**DIRK KOETTER (Career 16-8)**

**Koetter's records at Boise St**

3rd Year at Boise St

| | |
|---|---|
| 16-8 | Straight Up |
| 11-7 | Vs The Spread |
| 3-1 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 8-3 | Vs Big West |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| RB | Todd Ball 5-9 175 PS#157 |
| OL | Scott Arnold 6-4 300 PS#201 |
| OG | Peter Naumes 6-3 289 PS#173JC |
| QB | Mike Sanford 6-4 180 PS#125 |
| RB | Donny Heck 5-10 185 PS#289 |
| RB | Scott Koci 5-11 205 PS#332 |
| TE | Sherm Blaser 6-4 200 PS#104 |
| QB | Sean Steichen 6-0 185 PS#190 |
| DL | Julius Roberts 6-5 210 PS#315 |
| LB | Andy Avalos 5-11 222 PS#363 |

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Boise St is in its last season in the Big West Conference and makes a big move to the WAC next year. That is a large step for Boise who just became a IA school in 1996. They have had the best winning percentage over the last 11 years of all the teams that had just joined IA football and since they started playing ball the school has won 65% of its games. Last year Boise went a perfect 7-0 SU at home en route to winning the Big West title and then beat Louisville on its home field in the Humanitarian Bowl (their first Div IA bowl game) to cap an outstanding season. Offensive coordinator Brent Myers did resign his position to become an assistant at Arizona after directing an offense that managed 423 ypg and 33 ppg. Boise does lose some key starters from last season. On offense the O-line takes a big hit but the skill positions all look solid and they should be potent again. The defense lost their top DE's and some of the back 7 with just 5 starters back overall. Last year's defense improved from allowing 31.8 ppg to 21.3 ppg and may take a slight step back this season. This is one team that does not mind being home for the Holidays as the Humanitarian Bowl is on their home turf. They do get 3 Big West home games this year but their two road trips are both vs contenders. Their non-conference slate is very manageable, especially with 2 IA opponents. This team was simply dominating in Big West play in the final 5 games last year and has the talent to repeat as champs (but it won't be easy) and have another winning season.

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB BART HENDRICKS SR.** 6-0 205 *PS#147, 41121 yds (53%), 8-7 ratio as rFr. 8 sts in 98, 1799 yds (54%), 373 rush. BW Off POY, 3081 yds (57%), 23-13 ratio.*

**TB DAVY MALAYTHONG SR.** 5-10 191 *600 squat, 4.41 speed. 67 yds in 97. RS in 98. 11 sts ly, 586 yds, 11 rec (9.8). Brock Forsey (5-11 194 So) had 465 yds as rFr.*

**FB SHAY SWAN SR.** 6-0 216 *110 yds at JC, Backup FB in 98. 13 sts in 99, 25 yds rush, 9 rec (9.2). 4.61 speed. Matt Strohlus (6-2 222 So) had 16 yds in 13 gms.*

**WR JEB PUTZIER JR.** 6-5 227 *Size & 4.47 speed. 10 rec (12.0) in 98. 11 sts in 99, 2nd tm BW, 40 rec (13.8). Jay Swillie (6-3 204 So) 29 rec (14.4), 25 rec L/6.*

**WR BILLY WINGFIELD JR.** 5-10 171 *PS#182. 4 gms as true, 3 rec. 11 sts ly, 4.45 spd, 23 rec (10.7). Lou Fanucchi (5-11 190 So) PS#281, 26 rec (19.8), 2 sts ly.*

**TE Rob Snelling Sr.** 6-2 252 *PS#217JC in 99. 26 rec (11.4) at JC in 98. 13 gms as backup TE in 99, 4 rec (10.3). Jeff Udvarhelyi (6-2 229 Sr) was PS#174JC.*

**C SCOTT HUFF SO.** 6-2 290 *PS#442OL in 98. 6 sts at C as rFr incl 5 of last 8. Scott Buttice (6-1 280 Sr) 1 letter. Mike MacLeod (6-2 266 rFr).*

**RG Rob Vian So.** 6-5 291 *#3 Ore Hvywt wrestler in HS. 2 sts as rFr, 7 gms in 99. Peter Naumes (6-3 289 Jr) is PS#173JC & in for spring.*

**LG Matt Navest Jr.** 6-3 292 *Brief action in 2 yrs incl 4 gms in 99, 0 letters, Jose Caywood (6-4 314 Jr) JC in for spg. Scott Arnold is PS#201.*

**RT Matt Hill Jr.** 6-6 292 *9 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. DT in 98. 4 sts in 99, 24 tkls, 1.5 sks, 1 tfl, 2 pbu. +20 lbs. Nick Lemalu (6-5 329 So) PS#283.*

**LT DEREK OLLEY JR.** 6-5 297 *Large wingspan. Lettered in 98. 9 sts in 99 incl L/7. Jason Turner (6-4 270 rFr) PS#240. Jeff Cheek (6-5 281) PS#280JC.*

**K NICK CALAYCAY SO.** 5-7 170 *Took over K job in week 4 as rFr. Hit 16 of 21 with long of 46 & 1st tm Big West. 3 of 8 from 40+, former walk-on.*

**DE Zach Weber Sr.** 6-4 217 *12 sks at JC in 98. 1 st, 28 tkls, 4 sks, 1 tfl in 99. Sky Dumont (6-2 238 Jr) 4 tkls ly. Marcus Purkiss (6-3 242 So) JUCO.*

**DT BOBBY HAMMER SO.** 6-2 262 *PS#106. 445 bench. 9 sts in 99, 20 tkls, 3 tfl, 12 gms. Dane Oldham (6-2 273 rFr) was PS#194 in 99.*

**DT BRADLY PHILLIPS SR.** 6-3 286 *9 tkls as true. +30 lbs in 98, 7 tkls, 1 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 22 tkls, 3.5 tfl. Tony Allieri (5-11 283 So) 1 st in 99, 4.5 tfl.*

**DE Ryan Atkinson So.** 6-2 248 *JC trans in for spg. Jeff Copp (6-0 241 Sr), trans from Linfield Coll. 8 tkls, 1 sk, 1 pbu here in 98. 8 tkls ly.*

**SLB KAREEM WILLIAMS SR.** 6-0 222 *23 tkls, 2 int in 97. 4 tkls in 98. 9 sts in 99, **1st tm Big West**, 81 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl, 3 int, 2 pbu. LaGary Mitchell (6-1 220 rFr).*

**MLB Shawn Sandoval Sr.** 6-1 216 *PS#294. 10 sts in 98, 59 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 sts (inj) ly, 29 tkls, 3.5 tfl. Justin Howell 24 tkls ly. Justin Brown 19 tkls, 2 sks as true.*

**WS SHAUNARD HARTS SR.** 6-0 200 ***4.38 speed!** 12 rec (20.5) as rFr. 19 rec, 406 rush in 98. 13 sts in 99, 75 tkls, 5 sks, 3 tfl. Kris Foster (5-11 216 Jr) PS#280DB.*

**CB DEMPSEY DEES SR.** 5-10 174 *PS#139WR, 6 sts as rFr, 32 tkls, 12 sts in 98, 41 tkls, 5 int, 12 pbu. 13 sts in 99, 42 tkls, 6 int, 18 pbu, **1st tm BW**, 4.45 speed.*

**CB Randy Selden So.** 5-8 159 *Miss 1H of 99 (inj) 6 tkls in L/6 gms. D. Ross (5-9 185 Sr) 10 tkls as JC trans ly. **Ryan Brinkley** (5-11 202 Sr) 6 sts in 96, 57 tkls.*

**SS Travis Burgher rFr.** 6-1 203 *PS#61DB. Def Scout tm POY in 99. Greg Sasser (5-9 191 Jr) PS#271DB. 5 tkls as true. 3 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 2 tfl.*

**FS QUINTIN MIKELL SO.** 5-10 194 *13 sts as rFr in 99, 100 tkls, 9 tfl, 2 int, 9 pbu, **2nd tm BW**. James Yancey (5-10 190 Jr) PS#229JC, RS as JC trans in 99.*

**P JEFF EDWARDS SR.** 5-8 164 *JUCO trans in Aug in 99 & took over punting duties. 64 punts in 99 with solid 42.7 avg & net of 35.5, 13 inside 20.*

# BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Ricky Schneider had six starts to his credit heading into last season and started the first four games. He threw for 1,121 yds (52.5%) with a very solid 11-4 ratio. He was suspended for the start of the Toledo game and much like Wally Pipp, never regained his job. Sophomore frosh Andy Sahm is among the best sized QB's in the MAC (6-6 220), and he won the starting job for the final 7 games. He threw for 1,088 yds (less than Schneider) completing 50.7% with a 7-3 ratio. Schneider also had 3 road games including trips to Pittsburgh and Marshall. Sahm did lead the team to its final three game winning streak and four of their five victories. Schneider told Blackney he would prefer to move to another spot rather than sit the bench and worked at both H-back and TE in the spring. Chris Smiley (6-3 210 rFr) was PS#217. Sahm's numbers should be stronger in his second year as the starter.

**RUNNING BACKS** - BG ranked 107th in the NCAA in 97 in rushing but has shown significant improvement over the last 2 years, ranking 13th in 98 and had 150 ypg (3.4 ypc) last year. If you check the O-line, they had their best games down the stretch. They do lose their solid blocking FB in Brent Martin who had 208 yds (3.7). Also gone is Steve Holmes who had over 1,000 career yds & led the team in rushing vs both Miami (Oh) and Akron but finished with just 184 yds for the year. The top two TB's return and Joe Alls was dominant down the stretch. In the final 4 games, Alls rushed for 467 yds (116.7 ypg) and a super 5.3 ypc as a reds frosh. Godfrey Lewis set BG frosh records for yards and carries in 1998, leading the team with 753 yds (4.6). Last year he rushed for an even 500 yds but his ypc dropped some to 3.8. John Gibson (5-10 215 Jr) has 241 yards in 2 years. I list two FB's below in Clark & JUCO transfer Kingsbury but that spot is one of Blackney's preseason concerns. If Alls can continue his impressive pace from the end of last year, this group should be solidly improved but until I see that consistency I'll call it just slightly better than last year.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year BG had to replace two starters but did have their top two receivers back. This year they lose TE Kevin Steinke who had 11 starts and 9 rec's. The top 3 receivers last year were impressive. Kurt Gerling was 2nd team MAC in 98, Robert Redd was the #2 receiver and led the team with 6 TD's and Aaron Alexander (PS#99) emerged as the #3 receiver, topping 100 yds vs Akron. Redd became the first BG player to top 100 yards receiving in 3 straight games, but was suspended for the final two and then decided to transfer to Louisville. They do have a solid starting tandem at WR but depth concerns me. TE was the other position on offense that troubled Blackney in the spring but there are some decent candidates in the mix. With Gerling and Alexander now upperclassmen, the first team is stronger, but the backups are questionable.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 98 BG's offensive line gelled down the stretch and was the key to their winning streak. Last year all 5 starters returned and big things were expected. Unfortunately, the offensive line did not put it together until the end of the season once again. Over the final three games, they were dominant, powering the rush attack to 4.1 ypc after they had avg'd just 3.0 in the first 8 games. That senior laden group loses 3 starters but does return its star in LT Rob Fehrman who has NFL size & was 2nd team MAC in his 3rd year as a starter. Gone are RT Chad McCarthy (11 sts, 4 yr st'r), C Doug Dorley (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LG Mike Kautzman (9 sts, 3 yr st'r). Blackney feels he has recruited well in this area and likes the athleticism that he has available. Six players do return with starting experience and there are 4 HT's in the group listed below. This unit is not as experienced as last year but with their top player back and the 99 unit underperforming, I'll call this unit at least equal.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year BG had to replace 3 starters from the defensive front but did return their top sack and tfl man in DE DJ Durkin. Unfortunately Durkin struggled with injuries and only got in 7 starts and 4 tfl. The unit was comprised mostly of underclassmen with 4 frosh and 3 soph in the mix. Also, DE Ryan Wingrove just moved to DE from TE and is now in his 2nd year on the stop unit. This year everyone returns including a healthy Durkin and this should be one of the most improved defensive lines in the country. Blackney says "I think our defensive front is going to be as talented as we've been in a long time."

**LINEBACKERS** - The LB corps was a veteran unit in 99 with all of the starters returning. This year they have just one loss but it is a big one in OLB Joe O'Neill who was 2nd team MAC with 12 tfl's and 90 tackles. Six players who I list in the 3 deep below return with starting experience and they add a couple of true frosh. Even with the loss of their star, this unit has tons of experience and will be improved.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Bowling Green has had some problems with pass defense over the past few years, finishing #102 in my pass defense rankings in 97, #76 in 98 and a poor #109 last year. They allowed 58.7% with 21 TD's and only 4 int's. That unit last year had 3 returning starters and this year they lose just one in CB Will Sullivan who had moved from WR last spring and got in 11 starts with 7 pbu's in his 1st year at CB. Six players return with starting experience and with Blackney saying they have not had solid CB play the last few years, it wouldn't surprise me to see some of the true frosh step into immediate playing time including top recruit Justin Jackson. They can only be improved after last year's poor performance.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - BG blocked 3 punts in 99 and has 37 blocked kicks since 91 (17 punts, 9 FG's, 11 XP's). They have scored 13 TD's in that span and 2 safeties as a result of kick blocks. K Jason Strasser was among the most accurate in the NCAA last year hitting 13 of 16 FG's but he departs. Blackney signed the top K out of Canada in Shaun Suisham who hit 14 of 14 FG's and was also perfect on xp's. They will miss Strasser's excellent KO's as their KR defense was among the tops in the NCAA. After finishing #76 in my special teams rankings in 98, BG rose to #55 last year. The rest of the special teams unit should be improved as their P was a true frosh last year who suffered 3 blocks and the return game was below average and will only be stronger. Overall I look for BG to finish around last year's ranking, if not better.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

The Blackney era got off to a great start as they were 36-8-2 in his first four years with a pair of MAC Titles. The last five years have not been as fruitful as they have failed to achieve a winning record with their best finish at 5-6 in 3 of the years including last season. BG continues to play its best ball down the stretch. In 1997 they won 4 of their last 5 SU and last year they won their final 3. BG is very tough at home with a 33-10-1 mark under Blackney including 27-8-1 SU at home in MAC play. After going 14-1-1 SU on the road in MAC play from 91-94, they are just 4-16 SU away from home vs the MAC since. BG returns sixteen of their top 22 players from their final depth chart on offense. They include QB Andy Sahm and two of his top 3 WR's as well as their top 2 RB's. If the O-line can be reworked they should be more explosive on that side of the ball. Defensively, they lose just 2 starters. BG's tough non-conference slate usually strengthens them for MAC play. With their strength at home, this year's schedule bodes well for moving up the MAC East standings as they get both Akron and Ohio U at home although they do draw Toledo from the West. I called for a winning record for BG last year and was disappointed but they will flirt with one again and will move up in the MAC East standings from their 5th place finish of last year.

# BOWLING GREEN (5-6)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** EAST

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 5*** **DEFENSE: 9**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 41 (17,22,2)** **Lost: 15 (9,5,1)**

## BOWLING GREEN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 26.9 | 21 | 150 | 3.4 | 201 | 51.7 | 13.1 | -9 | 1999 | 7 | 28.4 | 18 | 150 | 4.0 | 225 | 58.7 | 13.2 |
| 7 | 26.5 | 21 | 215 | 4.3 | 151 | 50.2 | 13.8 | -3 | 1998 | 7 | 28.4 | 18 | 160 | 4.3 | 221 | 60.4 | 13.4 |
| 7* | 17.4 | 18 | 87 | 2.3 | 212 | 50.8 | 17.2 | -2 | 1997 | 9 | 31.0 | 20 | 173 | 4.2 | 225 | 57.7 | 12.8 |
| 7* | 16.0 | 14 | 117 | 2.8 | 142 | 45.3 | 16.1 | +11 | 1996 | 9 | 21.8 | 18 | 128 | 3.4 | 231 | 52.4 | 16.5 |
| 7 | 20.5 | 18 | 144 | 3.3 | 152 | 48.8 | 14.4 | -8 | 1995 | 6 | 20.7 | 16 | 165 | 3.9 | 155 | 46.7 | 15.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Pittsburgh | 21 | 45-161 | 3.6 | 17-33 | 174 | 2 | | 11 | 35-107 | 3.1 | 8-22 | 113 | 0 | -4 |
| Tenn Tech | 16 | 43-97 | 2.3 | 13-19 | 168 | 3 | | 18 | 32-37 | 1.2 | 20-34 | 208 | 4 | +2 |
| at Marshall | 17 | 40-68 | 1.7 | 16-36 | 179 | 4 | | 21 | 36-204 | 5.7 | 15-31 | 257 | 0 | 0 |
| at Kent St | 23 | 25-75 | 3.0 | 22-49 | 271 | 3 | | 21 | 46-175 | 3.8 | 22-33 | 223 | 1 | -3 |
| Toledo | 24 | 51-145 | 2.8 | 20-30 | 302 | 4 | | 16 | 34-224 | 6.6 | 16-31 | 162 | 0 | +2 |
| Miami (Oh) | 28 | 52-187 | 3.6 | 18-37 | 242 | 2 | | 20 | 38-194 | 5.1 | 15-22 | 309 | 2 | -1 |
| at Akron | 25 | 34-117 | 3.4 | 22-44 | 336 | 5 | | 27 | 47-263 | 5.6 | 15-21 | 267 | 0 | -1 |
| at Ohio Univ | 11 | 34-123 | 3.6 | 13-24 | 128 | 1 | | 13 | 62-299 | 4.8 | 3-9 | 50 | 1 | -4 |
| C Michigan | 24 | 54-223 | 4.1 | 14-25 | 181 | 3 | | 16 | 24-43 | 1.8 | 26-44 | 248 | 1 | 0 |
| Ball St | 21 | 59-293 | 5.0 | 5-12 | 52 | 0 | | 14 | 31-53 | 1.7 | 19-30 | 259 | 5 | +1 |
| at UCF | 21 | 53-166 | 3.1 | 12-24 | 176 | 2 | | 18 | 25-50 | 2.0 | 26-38 | 374 | 3 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 231 | 490-1655 | 3.4 | 172-333 | 2209 | 29 | | 195 | 410-1649 | 4.0 | 185-315 | 2470 | 17 | -9 |
| AVERAGES | 21.0 | 45-150 | 3.4 | 16-30 | 201 | 2.6 | | 17.7 | 37-150 | 4.0 | 17 29 | 225 | 1.5 | -0.8 |

## STADIUM: DOYT L. PERRY (30,599)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 6-3-2 | 9-2 | 5-6 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 37-38-2 |
| ATS | 4-6 | 7-4 | 4-7 | 2-8 | 4-7 | 8-3 | 6-4 | 35-39 |
| Home Fav | 3-1 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 1-4 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 15-10 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 4-3 |
| Away Fav | 1-4 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 0-3 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 7-16 |
| Away Dog | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 9-10 |
| Favorite | 4-5 | 6-4 | 4-5 | 1-7 | 2-3 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 22-26 |
| Dog | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 2-4 | 5-2 | 4-3 | 13-13 |
| Grass | 2-6 | 4-3 | 2-3 | 1-6 | 4-3 | 6-3 | 5-1 | 24-25 |
| Artificial | 2-0 | 3-1 | 2-4 | 1-2 | 0-4 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 11-14 |
| vs MAC | 3-4 | 4-4 | 2-6 | 0-8 | 2-6 | 7-1 | 5-3 | 23-32 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 12-7 |

## GARY BLACKNEY (Career 58-41-2)

**Blackney's records at Bowling Green**

10th Year at Bowling Green

| | |
|---|---|
| 58-41-2 | Straight Up |
| 50-46 | Vs The Spread |
| 17-18 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 34-37 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Justin Jackson 5-10 180 PS#117 |
| DB | Jovon Burkes 6-1 220 PS#129 |
| LB | Marlon Anderson 6-2 200 PS#181 |
| OL | Nate Reeves 6-3 280 PS#234 |
| DB | Jason Morton 6-0 180 PS#214 |
| QB | Josh Harris 6-3 205 PS#178 |
| RB | Todd DiBacco 6-1 225 PS#370 |
| DL | Ron Blue 6-3 255 PS#338 |
| RB | Eric Jones 5-11 190 PS#428 |
| DB | Kevin Poindexter 6-3 175 PS#365 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Joe Alls** | 117 | 621 | 29 | 592 | 4 | 5.1 |
| **Godfrey Lewis** | 132 | 537 | 37 | 500 | 6 | 3.8 |
| Brent Martin | 56 | 208 | 0 | 208 | 2 | 3.7 |
| Steve Holmes | 48 | 199 | 15 | 184 | 1 | 3.8 |
| **Andy Sahm** | 49 | 146 | 94 | 52 | 3 | 1.1 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ricky Schneider** | 181 | 95 | 52.5 | 1121 | 11 | 9 |
| **Andy Sahm** | 152 | 77 | 50.7 | 1088 | 7 | 3 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kurt Gerling** | 53 | 775 | 14.6 | 5 | 42 |
| Robert Redd | 39 | 552 | 14.2 | 6 | 41 |
| **Aaron Alexander** | 35 | 462 | 13.2 | 1 | 47 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pat Fleming** | 54 | 2177 | 40.3 | - | 34.1 | 3 | 10 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jason Strasser | 6-6 | 5-6 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 13-16 | 43 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chad Long** | 111 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Joe O'Neill | 90 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| **Brandon Hicks** | 53 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| **Khary Campbell** | 50 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Karl Rose** | 50 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Will Sullivan | 40 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| **Ryan Wingrove** | 39 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| **Sergio Lund** | 31 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Chris Haneline** | 31 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| **Geno Burden** | 28 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Chris Hubbard | 25 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Garry Fisher** | 25 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| **Marcus Allen** | 25 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Redd | 24 | 128 | 5.3 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Steve Holmes | 21 | 396 | 18.9 | 0 |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB ANDY SAHM SO.** 6-6 220 *Good size. Started L/7 in 99 as rFr, 1088 yds (50.7%), 7-3 ratio. Ricky Schneider (6-3 210 Sr) 10 career sts, 2275 yds, 16-11 ratio.*
**RB JOE ALLS SO.** 5-10 185 *PS#225RB. #1 rusher in 99, 467 yds (5.3) in L/4 gms (116.7 ypg). Godfrey Lewis (5-9 190 Jr) has 1253 career yds (4.2), 8 TDs.*
**FB Eric Clark Jr.** 5-10 240 *PS#135LB. 400 lb bench. LB in 98 as true. 8 rush att, 1 rec, 10 gms in 99. Doug Kingsbury (6-4 250 Jr) 290 yds at JC in 99.*
**WR Aaron Alexander Jr.** 6-0 195 *PS#99WR in 97. 2 sts as rFr, 4 rec (14.8). 1 st in 99, 35 rec (13.2), 340 bench. Cleon Ghant (6-2 185 Jr) JC. RS in 99.*
**WR KURT GERLING JR.** 6-2 195 *MAC frosh yr in 98. 11 sts, 34 rec (19.3) as rFr. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/53 rec (14.6). Andre Pinchem (5-9 175 rFr) PS#385DB.*
**TE Ross Durham So.** 6-6 245 *2 sts in 99 as rFr, 0 rec. Beau Carmon (6-7 230 rFr) was PS#132. Jason Dailey (6-7 250 Jr). Jason Van Dam (6-6 240 rFr).*
**C ERIC CURL SR.** 6-2 280 *2 sts at RG as rFr. 11 sts at RG in 98. 9 sts in 99 at RG. Ryan Lucas (6-4 265 rFr) was PS#226OL ly.*
**RG Greg Kupke So.** 6-3 255 *Was 2nd string as true but RS. 8 gms 2nd string in 99, 3 sts at RG. Matt Tyla (6-2 275 Sr) 2nd string in 99 & lettered.*
**LG Mike Bodnar Jr.** 6-3 290 *PS#182 in 97. Limited PT in 98. 11 gms in 99, 1 st. Jon Mazur (6-2 280 So) PS#455, 2nd string ly & ltr'd.*
**RT Dennis Wendel So.** 6-7 275 *PS#111DL, 1 st at TE in 99. Eric Gilbo (6-7 310 Sr) PS#70 TE in 96. Limited PT in 97 & 98. 1 st in 99, knee inj.*
**LT ROB FEHRMAN SR.** 6-7 300 *400 bench, NFL prospect. 11 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 98, 11 sts in 99, **2nd tm MAC**. Nate Reeves (6-3 280 Fr) PS#234OL.*
**K Shaun Suisham Fr.** 6-0 180 *Hit 14 of 14 FG's in Canada last year and 23 of 23 on xp's. In for spg. Mike Knapp (5-9 150 So) 4 of 7 FG's in HS.*

**DE RYAN WINGROVE JR.** 6-3 235 *PS#49TE. DE in 99, 11 sts, 39 tkls, 12 tfl. Alex Giantzis (6-4 250 So) 7 tkls, 5 tfl as true. Jim Williams (6-5 240 So) 2 sts, 8 tkls.*
**DT MALCOLM ROBINSON JR.** 6-4 290 *PS#313RB. 4 tkls in 98, 11 sts in 99, 18 tkls, 1 tfl. Rodney Dawson (6-3 260 Sr) PS#160JC in 99. 1 st, 19 tkls, 1 tfl here.*
**NG BRANDON HICKS SR.** 6-2 250 *2 sts, 24 tkls, 3 tfl in 98. 11 sts, 53 tkls, 4 sks, 12 tfl. Co Def MVP in 99. DJ Owchar (6-3 265 So) 6 tkls, 1 sk in 99.*
**DE D.J. DURKIN SR.** 6-2 240 *PS#124. 4 sts, 33 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. 11 sts, 33 tkls, 4 sks, 8 tfl in 98. 7 sts (inj) 4 tfl ly. Larry Witherspoon (6-3 230 So) 1 st, 2 tfl ly.*
**OLB KHARY CAMPBELL JR.** 6-1 210 *PS#214. 11 sts as rFr, 75 tkl, 3 tfl. 7 sts in 99, 50 tkls, 3 tfl. Milch Hewitt (6-1 200 rFr) PS#360. Marcus Allen (6-0 195) 3 sts, 25 tkls.*
**MLB Chris Della Vella Sr.** 6-1 230 *PS#77. L/5 sts in 98, 45 tkls, 1 tfl. 13 tkls, 4 tfl in 99. Chris Haneline (6-1 215 So) 2 sts in 99, 31 tkls, 5 tfl. Jovon Burkes is PS#129.*
**OLB GARRY FISHER JR.** 5-10 210 *6 sts in 98, 40 tkls, 2tfl. 6 sts in 99, 25 tkls, 7 tfl. Geno Burden (6-1 205 So) 2 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 1 tfl.*
**CB KARL ROSE JR.** 6-0 185 *8 sts in 98. 60 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. 6 sts in 99, 50 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu, 1 tfl. Justin Turk (5-10 190 So) 1 st as true, 15 tkls, 2 pbu.*
**CB Ken Dobbs Sr.** 5-10 170 *1 st as true, 14 tkls. 6 sts in 98, 31 tkls, 3 pbu. 8 tkls in 6 gms ly. **Justin Jackson** is PS#117. Mike Malone (5-10 175 rFr) PS#350.*
**SS CHAD LONG JR.** 6-0 195 *PS#285. 2 sts as true, meds RS. 11 sts in 98, 93 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 sts in 99 #1 w/111 tkls, 6 pbu. Andre Davis (6-2 185 So) 20 tkls as true.*
**FS SERGIO LUND JR.** 6-0 185 *PS#109DB. 2 sts here, 27 tkls, 2 pbu. 4 sts in 99, 31 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Jerry Wagner (5-10 185 So) 1 st as true, 16 tkls, 1 tfl.*
**P PATRICK FLEMING SO.** 6-2 190 *Avg 40.2 in HS. Had 54 punts here as true in 99, 40.3 avg. 10 inside 20, 12 FG's only 3 TB's, net of 34.1.*

# BUFFALO BULLS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Following the 98 season, the Bulls lost their star Chad Salisbury who had 7,000 career passing yds. Only one player returned with experience in Sr Erik Rusin, but he was injured prior to the opening game and missed the first six. Joe Freedy (PS#183) who had no previous game experience was thrown in as the starter after being listed 3rd on the depth chart in August. Freedy hit 50.5% of his passes for 1,775 yds with a respectable 8-11 ratio. As expected, he got better as the season went on and in the final four games actually had a 5-2 ratio. If he holds on to his starting job, he should be improved. Mike Gaydosz (6-0 190 Jr) was PS#134 and has experience playing in 9 games. He only attempted two passes in 1999 as he missed most of the season with a shoulder injury. Randall Secky (PS#61) is this year's hot recruit and will likely be given a good shot at winning the starting job. Also in the mix are Wesley Hayman (6-1 192 So) who was PS#120 and moved from WR, as well as JUCO transfer Adam Johnson (6-5 210 So) who was PS#141 in 98. This unit has much more experience and talent than at the start of last year when the top 2 were injured and will show definite improvement.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Injuries curtailed this group at the start of 99. Josh Roth ended up the leading rusher with 519 yds and gained 304 in the final 3 games after recovering from an early injury. Derrick Gordon missed the first 3 games and rushed for 517 yds (4.2). Bam McDonald has the best speed and was a New York track champ in high school. He rushed for 244 yds last year, but has a lean build and injuries are a concern. Theron Walker (5-9 220 Sr) was recruited from Canada and was #3 rusher in 98 with 378 yds. He had 2 starts last year but just 12 yds rushing. I list the top 3 FB's below. RB is one area where I expect newcomers to have a major impact. Listed in the 2 deep below are 2 JUCO transfers, one who I expect to win the starting TB job and the other who will contend at FB in Maurice Bradford and Albert Grundy. They also have Tom Shaughnessy (5-11 240 rFr) who was PS#377 and true frosh JJ Gibson (PS#336) on hand. This should be a solidly improved RB corps.

**RECEIVERS** - Buffalo did have one star on the offense in 99 and that was WR Drew Haddad (#7 DC of BUF) who was 1st team IAA All American in 98 and actually increased his receptions and yds in the first year of IA ball. Haddad led the team with 85 rec's and a solid 13.6 ypc. Unfortunately, he departs as does WR Enrico Pierre (11 sts, 9 rec). Also, TE Gabe Kogler who had 7 starts and 3 rec's moves to the O-line. They are well stocked at TE as they get an HT rFr in Jason Smalarz and Brandon Shaughnessy had 4 starts last year. They actually look pretty decent at WR as well. Singfield had just 3 rec's last year because Haddad rarely came off the field, but when Singfield saw time he had 803 yards in KR's. They get a top notch JUCO and some solid rFr who will contend for time. It's going to be tough to replace a player like Haddad, but I like the looks of this year's group.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year Buffalo had the most experienced O-line in terms of overall starts in all of IA football, but it was their first year in IA ball and they struggled. This year the line is a lot less experienced as 4 starters depart and the only returning starter moves from LG to LT. C Dom Monacelli (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Joe Hattendorf (11 sts, 4 yr st'r), RG Mike Garofalo (11 sts, 4 yr st'r), RT Tom Brown (11 sts, 3 yr st'r) and backup Mike Stumpf all graduated. Cirbus brings in 2 starters from other positions to beef up the unit. Gabe Kogler has 18 starts at TE the last 2 years and Josh Stello has 19 starts at NT the last 2 years, but did have 8 starts at RG as a true frosh back in 97. However, Kogler did suffer a potentially career ending injury in the spring. If he returns, this looks to be an adequate group with decent size, although they will lack the cohesion of last year's unit.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Bulls' 99 D-line had to replace their top sack man but had 3 starters returning. They were a bit on the small side with the starters averaging 254 lbs. This year's projected starters average 261 lbs. They must replace DE Eric Campbell (11 sts, 29 tkls, 6 tfl) and 3 backup DL's who combined for 16 tackles and 2 tfl. Also, starting NT Josh Stello (14 tkls, 3 tfl) moved to the O-line. One of last year's 3 returning starters, Bob Dzvonick, had an injury riddled year and was only able to start 5 games. Hopefully he will return to his solid 98 form. DE Andre Thomas lost his starting job and only had 8 tackles. All 4 of the first teamers listed below have starting experience and they also move in FB Joe McKoy to add speed to the unit, and get a redshirt JUCO in Ron Gannello. The Bulls had the worst defense in the NCAA last year and this year's line looks bigger and more experienced.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Bulls switched from a 3-4 to a 4-3 alignment and although they had to replace one starter, they had 3 starters back to fill the LB positions. This year they must replace SLB Josh Trexler (9 sts, 30 tkls, 7 tfl) and MLB Dan Curcione (3 sts, 17 tkls) who was a returning starter and missed most of 99 with injury. Four players return with starting experience and will be pushed by 5 newcomers whom I list in the 2 deep below. Some of the newcomers are HT's, and one I even project as a starter. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Demetrius Austrum (6-1 226 rFr, PS#323LB) and true frosh Chris Bonner. This is clearly a Div I caliber LB corps and is deep, talented and experienced.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Bulls had an experienced secondary last year with 4 starters back but keep in mind they had just played in IAA ball and allowed 56% with a 23-9 ratio versus lesser competition. Last year the Bulls stepped up in competition with their veteran secondary and finished #114 out of 114 teams in my pass efficiency defense rankings. They allowed 260 ypg, 65.9% and a 23-6 ratio versus IA QB's. This year they must replace SS Eric Pipkins (5 sts, 52 tkls), FS Tom McGreevey (2 sts, 12 tkls), S Jeff Lawrence (4 sts, 30 tkls) and S Kevin Johnson (1 st, 38 tkls). Three starters return and 4 players have starting experience. Cirbus also adds 2 JUCO's to the mix. Naturally after last year's expected abysmal finish, this group should be improved and at least now has experience vs IA QB's.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Buffalo pretty much finished last in the NCAA in a majority of categories but actually finished #63 in my special teams ratings. The strength of the unit last year was PR's and Drew Haddad (9.6) will be tough to replace. Another positive was P Mike Masucci who actually increased his avg and net punting despite the step up in competition. He finished the year with a solid 40.8 avg and a net of 37.7. All the top KR men are back and should only improve. As long as Masucci holds form and has a net punting close to last year, this group could rank in the upper half of the NCAA.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I pointed out that Buffalo hoped to achieve what Marshall did in its move from IAA to the IA MAC. Of course, Buffalo came in without the powerhouse tag that Marshall had in IAA ball and no Randy Moss's on the roster. I did not expect a MAC victory last year and Buffalo did not get one as they were outscored 290-96 in eight league games. They proved that a weak IAA team is no match for IA football. The defense finished worst in the country, giving up 494.4 ypg. They drew a stadium record 20,835 for the opener but by the final home game ticket sales dropped to a two year low of 8,699 with paid attendance down 3,000 from the previous year. Buffalo was a Div III program just 8 years ago. Back in 96 they went 8-3 in IAA ball and finished 27th in the final polls. Coach Cirbus was the O-line coach at Penn St and spent many years learning under Joe Paterno. The offense does lose their top WR and a good portion of the O-line but will be much more stable at RB and QB and should be more potent. The LB corps now looks like a IA unit and the defense will be stronger but that statement is not exactly going out on a limb as they can only improve. Have they closed the gap enough to bag a MAC win is the question. They host 3 games that fall into the winnable category in U Conn, Kent St and Ball St. However, with Kent St and Ball St being as improved as Buffalo the chances of a MAC win are not good but this team will at least be much more competitive.

# BUFFALO BULLS (0-11)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** WEST

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 4***
**DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 43 (22,19,2)**
**Lost: 25 (14,11,0)**

## BUFFALO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
## *OFFENSE* - LAST 4 YEARS *-DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 11.8 | 17 | 129 | 3.2 | 171 | 49.0 | 25.4 | -6 | 1999 | 9 | 38.7 | 25 | 234 | 5.1 | 260 | 65.9 | 12.8 |
| X | 29.0 | 22 | 224 | 5.1 | 203 | 53.0 | 14.8 | -5 | 1998 | X | 28.6 | 21 | 226 | 5.0 | 188 | 56.0 | 14.4 |
| X | 20.1 | 21 | 80 | 2.1 | 298 | 54.3 | 18.2 | X | 1997 | X | 37.5 | 21 | 177 | 4.3 | 226 | 59.5 | 25.0 |
| X | 18.1 | 17 | 149 | 3.3 | 132 | 41.7 | 15.5 | X | 1996 | X | 23.5 | 16 | 156 | 3.5 | 176 | 51.3 | 14.1 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Akron | 10 | 38-125 | 3.3 | 6-17 | 64 | 3 | 20 | 52-192 | 3.7 | 13-16 | 146 | 3 | +1 |
| at U Conn | 11 | 23-6 | 0.3 | 20-31 | 195 | 2 | 21 | 49-178 | 3.6 | 14-18 | 155 | 1 | -1 |
| at Ohio Univ | 19 | 44-95 | 2.2 | 17-32 | 220 | 6 | 26 | 66-393 | 6.0 | 7-12 | 130 | 0 | -2 |
| N Illinois | 19 | 38-121 | 3.2 | 17-27 | 191 | 2 | 28 | 48-228 | 4.8 | 17-26 | 225 | 2 | 0 |
| C Michigan | 19 | 37-171 | 4.6 | 11-30 | 175 | 1 | 29 | 68-394 | 5.8 | 12-17 | 168 | 0 | -2 |
| at W Michigan | 22 | 49-130 | 2.7 | 18-35 | 191 | 3 | 31 | 33-153 | 4.6 | 24-40 | 435 | 1 | +1 |
| Marshall | 12 | 43-109 | 2.5 | 10-25 | 87 | 2 | 21 | 34-186 | 5.5 | 24-35 | 381 | 1 | -2 |
| at Kent St | 14 | 32-136 | 4.3 | 11-21 | 170 | 1 | 34 | 54-285 | 5.3 | 24-34 | 296 | 1 | +1 |
| Hofstra | 25 | 46-225 | 4.9 | 17-39 | 190 | 3 | 20 | 27-139 | 5.1 | 23-40 | 305 | 1 | +2 |
| at Virginia | 18 | 45-166 | 3.7 | 18-33 | 232 | 2 | 23 | 39-252 | 6.5 | 16-19 | 363 | 0 | 0 |
| at Miami (Oh) | 19 | 50-138 | 2.8 | 17-40 | 163 | 8 | 18 | 38-175 | 4.6 | 12-25 | 259 | 2 | -4 |
| TOTALS | 188 | 445-1422 | 3.2 | 162-330 | 1878 | 33 | 271 | 508-2575 | 5.1 | 186-282 | 2863 | 12 | -6 |
| AVERAGES | 17.1 | 40-129 | 3.2 | 15-30 | 171 | 3.0 | 24.6 | 46-234 | 5.1 | 17-26 | 260 | 1.1 | -0.5 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

## STADIUM: UB STADIUM (31,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 1-10 | 3-8 | 3-8 | 8-3 | 2-9 | 4-7 | 0-11 | 21-56 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-6 | 3-6 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 1-3 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 2-3 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-6 | 3-6 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-5 | 3-5 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| vs MAC | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-6 | 2-6 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 |

## CRAIG CIRBUS (Career 17-38)

**Cirbus's records at Buffalo**

6th Year at Buffalo
17-38 Straight Up
3-6 Vs The Spread
2-6 Off A S/U Loss
2-6 Vs MAC

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Randall Secky 6-5 220 PS#61 |
| RB | Maurice Bradford 5-11 185 PS#115JC |
| OL | William Paris 6-4 324 PS#177 |
| WR | Jason Fisher 6-1 195 PS#130JC |
| WR | Alvin Jennings 6-2 185 PS#161 |
| DB | Valdis Terrell 5-10 175 PS#240JC |
| OL | Dan Minocchi 6-3 285 PS#281 |
| OL | Eric Weber 6-5 285 PS#284 |
| LB | Chris Bonner 6-2 230 PS#263 |
| DB | Vaughn Welch 6-0 180 PS#257 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Josh Roth | 124 | 530 | 11 | 519 | 3 | 4.2 |
| **Derrick Gordon** | **122** | **536** | **19** | **517** | **3** | **4.2** |
| **Bam McDonald** | **58** | **261** | **17** | **244** | **1** | **4.2** |
| **Marvin Brereton** | **24** | **89** | **3** | **86** | **0** | **3.6** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Joe Freedy** | **299** | **151** | **50.5** | **1775** | **8** | **11** |
| Erik Rusin | 26 | 10 | 38.5 | 82 | 0 | 0 |
| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG | |
| Drew Haddad | 85 | 1158 | 13.6 | 6 | 67 | |
| Josh Roth | 16 | 103 | 6.4 | 0 | 15 | |
| **Andre Forde** | **12** | **148** | **12.3** | **2** | **22** | |
| **Brandon Shaughnessy** | **11** | **112** | **10.2** | **0** | **21** | |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Mike Masucci** | **57** | **2324** | **40.8** | **-** | **37.7** | **0** | **15** |
| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| **Scott Keller** | **1-2** | **4-7** | **0-0** | **0-0** | **5-9** | **37** | |
| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT | | |
| **Chris Shelly** | **89** | **1** | **4** | **1** | **0** | | |
| **Craig Rohlfs** | **86** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **5** | | |
| **Brandon Jordan** | **73** | **2** | **2** | **3** | **0** | | |
| **Chris Gray** | **56** | **1** | **3** | **0** | **0** | | |
| **Carlos Spencer** | **54** | **0** | **4** | **4** | **0** | | |
| Eric Pipkins | 52 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | | |
| **Marcus Cole** | **50** | **2** | **4** | **1** | **0** | | |
| **Tory Smith** | **45** | **0** | **3** | **3** | **0** | | |
| Kevin Johnson | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| **Adolphus Barkor** | **33** | **0** | **2** | **1** | **0** | | |
| Josh Trexler | 30 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Jeff Lawrence | 30 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Eric Campbell | 29 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | | | |
| Drew Haddad | 21 | 202 | 9.6 | 0 | | | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | | | |
| **Dahnel Singfield** | **37** | **803** | **21.7** | **0** | | | |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JOE FREEDY JR.** 6-2 194 *PS#183. 3rd string QB in Aug but 11 sts, 1775 yds (50.5%), 8-11 ratio. Mike Gaydosz was PS#134. Randall Secky is PS#61.*
**RB Maurice Bradford Jr.** 5-11 185 *PS#115JC, 1603 yds (6.5) at JC ly. Derrick Gordon (5-8 203 Jr) 1 st, 321 yds (6.3) in 98 til inj. 517 yds (4.2), 5 sts ly.*
**FB Marvin Brereton Jr.** 6-2 237 *1 st, 206 yards, 2 yrs. David Harvey-Bowen (5-8 232 So) trans from W Kentucky. Albert Grundy was PS#196DB, JC ly.*
**WR Dahnel Singfield Jr.** 6-0 171 *PS#140. Lettered as true. 11 gms in 99, 37 KR (21.7), 3 rec (15.7). Jason Fisher (6-1 195 Jr) is PS#130JC, 4.4 speed.*
**WR Andre Forde So.** 5-10 206 *PS#162, 12 rec (12.3) in 9 games as true. Alan Steinman (5-9 175 rFr) PS#254. Robert Barber (6-0 199 rFr) PS#327DB.*
**TE Jason Smalarz rFr.** 6-3 245 *PS#74. Brandon Shaughnessy (6-2 254 Sr) 9 rec in 98. 4 sts, 11 rec (10.2) ly. Chad Bartosek (6-6 251 So) 2 rec as true.*
**C Matt Baniewicz So.** 6-0 260 *PS#301LB. Lettered as backup C in 99. +22 lbs. John Nolan (6-3 275 Jr) is JC. trans Kevin Dunn (6-1 269 rFr).*
**RG GABE KOGLER SR.** 6-1 290 *5 rec at TE in 97. 11 sts in 98, 8 rec (14.3). 7 sts in 99, 3 rec (12.3). +23 lbs. Rob Meyer (6-2 286 Sr) 3 letters.*
**LG JOSH STELLO SR.** 6-2 309 *8 sts at RG as true. 11 sts in 98 at NT, 19 tkls, 3 tfl. 8 sts in 99, 14 tkls, 3 tfl. Roshon Bradley (6-1 287 Sr) PS#394, 2 letters.*
**RT Tim Hedges Jr.** 6-5 307 *Ltr'd in 98. 11 gms 2nd string in 99, ltr'd. Brian Johnessee (6-6 328 Jr) 1L, top bench press. Jason Hayden (6-2 325 Sr).*
**LT DAVID PRUCE SR.** 6-8 293 *4 sts at LT as rFr. 11 sts at LG in 98. 11 sts at LG in 99, moves to LT. William Paris (6-4 324 Fr) is PS#177.*
**K SCOTT KELLER SR.** 5-8 156 *Hit 4/9 FG's as rFr, L/40 in 97. Hit 4/5 in 98, L/34. Hit 5/9 FG's LY, L/37. 13-15 XP's. Dallas Pelz (5-11 176 rFr) PS#47.*

**DE MARCUS COLE SR.** 6-1 238 *49 tkls, 19 tfl at JC in 98. 9 sts here, 50 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl in 99. Brandon Nishnick (5-11 236 Sr) 54 career tkls, 5 tfl.*
**NT BOB DZVONICK JR.** 6-1 260 *11 sts as true, 47 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. 5 sts in 99 (Inj), 17 tkls, 1 sk. Joe McKoy (5-11 252 Sr) 1 st at FB in 99, 14 yds.*
**DT Kyle Kampf So.** 6-1 302 *3 sts as true, 12 tkls, 1 sk. Ron Gannello (6-0 284 Jr) JC in 99 & RS. Aaron McMickle (6-0 275 So) +11 lbs.*
**DE STEVE FLEMING SO.** 6-4 245 *6 sts as true, 25 tkls, 3 tfl. Jamie Guerra (6-3 246 So) was PS#324LB. 28 tkls as rFr, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 11 games.*
**OLB Lamar Wilcher rFr.** 6-1 234 *PS#168 in 99. Duane Williams (6-2 240 Jr) 14 sks at JC in 98. Kulaa Bacheyle (6-0 217 Sr) 2 sts, 21 tkls, 1.5 tfl in 99.*
**MLB BRANDON JORDAN JR.** 5-10 208 *3 sts as true, 46 tkls, 3 tfl. 8 sts in 99, 73 tkls, 4 tfl.* ***Chris Gray*** *(5-10 234 Sr) PS#170JC. 3 sts, 56 tkls, 4 tfl here in 99.*
**WLB CHRIS SHELLY JR.** 6-1 227 *PS#344. 11 sts in 98, 80 tkls, 11 tfl, 2nd tm AA IAA. 10 sts in 99, 89 tkls, (#1), 5 tfl. Alex Lazo (5-10 191) PS#174, 3 tkl ly.*
**CB CARLOS SPENCER SR.** 5-7 180 *5 sts as true, 17 tkls. 11 sts in 98, 7 pbu, #4 tkl'r. 11 sts ly, 54 tkls, 4 pbu, 35.5 VL. Valdis Terrell (5-10 175 Jr) PS#240JC, 4.5 spd.*
**CB Mike Lambert So.** 5-8 195 *PS#203RB, 4 tkls in 9 gms as rFr. Mark Graham (6-0 184 rFr). Noah Burroughs (6-2 191 Sr) JUCO ly, 14 tkls, 2 pbu.*
**SS TORY SMITH SR.** 5-11 200 *Orig at WV. 10 sts, 71 tkls, 8 pbu in 97 & 98. 7 sts ly (CB), 45 tkls, 3 pbu. Adolphus Barkor (5-10 190 Sr) 5 sts at CB in 98, 4 sts ly.*
**FS CRAIG ROHLFS JR.** 5-10 192 *5 sts as true, 48 tkls, 1 int. 10 sts in 99, 86 tkls, #1 in MAC w/5 int. Ruben Vargas (5-8 194 Jr) trans from Delaware.*
**P MIKE MASUCCI SR.** 6-0 226 *57 punts, 37.2 avg as true. 47 punts, 36.4 avg in 98. 57 punts, 40.8 avg & super net of 37.7 in IA ball*

# THE AMAZING SUPER BOWL SYSTEM - 94% WINNERS!!!

I know this magazine is about college football, but I could not resist telling you about a great system for the most watched sporting event in the world...The Super Bowl. You will notice that the title of this page is the AMAZING Super Bowl System. Now that you have read my magazine, you can tell I do not throw around terms like amazing very often. The dictionary quote for amazing is "to fill with astonishment". I must admit, I have seen a lot in my handicapping career and little amazes me anymore.

Back in 1990, I developed a Super Bowl System for picking pointspread winners of the big game. This system awards points for 17 different categories including things like better overall ATS record and even superior net penalty yards. The 17 categories are all weighted differently. Now, I will admit that the system was backfitted. I played around on the computer for about a week until I found just the right combination to predict all the past Super Bowls with the least amount of losses. I fine tuned it to give me only two losses in the history of the Super Bowl. Not too shabby. Now the big question was, would it work for future Super Bowls? The first year I did the math and it produced an easy Super Bowl winner and I began to get excited. The next year, another winner. The next year, another winner. Each year the excitement has built. It is now to the point that I will not make my Super Bowl prediction without at least consulting this amazing system. I usually figure it out during the second half of the 2nd Conference Title game so I have the result as soon as the matchups are known.

The system itself is **14-0-2 ATS over the last 16 years**. Even more amazing is that in the last 10 years it has picked the outright winner as well. Seven times in the last 10 years it has picked the favorite and they have won both SU and ATS. Once, in Super Bowl XXX, it called for Pittsburgh to stay within 10 points of Dallas and the Steelers were +13'. Amazingly the Cowboys won by exactly 10 points and the Steelers covered which was exactly what the system called for. Twice it has called for an OUTRIGHT upset. The first was the NY Giants +7 over Buffalo and the Giants won outright. Three years ago, I sat down to write the Power Sweep and was torn as to which team to pick, as I could make a good case for both teams. The Super Bowl System stunned me by picking Denver to win the game outright as an 11' point dog! I took note but merely called for them to cover the spread in Power Sweep. I was amazed when, as the system said, Denver won Outright!! Playing Denver at the Money Line would have meant a HUGE profit in Las Vegas. Here are the complete results of the Super Bowls and what the Super Bowl System forecasted each year.

## *Here is a look at all 33 Super Bowls vs the spread with this revised Super Bowl System:*

| SB | SYSTEM (Pts for, Vegas line, Pt against) | Spread Diff | Outcome |
|---|---|---|---|
| I | Green Bay 50 (-14) over Kansas City 11.5 | 24.5 | WIN 35-14 |
| II | Green Bay 47 (-13') over Oakland 30.5 | 3 | WIN 33-14 |
| III | NY Jets 24 (+18) over Baltimore 35.5 | 6.5 | WIN 16-7 |
| **IV** | **Kansas City 35 (+12) over Minnesota 24.5** | **22.5** | **WIN 23-7** |
| **V** | **Baltimore 42.5(+2') over Dallas 22** | **23** | **WIN 16-13** |
| VI | Dallas 54 (-6) over Miami 13.5 | 34.5 | WIN 24-3 |
| **VII** | **Miami 60.5 (+1') over Washington 4** | **58** | **WIN 14-7** |
| VIII | Miami 48.5 (-6') over Minnesota 23 | 19 | WIN 24-7 |
| IX | Pittsburgh 43 (-3) over Minnesota 24.5 | 15.5 | WIN 16-6 |
| X | Pittsburgh 62 (-7) over Dallas 16.5 | 38.5 | Loss 21-17 |
| XI | Oakland 44.5 (-4') over Minnesota 12 | 28 | WIN 32-14 |
| XII | Dallas 34.5 (-6) over Denver 22.5 | 6 | WIN 27-10 |
| XIII | Pittsburgh 40 (-3') over Dallas 13.5 | 23 | WIN 35-31 |
| XIV | Pittsburgh 57 (-10') over LA Rams 16.5 | 30 | WIN 31-19 |
| **XV** | **Oakland 37 (+3) over Philadelphia 30.5** | **9.5** | **WIN 27-10** |
| XVI | San Francisco 44.5 (E) over Cincinnati 15 | 29.5 | WIN 26-21 |
| **XVII** | **Washington 34 (+3) over Miami 25.5** | **11.5** | **WIN 27-17** |
| XVIII | Washington 39.5 (-3) over LA Raiders 14 | 22.5 | Loss 9-38 |
| XIX | San Francisco 57.5 (-3') over Miami 12 | 42 | WIN 38-16 |
| XX | Chicago 45.5 (-10) over New England 6 | 29.5 | WIN 46-10 |
| XXI | NY Giants 54.5 (-9') over Denver 13 | 32 | WIN 39-20 |
| **XXII** | **Washington 43.5 (+3) over Denver 12** | **34.5** | **WIN 42-10** |
| XXIII | Cincinnati 28 (+7) over San Francisco 27 | 8 | WIN 16-20 |
| XXIV | San Francisco 40.5 (-12) over Denver 20 | 8.5 | WIN 55-10 |
| **XXV** | **NY Giants 33.5 (+7) over Buffalo 24** | **16.5** | **WIN 20-19** |
| XXVI | Washington 53 (-7) over Buffalo 6.5 | 39.5 | WIN 37-24 |
| XXVII | Dallas 35.5 (-6') over Buffalo 21 | 8 | WIN 52-17 |
| XXVIII | Dallas 36 (-10) over Buffalo 19 | 7 | WIN 30-13 |
| XXIX | San Francisco 53 (-18) over San Diego 14.5 | 20.5 | WIN 49-26 |
| XXX | Pittsburgh 29.5 (+13') over Dallas 40 | 3 | WIN 17-27 |
| XXXI | Green Bay 50.5 (-14) over New England 9 | 27.5 | Push 35-21 |
| **XXXII** | **Denver 35.5 (+11') over Green Bay 34** | **13** | **WIN 31-24** |
| XXXIII | Denver 37.5 (-7) over Atlanta 26 | 4.5 | WIN 34-19 |
| XXXIV | St Louis 51 (-7) over Tennessee 9.5 | 34.5 | Push 23-16 |

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| 10'-15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 |
| 15'-20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 100.0 |
| 20'-25 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 83.3 |
| 25'-30 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 100.0 |
| 30+ | 6 | 1 | 1 | 85.7 |

| Spread Difference | WIN | LOSS | Tie | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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# C MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Pete Shepherd returns for his fourth year as the starter. In 97 he got in 2 starts as a rFr, throwing for 548 yards (53.8%) with a 3-3 ratio. In his first year as a full-time starter in 98, he threw for over 2,000 yards but completed just 46.9% with a poor 4-11 ratio. Last year he improved, throwing for 2,295 yards (53.4%) with a 9-12 ratio. Should Shepherd hold onto his starting job, I look for him to have a positive ratio, and the best completion percentage of his tenure. Also in the mix are Derrick Vickers (5-11 185 rFr, PS#141QB), and Darren Tooley (6-1 185 rFr, PS#181). Vickers had a 24-4 ratio as a senior in HS and has 4.6 speed and is more of a running QB. Tooley had 32 TD's as a high school senior. Derek Gorney (6-2 180 So) got in two passes last year in 3 games. With everyone back and the newcomers, this unit can only be improved in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year CM returned their top 2 RB's but unfortunately they suffered through an injury plagued year. Vince Webber was PS#46 and had a season ending knee injury as a true frosh in 98. Last year he suffered a broken jaw after just 2 games in which he had 196 total yards offense. If he can stay healthy, he could challenge some of CM's single season rushing records. Eric Flowers, who rushed for 1,302 yards (4.5) in 98, missed 2 full games and was banged up in good portion of the rest of last year. He finished with just 766 yards (3.8), but did earn 2nd team MAC honors. Ira Gooch (6-0 180 Sr) was a WR at JUCO and shifted to TB because of the injuries to Flowers and Webber. He got in four starts and had 438 yards rushing (4.9) while also snagging 26 receptions (9.1). Alan Parks (5-9 185 So) was PS#371 and had 1 start and 55 yards rushing last year. Flowers departs as does starting FB Jason Meyer (8 sts, 50 yds). I list the returning FB's below. If Webber can stay healthy (and that's a big if), this unit will top last year's numbers.

**RECEIVERS** - In 1999 CM lost 4 of their top 5 receivers from 98 and were an inexperienced group. Jammarl O'Neal took advantage of the openings and in 11 starts as a rFr hauled in 59 receptions with a super 18.4 ypc while topping 1,000 yards receiving. His 1,059 yards was the best total in MAC history for a frosh. CM does lose 2 contributors from last year. TE Mark Swetz had 11 starts and was the #2 receiver with 30. SB Rory Nevins had 4 starts but just 5 receptions. I list the 2 deep below and O'Neal is clearly still the star. With a new head coach, it is possible some of his top recruits will be worked into the rotation immediately. This is a more experienced group than last year and as long as a capable TE replacement is found, they should be improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Chippewas returned 3 starters but 1 was lost prior to the season and they suffered (just like the RB's) an injury plagued year with 8 different players earning starts. This year's group is even more experienced thanks in part to the injuries. The main loss is RT Eric Page who started all 11 games. Backup OG Tom Ellis also departs. I list the 2 deep below and you can see 7 players return with starting experience. Including this year's frosh, there are 4 HT's in the group. Even with all the shuffling in 99, they only allowed 18 sacks and look even stronger this year. This should be one of the MAC's best OL's.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - A year ago CM had to replace 3 starters from the front wall but did have 4 experienced seniors returning. While the team did allow 4.2 ypc rushing, the front 4 put solid pressure on opposing QB's. This year the unit is wiped out as the top 6 DL's all depart and they combined for 24.5 sacks!! Gone are DE Gabe McMasters (7 sts, 4.5 sks, 13 tfl), DT Joe Adam (11 sts, 9 sks, 20 tfl), MG Jerry Stempien (11 sts, 3 tfl), DE Walter Jenkins (11 sts, 8 sks, 7 tfl), DE Darnell Wilson (5 sts, 9 tfl) and DE Jerry Zaremba (29 tackles, 3 tfl). Coaches usually like their own recruits so I do expect this year's true frosh to play immediately. This group is one of the most inexperienced DL's in the NCAA and clearly looks weaker.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year CM lost 2 of 3 starters from this group but this year they are in much better shape as all 3 starters return and only one backup departs in ILB James Bocanegra (15 tkls, 1 tfl). Keep your eyes on Abdullah Muhammad who was PS#89 and has put up good stats through two injury plagued years. He could have a huge year if healthy all season. With the depth here at LB and the inexperience up front, you can expect some of the LB's to shift to the D-line under the new head coach. This group looks to be in much better shape than last year but will have to work overtime to make up for the inexperienced front.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 98 CM finished #37 in my pass defense rankings. They had a veteran secondary returning with 3 starters back but as I pointed out, it would be tough to finish as high with a very inexperienced front seven. As it turned out, CM dropped to #63 in my pass efficiency defense rankings, allowing a respectable 51.1% but with a 19-12 ratio. This year the top 8 players all return and while there are no HT's in this group, it is a very experienced secondary and should move up in the pass efficiency rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - This has been an area of weakness for the Chippewas. They ranked a lowly #102 in my special teams rankings in 98 and last year fell even further to #111 as they had a very poor net punting of 28.7. They were also -4 in the TD/blk category. They must replace P Jake Kemp but Brian Brandt could be an improvement. The FG kicking is in good hands as Paul Savich hit a solid 13 of 18 last year. He has a career long 45 yarder, but last year his long was just 39 with only 1 attempt coming from 40+. The top returnmen are all back, and I expect a better year out of Ira Gooch especially if he is not given substantial playing time at either TB or WR. I see definite improvement this year.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1997 a rash of injuries saw CM fall to its worst record ever at 2-9 in Dick Flynn's fourth season. In his 5th year in '98 he returned a very experienced squad and achieved a winning record at 6-5 despite a tough schedule. Last year they slipped back to 4-7, once again playing a tough slate with 6 road games including visits to Syracuse and Purdue early in the season. CM won its last 2 games after Flynn announced his resignation. New Head Coach Mike DeBord was the offensive coordinator at Michigan the past 3 years and was on the UM staff for 8 years as an OT and TE coach. The offense has 7 starters back and if RB Vince Webber can finally stay healthy, he should be one of the top backs in the MAC. The big question on defense is the front line which suffered huge losses. The back 7 returns intact and overall the unit should be more formidable. With a new head coach, changes in terminology, plus a rough non-conference slate including two bowl teams from 1999 and Wyoming it will be tough to top last year's 4 win total.

# C MICHIGAN (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** WEST

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 7*** **DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 38 (20,15,3)** **Lost: 16 (6,9,1)**

## C MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6* | 20.8 | 19 | 142 | 3.3 | 218 | 53.5 | 17.3 | +3 | 1999 | 6 | 31.3 | 20 | 172 | 4.2 | 214 | 51.1 | 12.3 |
| 8 | 20.8 | 19 | 179 | 4.0 | 189 | 46.7 | 17.7 | +3 | 1998 | 10 | 23.0 | 20 | 165 | 3.7 | 190 | 48.7 | 15.4 |
| 8 | 25.6 | 22 | 156 | 3.9 | 250 | 47.8 | 15.8 | -13 | 1997 | 8 | 43.5 | 23 | 186 | 4.9 | 290 | 60.0 | 10.9 |
| 8 | 31.9 | 25 | 201 | 4.3 | 276 | 53.7 | 15.0 | -4 | 1996 | 8 | 32.1 | 21 | 153 | 4.0 | 272 | 57.8 | 13.2 |
| 3 | 23.2 | 19 | 180 | 3.9 | 159 | 50.1 | 14.6 | -12 | 1995 | 5 | 25.1 | 20 | 184 | 4.0 | 191 | 55.1 | 14.9 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| E Illinois | 20 | 51-251 | 4.9 | 12-21 | 221 | 0 | 17 | 37-80 | 2.2 | 13-28 | 181 | 7 | 0 |
| at Syracuse | 16 | 39-76 | 1.9 | 16-29 | 165 | 3 | 24 | 43-234 | 5.4 | 13-19 | 261 | 1 | +1 |
| at Purdue | 16 | 39-36 | 0.9 | 15-33 | 209 | 2 | 27 | 34-234 | 6.9 | 27-44 | 346 | 0 | 0 |
| Miami (Oh) | 19 | 44-91 | 2.1 | 14-34 | 211 | 4 | 14 | 47-88 | 1.9 | 7-20 | 130 | 4 | -1 |
| at W Michigan | 16 | 34-111 | 3.3 | 18-33 | 231 | 1 | 18 | 29-79 | 2.7 | 22-39 | 297 | 2 | 0 |
| at Buffalo | 29 | 68-394 | 5.8 | 12-17 | 168 | 1 | 19 | 37-171 | 4.6 | 11-30 | 175 | 0 | +2 |
| N Illinois | 21 | 45-166 | 3.7 | 12-32 | 207 | 3 | 20 | 45-93 | 2.1 | 13-24 | 276 | 1 | 0 |
| at Bowling Green | 16 | 24-43 | 1.8 | 26-44 | 248 | 1 | 24 | 54-223 | 4.1 | 14-25 | 181 | 3 | 0 |
| Toledo | 20 | 43-162 | 3.8 | 16-28 | 177 | 0 | 26 | 54-472 | 8.7 | 9-20 | 92 | 3 | -1 |
| E Michigan | 17 | 41-124 | 3.0 | 13-20 | 251 | 0 | 21 | 28-109 | 3.9 | 27-49 | 309 | 4 | +2 |
| at Ball St | 22 | 52-112 | 2.2 | 20-35 | 312 | 3 | 13 | 38-107 | 2.8 | 10-27 | 109 | 4 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 213 | 480-1566 | 3.3 | 174-325 | 2400 | 18 | 223 | 446-1890 | 4.2 | 166-325 | 2357 | 29 | +3 |
| AVERAGES | 19.4 | 44-142 | 3.3 | 16-30 | 218 | 1.6 | 20.3 | 41-172 | 4.2 | 15 30 | 214 | 2.6 | 0.3 |

## STADIUM: KELLY/SHORTS (30,199)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 9-2 | 4-7 | 5-6 | 2-9 | 6-5 | 4-7 | 35-42 |
| ATS | 5-5 | 5-5 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 5-5 | 4-6 | 31-42 |
| Home Fav | 1-3 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 9-11 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 8-4 |
| Away Fav | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 4-9 |
| Away Dog | 3-0 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 0-4 | 10-18 |
| Favorite | 1-5 | 3-3 | 0-3 | 3-3 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 13-20 |
| Dog | 4-0 | 2-2 | 4-4 | 1-4 | 2-4 | 3-3 | 2-5 | 18-22 |
| Grass | 2-5 | 3-5 | 3-3 | 3-6 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 15-25 |
| Artificial | 3-0 | 2-0 | 1-4 | 1-1 | 2-5 | 5-4 | 2-3 | 16-17 |
| vs MAC | 4-5 | 5-4 | 2-6 | 3-5 | 2-5 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 25-32 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 6-10 |

## MIKE DeBORD (Career 0-0)

DeBord's records at C Michigan

1st Year at C Michigan

| | |
|---|---|
| 0-0 | Straight Up |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 0-0 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| LB | Matt Wohlgemuth 6-4 240 PS#121 |
| OL | Brandon Pitzer 6-4 268 PS#150 |
| OL | Mike Morris 6-3 275 PS#238 |
| OL | Adam Kieft 6-7 275 PS#244 |
| WR | Richard Kiel 5-10 170 PS#169 |
| OL | Eric Ghiaciuc 6-4 265 PS#271 |
| DB | Jon Nelson 6-2 198 PS#235 |
| DB | Joe Ballard 6-3 208 PS#253 |
| RB | Anthony Tyus 5-11 215 PS#370 |
| WR | Steve Messam 5-9 170 PS#277 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eric Flowers | 200 | 805 | 39 | 766 | 11 | 3.8 |
| **Ira Gooch** | **90** | **470** | **32** | **438** | **2** | **4.9** |
| **Vince Webber** | **28** | **149** | **5** | **144** | **1** | **5.1** |
| **Robbie Mixon** | **56** | **166** | **42** | **124** | **0** | **2.1** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pete Shepherd** | **320** | **171** | **53.4** | **2295** | **9** | **12** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jammarl O'Neal** | **59** | **1085** | **18.4** | **6** | **80** |
| Mark Swetz | 30 | 407 | 13.6 | 1 | 27 |
| **Ira Gooch** | **26** | **236** | **9.1** | **0** | **32** |
| **David Hannah** | **24** | **356** | **14.8** | **2** | **63** |
| **Rob Turner** | **11** | **121** | **11.0** | **1** | **18** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jake Kemp | 58 | 2188 | 37.7 | - | 28.7 | 2 | 14 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Paul Savich** | **7-10** | **6-7** | **0-1** | **0-0** | **13-18** | **39** |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brain Leigeb** | **121** | **1** | **7** | **7** | **2** |
| **Rodrico Epps** | **77** | **2** | **5** | **1** | **1** |
| **Darvin Lewis** | **76** | **0.5** | **4** | **1** | **5** |
| **Ralph Sewell** | **72** | **4** | **7** | **2** | **0** |
| Joe Adam | 62 | 9 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| **Abdullah Muhammad** | **55** | **1** | **6** | **1** | **0** |
| **Scott Naz** | **50** | **1** | **3** | **4** | **0** |
| **Wayne Dudley** | **43** | **0** | **2** | **8** | **1** |
| **Casey Laughlin** | **43** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| **Tedaro France** | **40** | **0** | **0** | **12** | **1** |
| Darnell Wilson | 38 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Gabe McMasters | 36 | 4.5 | 13 | 2 | 0 |
| Jerry Stempien | 35 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tedaro France** | **10** | **83** | **8.3** | **0** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ira Gooch** | **15** | **343** | **22.9** | **1** |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB PETE SHEPHERD SR.** 6-1 200 *2 sts as rFr, 548 yds (54%), 3-3 ratio. 11 sts in 98, 2005 (47%), 4-11 ratio. 11 sts in 99, 2295 (53%), 9-12 ratio & 328 career rush.*
**RB Vince Webber Jr.** 5-9 205 *PS#46. 5 gms as true til inj. 232 yds (6.3), 144 yds (5.1) in 2 gms ly til broken jaw. Ira Gooch (6-0 180 Sr) had 438 yds (4.9) in 99.*
**FB D.J. McClure Sr.** 5-10 225 *4 tkls in 97 as FS. 2 tkls in 98, 2 KR. 3 sts at FB in 99, 14 total yds. Anthony Tyus (5-11 215 Fr) is PS#370RB this yr.*
**WR JAMMARL O'NEAL SO.** 6-1 175 *11 sts as rFr, set MAC frosh record with 1085 yds, 59 rec (18.4). Robbie Mixon (5-10 170 So) PS#283, 154 yds rush in 99.*
**WR DAVID HANNAH SR.** 5-10 180 *5 tkls at DB in 97. Inj'd in 98. 4 sts in 99, #4 w/24 rec (14.8). Robert Turner (6-3 190 So) was PS#146QB & 11 rec (11.0) as true.*
**TE EJ Salani Sr.** 6-3 240 *24 tkls at OLB in 97. 8 gms at TE in 98, 11 gms ly, 2 career rec. Adam Supianoski (6-3 230 rFr) PS#308RB. Mike Voltner 1 rec ly.*
**C ANDERS HILL JR.** 6-5 280 *Backup OG as rFr. 11 sts at C in 99, 1 letter. Kevin Barry (6-3 275 Sr) PS#240OL in 97. 9 gms in 98. 5 sts in 99.*
**RG Kyle Croskey So.** 6-3 290 *PS#189, 5 sts as true. James Alexander (6-4 270 Sr) PS#352 in 96. 1 tkl at NG in 97, Sat out in 98. 4 sts in 99 until injury.*
**LG NICK FERGUSON JR.** 6-6 290 *Started opener as rFr & split time. 4 sts in 99 til inj. Eric Dumont (6-6 295 Jr) PS#326, 5 sts in 99.*
**RT Eric Schulenberg rFr.** 6-4 290 *PS#114OL in 99 & reds. Paul Brieger (6-4 290 So) lettered in 99 with 10 gms as backup at OG & OT.*
**LT MATT BRAYTON JR.** 6-7 305 *PS#134OL in 97. 11 sts in 98. +20 lbs in 99 & 11 sts at LT. Derek McLaughlin (6-5 290 rFr) PS#300OL.*
**K PAUL SAVICH JR.** 5-7 150 *Hit 11 of 20 with long of 45 as true in 98 (24-24 xp's). Hit 13 of 18 in 99 but only 1 att from 40+, long 39 & 22-26 xp's.*

**DE Charles Harris rFr.** 6-3 225 *PS#241DL in 99. 4.7 speed. 270 bench. Matt Reynolds (6-3 235 So), 3 tkls in 7 gms in 99, added 10 lbs.*
**NG Marvin Smith So.** 6-1 255 *11 gms as true frosh, 18 tkls, 1 tfl, prototype NG. Mike Morris (6-3 275) is PS#238OL. 4.9 speed, 420 bench.*
**DT Dominic Mancini So.** 6-3 250 *PS#315DL in 99. 10 gms as true, 9 tkls, 1 tfl, +10 lbs this year. Kalani Muragin (6-3 270) redshirt frosh.*
**DE Ike Ajoku rFr.** 6-1 225 *PS#207DL in 99. 4.6 speed, 13 sks as Sr in HS. Matt Wohlgemuth (6-4 240 Fr), 4.68 speed. PS#121LB.*
**OLB RALPH SEWELL SR.** 6-1 185 *51 tkls at SS in 97. 9 sts in 98, 32 tkls, 3.5 sks. 11 sts in 99, 72 tkls, 11 tfl. Cullen Jenkins (6-2 225 rFr) PS#224LB.*
**MLB DARVIN LEWIS SO.** 6-3 210 *4.6 speed. WR as RS in 98. 11 sts as rFr, 76 tkls, 4.5 tfl. James Westrich (6-1 215 Jr) 28 tkls, 2.5 tfl, 1 int in 99.*
**OLB ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD JR.** 6-1 205 *PS#89DB in 97. 46 tkls, 9 tfl in 98 (inj 2H yr). 5 sts til inj in 99, 55 tkls, 7 tfl. Casey Laughlin (6-2 220 Sr) 43 tkls, 4 sts.*
**CB TEDARO FRANCE JR.** 5-10 170 *11 sts as rFr. **2nd tm MAC**, 32 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 1 int, 12 pbu. Willie Hill (5-11 180 rFr) 4.4 speed.*
**CB SCOTT NAZ JR.** 5-10 170 *PS#263RB in 97 signed at Boston U. 2 int here in 98. 7 sts in 99, 50 tkls, 4 pbu. Wayne Dudley 17 sts, 2 int, 23 pbu, L/2Y.*
**SS RODRICO EPPS JR.** 5-10 175 *PS#460RB 5 tkls as true. 10 sts in 99, 77 tkls, 7 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Finley Carter (5-9 180 Jr) 25 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 2 yrs.*
**FS BRIAN LEIGEB SR.** 6-2 185 *#1 tkl'r as true w/93, 1 int, 5 pbu. #1 in 98 w/129, 3 int, 8 pbu. #1 in 99 w/121, 8 tfl, 2 int, 7 pbu. Brian Colar (6-1 192 Sr).*
**P Brian Brandt rFr.** 6-2 200 *4.8 speed, 225 bench. Averaged 44.8 punting as senior in HS in 98 & was 1st team All Wisconsin.*

# CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Huskies had a very potent offense in 97 and 98 led by 4 year starting QB Shane Stafford. Brian Hoffmann (6-2 206 Sr) did get in 4 starts in 98 when Stafford was injured and threw for 1,137 yds (56.7%) with an 8-5 ratio. He started the first 9 games last year and threw for 1,681 yds (56.4%) with an 11-13 ratio. Hoffmann's mobility was also a plus as he rushed for 391 yds. Luke Richmond (6-2 232 Jr) was a surprising VHT for the Huskies and was PS#22 in 97. He redshirted in 97 after throwing 78 TD's in his HS career. Surprisingly he threw for just 115 yds as a rFr and started only the final 2 games last year, throwing for 470 yds. He has only completed 41% of his passes in his career with a 7-7 ratio. He will have to fight to win the starting job as JUCO QB Ryan Tracey, who threw for 1,691 yds and 12 TD's at Citrus Community College in 99, was #1 out of the spring. Chris Willis (5-11 186 So) was PS#132 and mainly played on the scout team. For a brand new IA team, the QB position looks extremely competitive.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year UConn had its leading rusher from 98 returning in Barry Chandler, but had to replace their #2 rusher. Chandler started 5 of the first 6 games at TB last year but after gaining 809 yards (4.8) in 98 had just 233 yds for the season (2.5) with 176 yds receiving. He started 3 of the last 4 games at FB. Taber Small (5-9 191 Jr) transferred from Temple and took over at TB, and was the leading rusher with 757 yds (3.8). Brian Hoffmann, the QB, was actually the second leading rusher. This year they lose Chandler and FB Matt Feschak (5 sts, 55 total yds). This is one area where I expect some of the top newcomers to contend for immediate playing time. I list the 2 deep below and look for a solid year from Small.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year UConn had to replace 2 of their 3 starters from the receiving corps. TE Mike Burton moved to C and they had to replace their leading receiver, Carl Bond, who had over 1,000 yds in 98. This year 4 of the top 5 receivers return. John Fitzsimmons is an interesting combination of size & speed (6-2 197 Sr, 10.8 in 100m) and had 1,010 yds receiving in 98 but slipped a little to 785 last year playing the last 5 games with torn ligaments in his thumb. He is an NFL prospect but will likely see a lot of double teams. They are a much more experienced group than last year and basically everyone who caught a pass last season is back. TE is a very solid position as they go 3 deep. I list the top 2 below and also in the mix is Tommy Collins (6-3 236 So) who is PS#67 and played 11 games with 1 start as a true frosh. Stephen O'Connor had 11 rec's in 9 games at WR. This has the makings of a decent group and is much more experienced than last year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The 99 O-line had basically 4 starters returning as they moved a starting TE into the unit. This year they must replace C Mike Burton (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Jamie Harper (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), RT Mike Sasson (6 sts, 3 yr st'r) and backup LT Bill Vanderrest. Four players do return with starting experience and last year's unit only allowed 26 sacks. Edsall signed a good group of true frosh (4), some of whom I list in the 2 deep below. This is not an overly big or experienced line and does not have many HT's, but could at least equal last year's performance.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - In 98 the Huskies finished #117 out of 119 IAA teams in rush defense. They changed schemes last year and had 8 players returning with at least 10 tackles. Edsall signed 4 true frosh DL's and all 4 saw action in 99, and should be solidly improved this season. This year they must replace DE Ron Gamble (11 sts, 45 tkls, 9 tfl), DE Chad Cook (11 sts, 14 tfl, 2nd tm Atl 10) and 2 backup DL's who combined for 22 tackles and 4 tfl. Edsall signed 6 more true frosh this year who could play immediately including HT Sean Mulcahy. They also move starting LB Jamar Wilkins to the DE slot. Despite the losses, this group is improved.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Huskies lost all 3 starters but did have a couple of HT's to take over starting roles. They lost their Def MVP Brandon Smith to injury after 7 games, so this year 5 players return who have starting experience. The only differences in this group are the movement of OLB Jamar Wilkins who went to DE and the addition of JUCO transfer Justin Cook who was in for the spring. This is a much more experienced LB corps than last year with solid talent, and I'll call it much stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 98 UConn picked off 19 passes and last year returned 4 starters including 3 seniors. Surprisingly the Huskies regressed, allowing 62.2% completions and 21 TD's with just 7 int's. This year they lose SS Jeff DeLucia (11 sts, 69 tkls), FS Anthony Carter (6 sts, 56 tkls, 2 int) and CB Jordan Younger (10 sts, 43 tkls, 1 int, 1st tm ECAC PR). Three players return with starting experience. Edsall signed Kinnan Herriott (PS#83) who I expect to play right away. The statistics will probably not be weaker than last year, but this group is clearly less experienced in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - You will not see UConn in my special teams rankings as they played IAA ball last year. However, if they were included in the rankings, they would have finished at about #40 as they were solid in most areas. P Mike Morelli set a school record avg'g 41.0 per punt with a super net of 37.0. Super returnman Jordan Younger notched 2 TD's on PR's with a nifty 15.9 average. Unfortunately for the Huskies, both of them depart. Edsall went the JUCO route to fill the hole at P, bringing in Randy McGillivray who averaged 40.6 as a soph at JUCO. Both K's are back from LY but Edsall only attempted 8 FG's on the year and the team connected on 5 with a long of 38. I list the 2 K's below. Younger leaves some big shoes to fill in the return game, and it will be tough for the Huskies to rank in the upper half of my special teams in their first year of IA ball.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

I would like to welcome the University of Connecticut to Div IA football. They competed in the Atlantic 10 football conference last year and are a IA Independent this year and hope to join the Big East in 2001. In IAA ball Connecticut offered 63 scholarships but will increase that to 73 this year, 80 in 2001 and reach the maximum IA allotment in 2002. In 1998 Connecticut finished at 10-3 and hired Randy Edsall from Georgia Tech to take over the program last year. They were pegged for 3rd in the Atlantic 10 in the preseason poll but were replacing a 4 year starter at QB. The season did not turn out as expected as they were just 4-7 and were outscored by an avg of 34.8-23.2. They did get a win over a IA opponent when they blanked Buffalo 23-0. In their other game vs a IA opponent they only trailed Kentucky 17-14 after 3Q's but were buried by four 4Q UK TD's. Connecticut was 17th ranked in IAA ball coming into the year and opened the season 3-2 but lost an OT game to Villanova and floundered down the stretch. Edsall did play a lot of youngsters in preparation for IA ball with 17 true frosh seeing playing time. Naturally with 14 starters back this team should be vastly improved, but going from a 4-7 I-AA team and now facing 7 IA opponents makes improving on last year's record very difficult.

# CONNECTICUT (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **INDEPENDENT**

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 7** **Returning: 32 (13,18,1)**

**DEFENSE: 7** **Lost: 16 (8,7,1)**

## CONNECTICUT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 23.2 | 18 | 113 | 3.0 | 196 | 51.6 | 13.3 | -11 | 1999 | 7 | 34.8 | 23 | 180 | 4.5 | 257 | 62.2 | 12.5 |
| X | 35.5 | 23 | 148 | 3.9 | 276 | 56.0 | 12.0 | +10 | 1998 | X | 31.8 | 24 | 231 | 4.8 | 244 | 57.3 | 14.9 |
| X | 36.2 | 20 | 158 | 4.1 | 210 | 54.9 | 11.6 | +6 | 1997 | X | 22.4 | 21 | 144 | 3.4 | 244 | 55.6 | 17.3 |
| X | 24.4 | 19 | 143 | 3.4 | 179 | 23.6 | 15.6 | 0 | 1996 | X | 19.1 | 18 | 136 | 3.5 | 200 | 58.4 | 17.6 |
| X | 25.4 | 23 | 229 | 4.3 | 227 | 54.3 | 15.6 | +2 | 1995 | X | 18.2 | 17 | 167 | 4.4 | 137 | 50.9 | 16.7 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Hofstra | 24 | 34-119 | 3.5 | 22-37 | 265 | 2 | 24 | 44-329 | 7.5 | 13-22 | 167 | 0 | -4 |
| at Kentucky | 12 | 33-60 | 1.8 | 15-29 | 123 | 4 | 27 | 37-162 | 4.4 | 34-40 | 339 | 3 | 0 |
| Buffalo | 21 | 49-178 | 3.6 | 14-18 | 155 | 1 | 11 | 23-6 | 0.3 | 20-31 | 195 | 2 | +1 |
| at Maine | 16 | 44-96 | 2.2 | 16-24 | 195 | 2 | 15 | 36-141 | 3.9 | 16-33 | 220 | 3 | +1 |
| Rhode Island | 18 | 46-195 | 4.2 | 11-27 | 103 | 0 | 21 | 28-88 | 3.1 | 24-40 | 288 | 2 | -1 |
| Villanova | 21 | 45-192 | 4.3 | 13-27 | 201 | 3 | 34 | 33-110 | 3.3 | 43-69 | 444 | 0 | -1 |
| at James Madison | 27 | 35-39 | 1.1 | 37-58 | 292 | 7 | 24 | 51-408 | 8.0 | 5-9 | 71 | 0 | -2 |
| Richmond | 15 | 36-107 | 3.0 | 16-32 | 187 | 2 | 21 | 45-161 | 3.6 | 17-29 | 250 | 3 | 0 |
| Northeastern | 14 | 41-113 | 2.8 | 15-33 | 184 | 2 | 18 | 35-96 | 2.7 | 24-48 | 269 | 1 | 0 |
| New Hampshire | 21 | 27-62 | 2.3 | 23-56 | 273 | 1 | 27 | 51-192 | 3.8 | 20-32 | 264 | 0 | -2 |
| at Massachusetts | 10 | 24-81 | 3.4 | 8-27 | 173 | 2 | 27 | 55-282 | 5.1 | 26-36 | 317 | 1 | -3 |
| TOTALS | 199 | 414-1242 | 3.0 | 190-368 | 2151 | 26 | 249 | 438-1975 | 4.5 | 242-389 | 2824 | 15 | -11 |
| AVERAGES | 18.1 | 38-113 | 3.0 | 17-33 | 196 | 2.4 | 23.0 | 40-180 | 4.5 | 22-35 | 257 | 1.4 | -1.0 |

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| Away Dog | 0-0 |
| Favorite | 0-0 |
| Dog | 0-0 |
| Grass | 0-0 |
| Artificial | 0-0 |
| vs CONF | 0-0 |
| Vs Non-Conf | 0-0 |

**RANDY EDSALL (Career 4-7)**

**EDSALL'S records at U Conn**

2nd Year at Connecticut

| | |
|---|---|
| 4-7 | Straight Up |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 0-0 | Vs INDEP |

### TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Kinnan Herriott 5-11 188 PS#83 |
| OL | Sean Mulcahy 6-6 260 PS#120 |
| DL | Davion Dixon 6-3 240 PS#116 |
| RB | Evan Benson 5-10 195 PS#251 |
| DB | Jason Dellaselva 5-9 190 PS#198 |
| LB | Justin Cook 6-0 213 PS#258JC |
| QB | Ryan Tracey 6-3 216 PS#297JC |
| DL | Brian Markowski 6-2 255 PS#265 |
| DB | Matt Cutaia 5-11 165 PS#261 |
| RB | Chandler Poole 5-11 198 PS#353 |

### 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Taber Small** | **199** | **798** | **41** | **757** | **14** | **3.8** |
| Brian Hoffman | 93 | 391 | 154 | 237 | 0 | 2.5 |
| Barry Chandler | 94 | 260 | 27 | 233 | 1 | 2.5 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brian Hoffmann | 264 | 149 | 56.4 | 1681 | 11 | 13 |
| **Luke Richmond** | **102** | **41** | **40.2** | **470** | **5** | **6** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **John Fitzsimmons** | **59** | **785** | **13.3** | **5** | **48** |
| **Ayo Sorrells** | **22** | **252** | **11.5** | **1** | **26** |
| Barry Chandler | 20 | 176 | 8.8 | 4 | 33 |
| **Taber Small** | **19** | **140** | **7.4** | **1** | **43** |
| **Rashad Drayton** | **17** | **149** | **8.8** | **0** | **32** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mike Morelli | 66 | 2709 | 41.0 | - | 37.0 | 1 | 13 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Marc Hickok** | **2-2** | **1-1** | **0-1** | **0-0** | **3-4** | **38** |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jamar Wilkins** | **97** | **0** | **6** | **1** | **0** |
| **Roy Hopkins** | **78** | **0** | **3** | **6** | **1** |
| Jeff DeLucia | 69 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Carl Bradford** | **58** | **3** | **7** | **6** | **2** |
| Anthony Carter | 56 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| **Kamari Stroman** | **54** | **0** | **3** | **2** | **0** |
| Chad Cook | 53 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| **Jamal Lundy** | **53** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **0** |
| **Uyi Osunde** | **48** | **1** | **4** | **0** | **0** |
| Ron Gamble | 45 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| **Brandon Smith** | **45** | **1** | **5** | **0** | **0** |
| Jordan Younger | 43 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| **Jamie Lenkaitis** | **37** | **0** | **7** | **0** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jordan Younger | 15 | 238 | 15.9 | 2 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jordan Younger | 38 | 704 | 18.5 | 0 |

## 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

**OFFENSE**

**QB Ryan Tracey Jr.** 6-3 216 *691 yds, 12 TD's at JC in 99. Luke Richmond (6-2 232 Jr) PS#22 in 97! 115 yds in 98. 2 sts in 99, 470 yds (40%), 5-6 ratio.*

**RB TABER SMALL JR.** 5-9 191 *PS#270 & signed at Temple in 97. L/6 sts in 99, 757 yds (3.8), 19 rec (7.4). Chris Perrin (5-9 196 So) 17 yds as true.*

**FB Justin Spence Fr.** 5-11 240 *"Mini-bus". PS#380, 4.75 speed. 600 lb squat. Terry McClowry (6-2 234 Fr) Milford Acad ly. Malcolm Pinder (5-11 210 rFr).*

**WR JOHN FITZSIMMONS SR.** 6-2 197 *19 rec in 96 & 97. 53 rec in 7 sts in 98, 1010 yds (19.6). 11 sts ly, 59 rec (13.3). Stephen O'Connor (6-4 193 Jr) was PS#143.*

**WR WES TIMKO SO.** 6-2 180 *4 sts as true in 99, 13 rec (13.5). Ayo Sorrells (5-11 180 Jr) started 1st 7 in 99, 22 rec (11.5). Dwaun Black (5-11 155 So).*

**TE RASHAD DRAYTON JR.** 6-4 249 *PS#221LB & trans from Wisky. 17 rec (8.8) in 99 here (inj). Dan Deignan (6-2 239 Sr) had 11 sts, 14 rec (13.6) in 99.*

**C Steve Darby Sr.** 6-3 264 *1 tkl in 1 gm as rFr. 13 gms on spec tms in 98. 3 sts at OG in 99, 2 letters. Brian Markowski (6-2 255 Fr) PS#265DL.*

**RG MARK CAMPOLI JR.** 6-4 291 *PS#265. Inj'd as rFr. 11 sts in 99, 5 @ RT, 6 @ RG, 1 letter. Laurence Oliver (6-3 256 rFr) was PS#159DL in 99.*

**LG COREY DERFUSS SR.** 6-2 284 *11 gms as rFr & lettered. 2 sts at LG, 11 @ RG in 98. 10 sts in 99 (inj in 1), 3 letters. Jason McKee is PS#406.*

**RT Steve Cully So.** 6-4 281 *PS#615. 410 lb bench. 3 gms as 2nd string as true frosh in 99, did not letter. Bill Chester (6-6 290 Fr) Milford in 99.*

**LT C.J. Hessel Jr.** 6-4 273 *Trans from Phila Textile College in 98. RS on DL. 3 sts here at RG in 99, 8 gms. Ed Injaychock (6-4 264 rFr).*

**K MARK HICKOK SO.** 5-11 167 *Hit 3 of 4 FG's in 99, long of 38, 17-19 xp's in 8 gms as rFr. Jeff Cammuso (5-6 175 Sr) trans from Syr, 2-4 FG's long of 28 ly.*

**DEFENSE**

**DE Paul Hurley So.** 6-2 233 *PS#261OL, 5 tkls, 1 tfl as true. Hakeem Kashama (6-3 260 Fr) from Canada. In for spg. Sean Mulcahy (6-6 260) PS#120.*

**DT GREG SMOOT SO.** 6-3 252 *PS#243RB. 10 sts as true at DE, 32 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. Matt Jackson (6-3 251 So) 7 tkls, 1 tfl as true in 99.*

**DT Ronel Jumpp Sr.** 6-0 257 *PS#251LB, 26 tkls, 7 tfl in 97. 13 sts in 98, 48 tkls, 6 tfl. 3 sts ly, 33 tkls, 10 tfl. Ryan Timko (6-1 278 Sr) 8 sts, 27 tkls, 5 tfl ly.*

**DE JAMAR WILKINS SR.** 6-3 231 *PS#229, 18 tkls as true. 1 st, 81 tkls, 10 tfl in 98. 97 tlks, 6 tfl, 1 pbu ly. Chris Towns (6-2 216 So) PS#217DL, 1 gm as true.*

**SLB UYI OSUNDE SO.** 6-3 221 *PS#503LB. Started L/4 as true, 48 tkls, 5 tfl. Kamari Stroman (5-11 198 Jr) 5 tkls in 98, 10 sts, 54 tkls, 3 tfl in 99.*

**MLB Jamie Lenkaitis Jr.** 5-11 229 *PS#166LB. 3 sts as rFr. 40 tkls, 3 tfl. 37 tkls in 99, 7 tfl. Razul Wallace (6-1 212 So) PS#503, 1 sts as true, 16 tkls.*

**WLB Brandon Smith Sr.** 6-1 223 *PS#287JC. 6 sts in 99 til inj, still Def MVP, 45 tkls, 6 tfl. Justin Cook (6-0 213 Jr) is PS#258JC in for spring.*

**CB Carl Bradford Jr.** 5-8 170 *8 tkls as rFr. 2 sts in 99, 58 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl, 2 int, 6 pbu, 55 ret yds.* ***Kinnan Herriott*** *(5-11 188) is PS#83.*

**CB ROY HOPKINS JR.** 5-8 174 *9 sts as true in 98, 47 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 78 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int, 6 pbu, 5 KR (19.4).*

**SS Jamal Lundy So.** 5-11 198 *PS#344RB. 5 sts as true, 53 tkls, 1 tfl, 33 PR yds, 1 blk punt. Charles Freeland (6-0 179 So) 7 tkls in 8 gms in 99.*

**FS Antonio Grant So.** 5-11 179 *305 lb bench, 4.4 speed. 11 gms as true, 2 tkls (spec tms). Hans Hercule (6-0 164 rFr). Chris Meyer (6-0 190 Fr).*

**P Randy McGillivray Jr.** 5-11 185 *PS#450JC. Enrolled in January. In for spring. Avg. 40.6 ypg at Citrus CC in 99. 40.4 avg as HS senior.*

# E MICHIGAN EAGLES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Walt Church could be the premier QB in the MAC this year. In 96 he was forced to start 9 games as a true frosh when Charlie Batch was injured. He won co-Frosh of the Year in the MAC, throwing for 2,151 yds (50.1%) with an 11-14 ratio. He redshirted in Batch's senior season. In 98 he got in 9 starts (miss 2 inj) and threw for 2,650 yds (60.0%) with a 13-12 ratio. Last year he had his entire corps of receivers back and 3 OL but missed parts of some games with a knee injury and his numbers dropped to 2,015 yds (53.6%) with an 8-12 ratio. He was PS#60, has NFL size and should have a fine senior year. He must go through a terminology change on offense but should adapt well. Troy Edwards (6-2 199 So) was PS#147. He was forced to start vs Ball St due to injuries and performed well, leading the team to a victory. He finished the year with 389 yds (a solid 63% completions). Rick Pyle (6-4 207 rFr) and true frosh Kevin Harrison (PS#250) will fight for the #3 spot.

**RUNNING BACKS** - For the 2nd straight year all the top RB's return. Last year they lost #2 leading rusher Idris Wells (289 yds) to an injury prior to the season and he is back. Eric Powell (PS#159) has lead the team in rushing in each of the last few years despite missing last spring with injury. He had 583 yds rushing and 178 receiving. Reggie Gage, a transfer from Oregon St and JC, had 416 total yds offense in 2 starts. Rich Schutt (5-9 182 So) was PS#214DB and was injured in the spring game last year and had just 2 carries in 99. John White moved from WR and had a big spring game with 2 TD's rushing and a kick return for a TD. With everyone back and hopefully having a healthier year, this should be a much improved group in 2000. Head coach Woodruff was the RB coach at Arizona last year so you know this spot is a priority.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year this was a veteran unit with all the top receivers back. Jermaine Sheffield led the team in receiving in 98 with 953 yds but slipped to #2 last year with 39 rec's (16.8). Brandon Campbell was #2 rec in 98 and took over the feature role with 53 rec's (14.4). Unfortunately, both players depart. I expect some of Woodruff's new signees to have an immediate impact at this position. TE Kelly and WR Christian are both serviceable returnees. I list the two deep below and there are plenty of experienced players at all 4 spots. Overall with the loss of their top 2 WR's, this unit looks weaker this year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - A season ago EM had to replace 3 starters including a #1 draft pick in the NFL and then lost starting guard Rich Chorak to injury for a good portion of the season. The unit allowed 30 sacks and only paved the way for 2.6 ypc rushing. This group is in much better shape this year as 4 full time starters return plus Chorak is back from injury. Woodruff also signed 4 JUCO transfers who will contend for time immediately. The only loss is center Tom Michel, a 3 year starter.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Eagles have had a decent rush defense the last 2 years, allowing just 3.7 and 3.6 ypc rushing. They are switching from a 3 man front to a 4-3 defense this year. Last year they had to replace 2 starters from the front wall and then had two starters injured at midseason and they saw limited action down the stretch. This year they lose DE Ashley Travis (11 sts, 6 sks, 9 tfl, 2nd tm MAC) and Tarance Simmons (11 sts, 40 tkls, 9 tfl). Thanks to last year's injuries, 4 players return who started 5 games or more as Buckmeier and Brown took over for Turner and Kyles. I like the starting 4 but the depth is weak. As long as the starters stay healthy this year, I look for improvement.

**LINEBACKERS** - This unit only replaced one starter from the 4 man group last year. This year 3 starters return and 98 starter Clifton Robinson moved to FS. The backups were all freshman last year and are now experienced. This is one of the most veteran LB corps in the MAC.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - E Michigan ranked #91 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98. Last year they replaced 2 starters, but still finished #91 in the rankings. This year 3 starters depart in CB Isaac Shipp (9 sts, 5 pbu), CB Lincoln Dupree (10 sts, 2nd tm MAC, 3 int, 15 pbu) and FS Donald McCall (11 sts, 1st tm MAC, #1 w/154 tkls, 7 pbu). Those are some significant losses. They do get Clifton Robinson in at FS. Robinson started 3 years at OLB, but missed most of 99 with injury. Robinson teams with 8 game starter London Lindsey to form a solid duo at the safety position. Due to concerns at the CB spot, I have to call the unit weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Toller Starnes had not missed an xp all season until the final game, breaking his streak at 22. He did hit a 20 yard FG in the season finale which gave him the school record for FG's in a season with 17. Most of his attempts were from short range, although he was 2 of 2 from 40+. EM ranked just #108 in my special teams ratings in 98 but improved all the way up to #74 last year. They got stronger despite an off year from P Nick Avondet who had a super 42.8 avg in 98 but slipped to 37.7 last year with a net of 32.8. He should return to his sophomore form and improve that position. Top PR Lincoln Dupree does depart but had just a 7.8 avg, and Brandon Lewis had a 7.0 avg on 10 returns. The top 2 KR's are both back with WR Kenny Christian avg'g 20.9. Dupree had a KR for a TD and a 30.8 avg on 6 returns and will be missed. Overall, this is a decent group and if they get a more explosive return game, they should vault into the top 50.

# E MICHIGAN (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** WEST

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 7*** **Returning: 45 (23,19,3)**

**DEFENSE: 7** **Lost: 16 (8,7,1)**

## E MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 21.7 | 16 | 83 | 2.6 | 227 | 54.8 | 14.2 | 0 | 1999 | 7 | 30.7 | 20 | 157 | 3.6 | 229 | 56.3 | 12.6 |
| 4 | 19.6 | 19 | 89 | 2.6 | 274 | 57.7 | 18.4 | -1 | 1998 | 3 | 28.1 | 23 | 166 | 3.7 | 225 | 59.2 | 13.9 |
| 8* | 29.9 | 24 | 125 | 3.7 | 301 | 57.0 | 14.3 | -2 | 1997 | 7 | 32.0 | 24 | 236 | 5.2 | 227 | 53.7 | 14.5 |
| 8* | 19.1 | 20 | 104 | 2.9 | 243 | 51.2 | 18.1 | -10 | 1996 | 7 | 25.8 | 18 | 184 | 3.8 | 161 | 49.3 | 13.4 |
| 8 | 33.0 | 23 | 147 | 4.3 | 302 | 57.5 | 13.6 | +4 | 1995 | 5 | 30.5 | 21 | 215 | 4.5 | 186 | 50.7 | 13.1 |

1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Michigan St | 7 | 24-29 | 1.2 | 10-35 | 101 | 4 | 20 | 42-249 | 5.9 | 16-34 | 243 | 2 | +1 |
| at Miami (Oh) | 17 | 44-106 | 2.4 | 17-37 | 208 | 6 | 21 | 51-139 | 2.7 | 18-37 | 365 | 3 | -2 |
| Akron | 14 | 40-135 | 3.4 | 15-30 | 225 | 1 | 15 | 40-41 | 1.0 | 17-36 | 205 | 7 | +1 |
| at Louisville | 13 | 34-82 | 2.4 | 14-27 | 83 | 4 | 27 | 37-177 | 4.8 | 26-37 | 279 | 0 | +2 |
| W Michigan | 24 | 29-97 | 3.3 | 29-51 | 312 | 2 | 24 | 38-133 | 3.5 | 19-30 | 303 | 2 | +1 |
| Ohio Univ | 19 | 26-37 | 1.4 | 25-34 | 384 | 2 | 21 | 62-284 | 4.6 | 5-15 | 112 | 2 | -3 |
| at Toledo | 17 | 35-58 | 1.7 | 20-29 | 210 | 2 | 16 | 35-157 | 4.5 | 15-37 | 130 | 3 | +2 |
| at UCF | 11 | 29-55 | 1.9 | 13-28 | 152 | 4 | 18 | 40-112 | 2.8 | 20-27 | 233 | 6 | 0 |
| Ball St | 16 | 33-129 | 3.9 | 17-24 | 293 | 0 | 21 | 47-126 | 2.7 | 20-29 | 173 | 5 | -1 |
| at C Michigan | 21 | 28-109 | 3.9 | 27-49 | 309 | 4 | 17 | 41-124 | 3.0 | 13-20 | 251 | 0 | -2 |
| at N Illinois | 14 | 29-72 | 2.5 | 23-39 | 218 | 1 | 18 | 46-180 | 3.9 | 11-18 | 229 | 0 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 173 | 351-909 | 2.6 | 210-383 | 2495 | 30 | 218 | 479-1722 | 3.6 | 180-320 | 2523 | 30 | 0 |
| AVERAGES | 15.7 | 32-83 | 2.6 | 19-35 | 227 | 2.7 | 19.8 | 44-157 | 3.6 | 16-29 | 229 | 2.7 | 0.0 |

## STADIUM: RYNEARSON (30,200)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 29-48 |
| ATS | 5-5 | 7-3 | 4-6 | 5-6 | 5-5 | 6-4 | 4-6-1 | 36-35-1 |
| Home Fav | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 0-1-1 | 7-8-1 |
| Home Dog | 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 9-7 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 5-2 |
| Away Dog | 2-3 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 2-2 | 3-2 | 2-4 | 15-18 |
| Favorite | 1-1 | 4-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 1-2 | 0-2-1 | 12-10-1 |
| Dog | 4-4 | 3-3 | 2-4 | 4-5 | 2-3 | 5-2 | 4-4 | 24-25 |
| Grass | 2-0 | 7-2 | 2-1 | 4-4 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 18-12 |
| Artificial | 3-5 | 0-1 | 2-5 | 1-2 | 5-4 | 4-2 | 3-4-1 | 18-23-1 |
| vs MAC | 4-4 | 7-2 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 5-4 | 6-3 | 4-3-1 | 34-24-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-3 | 2-11 |

## JEFF WOODRUFF (Career 0-0)

**Woodruff's records at E Michigan**

1st Year at E Michigan

| | |
|---|---|
| 0-0 | Straight Up |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 0-0 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| RB | Mike Mangan 6-1 210 PS#178 |
| RB | Ryan Clifford 5-9 185 PS#194 |
| WR | Ashantti Watson 5-11 185 PS#145 |
| DB | David Huff 6-1 190 PS#160 |
| LB | Ryan Robinette 6-2 230 PS#283 |
| DL | Dan Davis 6-4 250 PS#285 |
| RB | Ryan King 5-11 170 PS#370 |
| LB | Brian Jenkins 6-1 220 PS#299 |
| QB | Chinedu Okoro 6-2 190 PS#250 |
| QB | Kevin Harrison 6-1 190 PS#250 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Eric Powell** | 151 | 609 | 26 | 583 | 3 | 3.9 |
| **Reggie Gage** | 104 | 361 | 18 | 343 | 8 | 3.3 |
| Ethan Vannoy | 13 | 36 | 2 | 34 | 0 | 2.6 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Walt Church** | 332 | 178 | 53.6 | 2015 | 8 | 12 |
| **Troy Edwards** | 46 | 29 | 63.0 | 389 | 1 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brandon Campbell | 53 | 764 | 14.4 | 3 | 62 |
| Jermaine Sheffield | 39 | 656 | 16.8 | 4 | 52 |
| **Eric Powell** | 30 | 178 | 5.9 | 0 | 17 |
| **Kenny Christian** | 23 | 176 | 7.7 | 0 | 33 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nick Avondet** | 74 | 2793 | 37.7 | - | 32.8 | 1 | 14 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Toller Starnes** | 6-7 | 9-12 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 17-21 | 44 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donald McCall | 154 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 2 |
| **Scott Russell** | 105 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| **Jason Short** | 97 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| **Ken Philpot** | 97 | 6 | 14 | 3 | 0 |
| **London Lindsey** | 88 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Ashley Travis | 57 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| **James Willingham** | 57 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Isaac Shipp | 52 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Lincoln Dupree | 48 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 3 |
| **James Turner** | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Tarance Simmons | 40 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| **Jeremaine Kyles** | 36 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| **Nik Buckmeier** | 35 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Andrae Brooks** | 26 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lincoln Dupree | 17 | 132 | 7.8 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kenny Christian** | 16 | 334 | 20.9 | 0 |

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Coach Rick Rasnick had 5 years here and just one winning record. Last year's team showed solid improvement despite going from 3-8 to just 4-7. EM had to play 7 road games and non-conference contests versus Michigan St, C Florida and Louisville. They lost 3 games by 7 points or less (including one in OT) and had a chance to finish 2nd in their division with a win in the final game. They lost the finale but it was not Rasnick's fault as he was let go prior to that game. They played an aggressive, defense that blitzed over 50% of the time, which allowed some big plays as they gave up 30.7 ppg. Due to the strong passing attack, they rarely stayed with the run and had the weakest rushing offense in the MAC with a total similar to '98 at 83 ypg (2.6). The new head coach, Jeff Woodruff, was the RB coach at Arizona last year and has strong ties to the University of Washington where he was offensive coordinator in '92. He was part of UW's National Championship staff in '91. They expect to blitz close to 50% of the time on defense as Woodruff tears a page out of Don James' old Husky playbook. They return 7 starters on offense and should have a much more cohesive O-line and the MAC's best QB in Walt Church. The defense also has 7 starters back and should be tougher. They get 6 home games this year and 4 of their 7 MAC games are at Rynearson Stadium. EM has a manageable schedule which means they should be able to improve on last year's 4 win total and flirt with a winning season.

# OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB WALT CHURCH SR.** 6-4 225 *PS#60. 9 sts as true, 2151 yds (50%), 11-14 ratio. 9 sts in 98, 2650 yds (60%), 13-12 ratio. 10 sts in 99, 2015 yds (54%), 8-12 ratio.*
**TB ERIC POWELL SR.** 5-10 218 *PS#159.#1 w/473 yds (3.1), 27 rec (13.6). 7 sts ly, 583 rush (3.9), 30 rec. Reggie Gage (PS#109) orig signed at Oreg St.*
**WR KENNY CHRISTIAN SR.** 6-1 198 *2 sts as true in 96, 3 rec (7.3), 4 sts in 98 til inj, 20 rec (8.1). 2 sts in 99, 23 rec (7.7). Keijuan Douglas (5-6 184 Sr) 25 rec, 2 yrs.*
**WR Vince Nasca So.** 6-2 194 *PS#205, 3 sts as rFr, 4 rec. Jamal Stevens (5-11 182 Jr) 3 sts ly, 10 rec (12.1). John White (6-3 207) 6 sts, 29 rec in 2 yrs.*
**HB JOE CARROLL SR.** 6-2 271 *PS#172LB. 16 tkls in 97 & 98, 7 sts at TE in 99, 7 rec (12.1). Jonas Jackson (6-3 266 Jr) PS#133DL in 97, JC trans in for spring.*
**TE MATT KELLY SR.** 6-4 246 *PS#144QB in 97, 5 sts in 98, 16 rec (10.4). 8 sts in 99, 22 rec (16.2). Willie Hawkins (6-2 272 Sr) 2 sts, 3 rec in 2 yrs.*
**C Rich Chorak Jr.** 6-2 282 *PS#255 OL, 11 sts at LG as rFr. 3 sts at LG in 99 ( miss 7 inj). Michael Johnson (6-3 287 rFr) was PS#323OL.*
**RG CORY ANNETT JR.** 6-3 296 *PS#333. 3 sts at RG as true. 11 sts in 99. Chuck Butkowski (6-3 286 Jr) 1 st in 99. Izaak Madril (6-4 290 Jr) is JUCO.*
**LG LUIS GARCIA SR.** 6-1 297 *PS#165JUCO in 98 & RS. 8 sts at LG in 99. Simeon Colbert (6-4 271 So) OK St trans. Francis Gojcaj (6-3 304 Sr) JUCO.*
**RT CRAIG CIPA SR.** 6-5 283 *9 sts in 98 (6 @ G, 3 @ C). 9 sts at RT in 99. Matt Bolles (6-4 320 Sr) 2 sts in 99, 3 ltrs. Kristofer Stark (6-2 290 Jr) JUCO.*
**LT JOHN GRABOWSKI JR.** 6-6 300 *Added 30 lbs in 98. 8 gms as rFr. 11 sts at LT in 99. Jason Pierce (6-5 278 Sr) 7 gms as 2nd str in 99, ltr'd*
**K TOLLER STARNES JR.** 5-8 197 *PS#30K in 98. KO's as true & 1 of 2 FG's. Hit super 17 of 21 FG's in 99, long of 44 but only 2 from 40+.*

**DE JEREMAINE KYLES SR.** 6-2 285 *1 st, 6 tkls in 97. Inj in 98. 6 sts in 99 (til inj) 36 tkls, 11 tfl, 9 hurries. Missed 3 gms. Dan Davis ( 6-4 250 Fr) is PS#285.*
**NG NIK BUCKMEIER JR.** 6-3 272 *2 sts as true, 10 tkls. Last 6 sts in 99, 35 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. Added 20 lbs. Darren Gettis (6-5 258 Jr) added 18 lbs.*
**DT James Turner Sr.** 6-2 272 *PS#61 in 97. 10 sts in 98, 49 tkls, 3 tfl. 5 sts in 99 (til inj). 41 tkls, 4 tfl, 10 hurries. Hammond Russell (6-1 308 So) 3 tkls ly.*
**DE Jahri Brown Jr.** 6-4 244 *9 gms in 99, started last 5, 25 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. Elliott Daniels (6-1 231 So) had 3 tkls in 11 games ly.*
**OLB KEN PHILPOT JR.** 6-2 238 *PS#144. 49 tkls, 6 tfl as rFr. 11 sts in 99, 97 tkls, 6 sks, 14 tfl, 3 pbu. Fred Bateman (6-0 212 So) PS#222, 3 tkls as true.*
**SLB SCOTT RUSSELL JR.** 6-1 231 *PS#223. 10 sts as true, 99 tkls, 10 tfl, 4 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 105 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. Mark Horvath (6-0 220 So) 19 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr.*
**WLB JASON SHORT SR.** 6-4 227 *8 sts in 98, 55 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 97 tkls, 10 tfl, 9 pbu. Cody Lettiere (6-1 218 So) PS#242LB, 11 tkls as true.*
**CB Andrae Brooks Jr.** 6-2 192 *Solid size. 26 tkls in 99, 2 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Ryan Pratt (5-11 190 So) Jelani Johnson (5-8 182 Sr) 1 tkl in 98.*
**CB Brandon Lewis Sr.** 5-8 188 *PS#378JC. 61 tkls, 9 ints at JC. 1 tkl in 99, 10 PR (7.0). Erick Middleton (5-10 182 So). PS#299, 1 st, 3 tkls as true.*
**SS LONDON LINDSEY JR.** 5-9 190 *2 sts as true, 33 tkls, 8 sts in 99, 88 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. James Willingham (5-8 177 Sr) 7 sts, 91 tkls, 3 pbu, 2 yrs.*
**FS Clifton Robinson Sr.** 6-1 200 *10 sts at LB as true, 40 tkls. 8 sts, 44 tkls in 97. 11 sts, 44 tkls, 7 tfl in 98. 2 tkls til inj, RS. Rickey Scott had 20 tkls ly.*
**P NICK AVONDET SR.** 6-0 177 *54 punts as true, 40.3 avg, 36.0 net. 63 punts in 98, 42.8 avg, 34.8 net. 74 punts in 99 (tired leg?), 37.7 avg, net of 32.8.*

# IDAHO VANDALS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Idaho is known for producing top notch QB's. John Freisz, Doug Nussmeier, Ken Hobart and Ryan Fien combined for 8 seasons of over 3,000 yds passing between 1982-1996. Over the last 2 years no one QB has been able to hold on to the starting job. In 1998 they had little experience coming into the year. Ed Dean began the year as starter, lost his spot to Greg Robertson who was injured and John Welsh finished out the season with 4 starts leading them to their bowl win. Dean was PS#106 in 94 and went on an LDS mission in 95 & 96 and the past 3 years he has started 5 games, throwing for 884 yds (42%) with a 10-6 ratio. Last year all 3 returned but Welsh broke his ankle after 2 starts and Robertson and Dean each completed less than 50% of their passes and combined for 7 starts. Welsh was thought lost for the season but returned leading the team to a comeback win over Nevada and a victory over Montana. He did have 4 int's in the season finale vs Boise St and was not 100% physically. As a group they had a 22-20 ratio and the lone loss is Robertson (1,279 yds). If Welsh can stay healthy, this group should be improved but watch for competition from Brian Lindgren (6-4 202 rFr, PS#51) set a national record with 162 TD's in HS and had an incredible 63 TD passes as a senior. He was 2 time Washington POY and could easily take over the starting job and become a 4 year starter. I'll call this unit vastly improved in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year this was a very inexperienced group as they had to replace their all time leading rusher and 98 Co-Big West Offensive POY in Joel Thomas. The leading returning rusher had just 221 yds. They used a TB by committee for most of the year. Anthony Tenner began the year as the starter but was hobbled by injuries at midseason. He finished as the leading rusher with 764 yds (4.3). Michael Moody had 4 starts and 651 yds with the best ypc at 5.2 and he departs. Rahimu Pettit (6-0 189 So) had 86 yds rushing (3.6). Willie Alderson (6-0 198 Sr) is mostly used as a receiver with 70 rec's and 7 starts in 3 yrs and 257 yds rushing. I expect Tyree Clowe (5-10 223 rFr), who was PS#103, to possibly take over the starting job. Cable is adding a FB to the offense even though I do not list the position in the Projected Starting Lineup below due to the wealth of returning receivers and the lack of top notch FB's on the roster. This unit is much more experienced than last year and with the added talent will be improved.

**RECEIVERS** - This was a very experienced group last year as everyone who caught a pass in 98 returned. Ryan Prestimonico led the team in rec in 98 but last year had just 20 rec (13.4). They got a solid JUCO transfer in Rossi Martin who had 11 rec's in the second game of the year, and finished #2 with 33. Jeffrey Townsley has 9 career starts and was 2nd Tm BW, leading the team in rec's with 37. Not included in the 2 deep below are this year's incoming frosh as well as Justin Wilson (5-10 155 Jr) who had 86 rec at JUCO in 97 & 98 and redshirted here last year. The Idaho offense the past 2 years was geared to spread it around so no one receiver got the bulk of the receptions and that may change in the new offense but this should be one of the BW's better receiving corps once again.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - New Head Coach Tom Cable used to be an offensive linemen here at Idaho so you know this position will be a priority for him. He inherits a very experienced group. Last season the Vandals appeared to return all 5 starters but one was lost prior to the season and another lost his job at midseason. The Vandals have done a great job protecting the QB, allowing just 26 and 22 sacks the last 2 years but last year saw a drop off in the rushing ypc from 4.6 to 3.9. This year they are in great shape as basically all 5 starters return. The only loss this year is RT Cleve Aiono who started the first 5 games. Nine of the top 10 players return and Cable has a top notch rFr and true frosh to add to the mix. They have 3 returning All Big West players with DeMulling earning first team status the last 2 years and Wallace and Venzke earning 2nd team status in 99. Wallace was also First Team All Big West in 98. This will be one of the top O-lines in the Big West this year.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Vandals returned 3 starters to this unit including their star Mao Tosi (#5DC of AZ). Tosi was having his usual excellent year and finished 1st Team Big West but got injured late in the season and the Idaho defense went downhill. This year they must replace Tosi (7.5 sks, 7 tfl) and DE James Durrough (11 sts, 5.5 sks, 2 tfl). Cable thought they were a little thin depth wise on this unit in the spring but they could field a respectable group with 2 returning starters and some solid incoming JUCO's, rFr and frosh. With the loss of their star and less experience returning, I will call this unit weaker as they will be learning new defensive schemes in 2000 as well.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Vandals had to replace their leading tackler but had 5 players returning to the LB corps with starting experience. This year they lose OLB Matt Jasik (9 sts, 40 tkls, 4 tfl) and a couple of backups who combined for 11 tackles. The star of this group is clearly Chris Nofoaiga who has 21 sacks and 19 tfl the last 2 years and was voted the Big West Defensive POY in 99. Three other players return with starting experience and Cable said he liked the depth of this group heading out of spring. With their star player back, I call this unit even stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Idaho finished #60 in my pass defense rankings in 98 and returned 3 starters last year. One starter, Ighe Evero, lost his job to JC Cleavon Bradshaw. Bradshaw was shifted from WR to CB in August, and ended up starting all 11 games with 11 pbu's. The Vandals moved up to #31 in my pass defense rankings, allowing just 48.5% completions although they gave up 17 TD's with just 10 int's. That means in the last 2 years they've allowed 40 TD's with only 18 int's. I look for them to continue to make strides this year. The only major loss is SS Bryson Gardner (11 sts, 1st tm BW, 2 int, 10 pbu). Cable does have a couple of top notch rFr to plug into that spot. This spring they also welcomed back FS Jordan Kramer who was battling Brad Rice for the FS spot last year until injury. Also, Evero, the 98 starter, adds depth at CB. This clearly is one of the best secondaries in the Big West.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Idaho finished #7 in my special teams rankings in 1998 but had to replace their P and top KR. Those losses proved big as the Vandals dropped all the way down to #83 in my rankings last year. A new P must be found and they signed a true frosh that I list below. K Ben Davis is back and does have a booming leg. He set a JUCO national record with a 62 yd FG in 97 and hit 2 of 3 from 50+ last year. They return all their top KR's and PR's and PR Vern Benard (7.7 ypr in 99) averaged 13.3 ypr in 98 and should return to form. Last year's punting was marginal with a net of only 33.7 and I look for solid improvement from this group in 2000.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Little was expected from Idaho in 1998 but Head Coach Chris Tormey took a team with just 11 returning starters and led them to not only the Big West Title but a bowl win over nationally ranked S Mississippi. Idaho always had a home field advantage playing in the Kibbie Dome, a small indoor field. Last year they were trying to build attendance and remain in IA ball so they moved their home games to Martin Stadium in Pullman, WA and had 7 road games on the schedule. The schedule proved too tough. Despite losing just 10 seniors and having 18 returning starters, they missed out on a repeat of the title with a loss in the season finale to Boise St but still finished solid at 7-4. Idaho's defense had an end of the year collapse. After allowing just 1,977 yds in the 1st 7 games, they gave up 1,937 yds in the final 4. Part of that was tied to DT Mao Tosi getting injured. Unfortunately for the Vandals this year, Tormey has left to take over at Nevada and move them to the WAC. Tom Cable, Colorado's offensive coordinator last year, takes over as the new head man. His def coordinator is Ed Rifilato who was N Mexico Highland's HC in 1999. Idaho has been one of the more successful NCAA programs as they have had just 1 losing season since 1982. Idaho will move to the Sun Belt Conference in 2001. They will be stronger on both sides of the ball with 15 starters back and have 20 players on my All Big West team including 7 first teamers. They are not playing at Kibbie again this year and have 7 road games but are clearly one of the front-runners in the BW and have a solid shot of returning to the Humanitarian Bowl.

# IDAHO (7-4)

CONFERENCE: **BIG WEST**

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 8*** **DEFENSE: 7**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 44 (21,22,1)** **Lost: 12 (6,5,1)**

## IDAHO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS -DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10* | 27.6 | 20 | 148 | 3.9 | 216 | 46.6 | 13.2 | +1 | 1999 | 8 | 25.7 | 19 | 136 | 3.5 | 220 | 48.5 | 13.8 |
| 5 | 32.7 | 22 | 180 | 4.6 | 264 | 52.8 | 13.6 | -8 | 1998 | 6 | 26.4 | 20 | 136 | 3.4 | 263 | 49.5 | 15.1 |
| 6 | 27.5 | 21 | 126 | 3.9 | 272 | 53.7 | 14.5 | +7 | 1997 | 7 | 23.9 | 19 | 129 | 3.3 | 252 | 51.0 | 15.9 |
| 4 | 34.0 | 25 | 151 | 3.9 | 323 | 58.7 | 13.9 | -17 | 1996 | 7 | 26.9 | 19 | 154 | 4.1 | 255 | 54.2 | 15.2 |
| X | 29.0 | 19 | 128 | 3.2 | 229 | 52.0 | 12.4 | 0 | 1995 | X | 16.0 | 16 | 85 | 2.7 | 214 | 52.3 | 18.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS YS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at E Washington | 22 | 51-271 | 5.3 | 13-22 | 204 | 0 | 17 | 23-59 | 2.6 | 20-44 | 256 | 2 | +2 |
| at Auburn | 20 | 26-59 | 2.3 | 22-43 | 190 | 4 | 17 | 45-85 | 1.9 | 18-23 | 202 | 4 | 0 |
| Washington St | 24 | 42-158 | 3.8 | 13-32 | 285 | 1 | 23 | 32-80 | 2.5 | 23-53 | 296 | 4 | -1 |
| at Wyoming | 21 | 29-59 | 2.0 | 26-58 | 302 | 3 | 18 | 36-25 | 0.7 | 15-30 | 247 | 5 | -2 |
| N Texas | 13 | 49-272 | 5.6 | 5-15 | 41 | 0 | 11 | 41-125 | 3.0 | 7-24 | 130 | 1 | -1 |
| at Arkansas St | 21 | 42-120 | 2.9 | 23-46 | 293 | 4 | 16 | 36-139 | 3.9 | 12-27 | 162 | 1 | +1 |
| Utah St | 20 | 51-112 | 2.2 | 14-31 | 215 | 1 | 11 | 29-74 | 2.6 | 9-28 | 97 | 7 | +2 |
| at New Mexico St | 19 | 21-90 | 4.3 | 23-61 | 226 | 0 | 24 | 68-420 | 6.2 | 4-14 | 55 | 1 | -2 |
| at Nevada | 19 | 39-207 | 5.3 | 14-26 | 171 | 2 | 28 | 52-203 | 3.9 | 22-38 | 317 | 8 | 0 |
| at Montana | 22 | 43-212 | 4.9 | 18-36 | 212 | 2 | 22 | 19-76 | 4.0 | 29-50 | 399 | 2 | +4 |
| Boise St | 18 | 29-68 | 2.3 | 21-42 | 241 | 5 | 20 | 49-211 | 4.3 | 15-28 | 256 | 1 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 219 | 422-1628 | 3.9 | 192-412 | 2380 | 22 | 207 | 430-1497 | 3.5 | 174-359 | 2417 | 36 | +1 |
| AVERAGES | 19.9 | 38-148 | 3.9 | 17-37 | 216 | 2.0 | 18.8 | 39-136 | 3.5 | 16-33 | 220 | 3.3 | 0.1 |

## STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (37,600)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 11-3 | 9-3 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 42-25 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-4-1 | 5-4 | 6-3 | 4-5 | 17-16-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 3-5-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 7-4 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 6-5 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2-1 | 3-1 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 10-10-1 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 7-6 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 2-3 | 9-7 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2-1 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 8-9-1 |
| vs BIG WEST | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 2-4 | 7-13 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1-1 | 3-1 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 10-3-1 |

**Tom Cable (Career 0-0)**
**Cable's records at Idaho**

| | |
|---|---|
| | 1st Year at Idaho |
| 0-0 | Straight Up |
| 0-0 | Vs The Spread |
| 0-0 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 0-0 | Vs BIG WEST |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| OL | Keith Holt 6-5 310 PS#127 |
| RB | Blair Lewis 5-11 205 PS#80JC |
| RB | Nathan Griffin 6-0 225 PS#157 |
| DL | Brendan Floyd 6-6 235 PS#134 |
| OL | Joel Barker 6-3 275 PS#227JC |
| LB | Jordan Lampos 6-0 230 PS#241 |
| RB | Willie Sipoloa 6-3 230 PS#175 |
| DL | Jonathan Younkins 6-2 265 PS#287 |
| DB | Mike Wakefield 6-1 195 PS#348 |
| QB | Adam Mallette 6-2 200 PS#250 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Anthony Tenner** | **179** | **823** | **59** | **764** | **9** | **4.3** |
| Michael Moody | 125 | 685 | 34 | 651 | 2 | 5.2 |
| **Rahimu Pettit** | **24** | **93** | **7** | **86** | **0** | **3.6** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greg Robertson | 224 | 101 | 45.1 | 1279 | 12 | 11 |
| **John Welsh** | **103** | **52** | **50.5** | **628** | **4** | **6** |
| **Ed Dean** | **83** | **39** | **47.0** | **473** | **6** | **3** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jeffrey Townsley** | **37** | **449** | **12.1** | **2** | **39** |
| **Rossi Martin** | **33** | **483** | **14.6** | **4** | **53** |
| **Chris Lacy** | **21** | **294** | **14.0** | **4** | **43** |
| Ryan Prestimonico | 20 | 269 | 13.4 | 2 | 39 |
| **Ethan Jones** | **19** | **278** | **14.6** | **2** | **53** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Justin Spiva | 72 | 2934 | 40.8 | - | 33.7 | 1 | 23 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | BLK | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ben Davis** | **3-5** | **2-2** | **3-5** | **2-3** | **10-15** | **52** |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Nofoaiga** | **121** | **10** | **8** | **1** | **0** |
| **Brad Rice** | **94** | **2** | **6** | **3** | **0** |
| **Rick Giampietri** | **76** | **3** | **6** | **2** | **1** |
| Mao Tosi | 54 | 7.5 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Bryson Gardner | 50 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 2 |
| **Dennis Gibbs** | **47** | **0** | **1** | **14** | **0** |
| **Ryan Knowles** | **45** | **0.5** | **4** | **1** | **0** |
| **Cleavon Bradshaw** | **45** | **0** | **0** | **11** | **5** |
| James Durrough | 44 | 5.5 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Matt Jasik | 40 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| **Jason Daniel** | **38** | **1** | **2** | **0** | **0** |
| **Wil Beck** | **38** | **6** | **3** | **0** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Vern Benard** | **32** | **246** | **7.7** | **0** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Lacy** | **15** | **419** | **27.9** | **1** |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JOHN WELSH JR.** 6-2 213 *Started L/5 in 98. 1678 yds (55%), 313 rush. 4 sts in 99, 628 yds (51%), 4-6 ratio, inj.* ***Brian Lindgren*** *(6-4 202 rFr) PS#51, 162 TD's in HS.*
**RB ANTHONY TENNER SR.** 5-9 192 *3 sts in 97, 562 yds (4.6). 221 yds (5.1) in 98. 4 sts in 99, 764 yds (4.3).* ***Tyree Clowe*** *(5-10 223 rFr) was PS#103RB.*
**WR CHRIS LACY JR.** 6-0 191 *23 rec (12.0) in 98. 11 sts in 99, 21 rec (14.0), 2nd tm BW ret spec.* ***Chris Belser*** *(5-11 168 So) PS#98DB, 2 rec (18.0).*
**WR JEFFERY TOWNSLEY SR.** 6-2 204 *PS#132QB. 6 rec (11.8), 25 KR (23.2) as true. 7 sts in 98, 35 rec (15.0). 2 sts ly, 37 rec (12.1), 2nd Tm BW, Josh Jelmburg (6-1 185 So),*
**WR Rossi Martin Sr.** 6-0 171 *PS#86 in 96, JC trans ly, 33 rec (14.6). Ethan Jones (6-1 210 Jr) 12 sts as rFr, 24 rec (20.3). 11 sts in 99, 19 rec (14.6).*
**TE MIKE ROBERG SR.** 6-4 260 *11 sts in 98, HM BW, 15 rec (12.8). 9 sts in 99,* ***2nd Tm BW****, 17 rec (9.7). Geoff Franks (6-4 257 Jr) has 2 sts, 2 rec (13.5), 2 yrs.*
**C JEREMY WALLACE SR.** 6-3 274 *1 st in 97 as rFr. 12 sts in 98,* ***1st tm BW****. 11 sts in 99, 2nd tm BW. Glenn Vaagen (6-4 279 Jr) 2nd string L/2Y.*
**RG ANTHONY FUERTES JR.** 6-4 262 *3 sts as rFr in 98. 10 sts in 99 (7 at RG, 2 at T, 1 at OT). Joel Barker (6-4 268 Jr) is PS#227JC & in for spg.*
**LG BRETT MORTON SR.** 6-4 320 *PS#112. 11 sts in 97. Started 1st 4 in 98 til inj. L/9 sts in 99. Matt Leituala (6-1 305 Sr) 2nd string as JC transfer ly.*
**RT PATRICK VENZKE SR.** 6-6 310 *Started L/8 as true. 11 sts in 98. 11 sts in 99,* ***2nd tm BW****. Kyle Stewart (6-2 307 rFr) PS#189. Seann Mumford (6-6 268 So).*
**LT RICK DeMULLING SR.** 6-5 303 *8 sts at RG in 97. 11 sts at LT in 98,* ***1st tm BW****. 9 sts in 99 (miss 2 inj),* ***1st tm BW****. Joshua Jelinek (6-4 304 So).*
**K BEN DAVIS SR.** 6-1 177 *Hit 62 yd FG (JC record) in 97. Hit 12 of 27 here in 98, long of 55. 10 of 15 FG's here in 99, long of 52, 2 of 3 from 50+.*

**DE RYAN KNOWLES JR.** 6-3 255 *PS#251. 12 sts in 98, 30 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl, 4 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 45 tkls, 4.5 tfl. Chris Jewell (6-2 249) JC. Jeb Dorn (6-2 240 So) PS#311.*
**DT Matt Martinez rFr.** 6-2 292 *PS#186, +29 lbs. Drew Owen (6-7 290 Jr) PS#319OL. 1 tkl, 1 tfl in 99. Jake Wirner (6-4 241) 16 tkls, 3 yrs. Bryan Brooks is JC.*
**NT WIL BECK JR.** 6-2 301 *PS#136. 12 sts as true, HM BW, 39 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 6 sks, 3 tfl,* ***2nd tm BW****. JJ Johnston (6-2 264 Sr) 5 tfl ly.*
**DE Dennis Taeatafa Jr.** 6-3 260 *6 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 13 tkls ly, 1 sk, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. Yasir-Jamaal Cole (6-2 236 Jr) 6 tkls, 2 yrs. Brendan Floyd (6-6 235 Fr) is PS#134.*
**OLB RICK GIAMPIETRI SR.** 5-10 203 *3 tkls as rFr. 21 tkls, 3tfl in 98. 10 sts in 99, 76 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. Barrett Nelson (6-0 228 So). Jordan Lampos is PS#241.*
**MLB CHRIS NOFOAIGA SR.** 5-10 220 *6 sts til inj, 43 tkls in 97. 11 sts in 98, 88 tkls,* ***11 sks****, 11 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 121 tkls,* ***10 sks****, 8 tfl. Laki Ah Hi (6-0 225 Jr) PS#232, 17 tkls.*
**OLB Jason Daniel Jr.** 6-0 215 *9 tkls in 97. 3 sts in 98, 5 tkls, 1 sk. 2 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 3 tfl. Casey Kuchenbuch (6-0 215 Jr). Harrison Bertsch (6-1 204 rFr) PS#304.*
**CB DENNIS GIBBS SR.** 5-10 189 *1 st, 33 tkls, 3 int as rFr. 11 sts in 98, 44 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, 11 sts in 99, 14 pbu,* ***2nd tm BW****. Ighe Evero (5-11 195 Jr) 8 sts in 98, 1 int ly.*
**CB CLEAVON BRADSHAW SR.** 5-9 175 *11 sts as JC trans here ly. 45 tkls, 5 int, 11 pbu. 8 KR (20.4) after move from WR. Duval Seamster (5-11 170 Jr) is JUCO.*
**SS Ed Rankin So.** 6-1 193 *PS#137DB in 98. 2 gms as rFr in 99, 1 pbu. Paul Nieman (6-2 189 rFr) PS#191RB in 99. Nicq Hale (5-10 168 So) 3 tkls ly.*
**FS BRAD RICE JR.** 6-1 210 *PS#158QB in 97. 24 tkls as rFr. 11 sts in 99. 94 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl, 3 pbu. Jordan Kramer (6-0 212 So) 19 tkls as rFr til inj.*
**P Ryan Downes Fr.** 6-6 210 *PS#75K out of HS. Hit 3 of 6 FG's, 17 of 18 xp's. 35.6 punt avg in HS. Keith Stamps (5-10 232 So) is walk-on.*

# KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Jose Davis' storied career came to a close last year and he leaves Kent St with almost all of their career passing records. He was PS#54 and was also a nifty scrambler and his talent will be tough to replace. Zach Williams has 16 games experience in 3 years. He has better size than Davis at 6-4 205 and has 463 career passing yds with a 1-4 ratio and 54 yds rushing. He has earned 3 starts in his career. Ben McDaniels (5-11 165 rFr) was PS#147. Last year's 3rd stringer was Ryan Cartwright (6-3 220 So) and he was PS#197, but has not seen action. Adam Frederick (6-1 215 rFr) was PS#184. Pees got a big signee this year in Bill Liber (PS #56). There is adequate talent here, but much less experience than 99 and this group is definitely weaker.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Coach Pees put much more emphasis on the running game in 99 and it did pay some dividends. One year after the team avg'd just 2.6 ypc in 98 they increased that to a decent 3.7 and had 51 more ypg rushing. DeMarlo Rozier (PS#115) may take over the feature TB spot again. As a true frosh in 98, he rushed for 621 yds and had 164 receiving yards plus 104 yds on KR's. Last year in an injury plagued season he had just 5 starts in 9 games and his numbers dropped off to 189 yds rushing but with a nifty 4.7 ypc. Chante Murphy (5-11 210 Jr) stepped to the forefront and had 7 starts. He was named the most improved back last spring and continued that through the fall, leading the team with 676 yds (4.2) and 20 rec's (9.6). Booker Vann (5-10 215 So) was forced to start one game due to injuries. He finished with 243 yds rushing (3.3). They used a FB more often in the offense last year and the top man there was Nick Strok (5-11 215 So) who played in 7 games and had 26 yds rushing. James Ruggiero (6-1 250 So) was PS#349. It looks like they are eliminating the H-back and going to a FB full time and in the spring Pees had both top rushers on the field at the same time (see two deep). He also added a solid crop of true frosh to compete including Fork Union transfer Reggie Gordan (6-0 185, PS#282). I look for continued improvement of the rush attack as Kent St will try to control the clock to keep their defense fresh.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year they returned 3 starters to this group, but this year lose one. TE Jason Gavadza (#6 DC of PIT) was 1st Team MAC in 99 and led the team with 47 rec's (13.9) and leaves ranked #7 on Kent St's all time receiving list. Also gone is WR James Gamble (5 sts, 22 rec). They do return three of the top five receivers. Underclassmen saw a good portion of the duties last year, so this group is more experienced. Even with the loss of their top receiver, this group should at least be as strong as 99.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Flashes had a veteran front with 4 returning starters but Pees shuffled the unit a couple of times in the spring and then during the season. Over the first 8 games, Kent St averaged 15.3 FD's per game. After moving LT Hupp to LG and inserting Cory Zwick in the starting lineup at LT the last 3 games, Kent St averaged 25.6 FD's per game. From the starting lineup of the last 4 games, four players return. Their only losses are RT Dan Goodspeed (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and G Duvall Braxton (3 sts). There are even a couple of HT's listed in the 2 deep below. Last year's O-line allowed just 12 sacks in 342 pass attempts (partially aided by Davis's mobility) but paved the way for 3.7 ypc rushing (an increase of over a yard from 98). I look for more improvements this year and RG Brian Hallett looks like one of the top OL's in the MAC.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Flashes made great improvement in their rush defense last year, nearly trimming a hundred ypg rushing from the 311 they allowed in 98 and dropping the ypc from 6.0 to 4.5. They didn't get a lot of pressure on opposing QB's but after recording just 4 sacks in 1998 they increased that to 10 last year. All but two players from last year's 2 deep were underclassmen so this unit is a lot bigger, stronger and more experienced this season. The only loss is DE Brad Hartman (11 sts, 63 tkls, 8 tfl) and Pees even has some HT's in the 2 deep that I list below.

**LINEBACKERS** - This may be one of the most experienced LB units in the country as for the second straight year the top six LB's all return. If you check my 2 deep below you'll see that no less than 7 of the players have at least 3 games of starting experience. There are some HT's in the group and this unit probably had a lot to do with the team's improved rush defense last year and should continue to get stronger. Not even listed in the 2 deep below is Curtis Witherspoon (6-1 215 Sr) who was PS#325LB and has 4 starts in 3 years with 72 tackles, 1 tfl and 3 pbu.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Due to injuries last year, three true frosh earned starting roles for parts of the season. Justin Baugham and Jacon Avery combined for 8 starts. In 99 they had to replace 3 starters and this year 3 depart again. Gone are CB Abdur Khan (8 sts, 37 tkls, 4 pbu), FS Gary McCullough (11 sts, #3 tkl'r), SS Geoff Betts (10 sts, 73 tkls, 6 tfl) and CB Murad Holliday (3 sts, 19 tkls). Three players do return with starting experience and Pees also has a couple of HT's to plug in. This group should be stronger in 2000 as long as they do not suffer from an injury plagued season like they had last year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - If K Dave Pavich shows as much improvement as he did from 1998 to 1999 he could be a contender for the coveted Lou Groza Award this year. He hit 13 of 16 FG's with a long of 44 including 10 of 11 from 30-49. Two misses were from 50+ and he is perfect on xp's in his career, hitting 41 of 41. They must replace P Jim Less but he was injured at midseason and struggled due to the injury and finished the year with only a 35.5 average. Jared Fritz has a strong leg and avg'd 36.9 on 8 punts and should be a suitable replacement. Jurron Kelly was #1 in the MAC in PR's in 98 with a solid 14.2 avg. He only avg'd 9.0 last year, but should return to 98's form. The top KR Shawn Shoemaker, who avg'd a nifty 26.7 with 1 TD, is back. In 98 they ranked #72 in my special teams rankings thanks mostly to Kelly's super performance. Last year they dropped down to #97 but I look for them to be improved in 2000.

# KENT ST (2-9)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** EAST

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 7** **DEFENSE: 8**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 42 (17,22,3)** **Lost: 16 (6,8,2)**

## KENT STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 19.4 | 18 | 138 | 3.7 | 192 | 57.6 | 17.1 | -11 | 1999 | 5 | 34.2 | 23 | 214 | 4.5 | 174 | 56.8 | 11.3 |
| 6* | 13.5 | 17 | 87 | 2.6 | 217 | 55.9 | 22.4 | -13 | 1998 | 7 | 41.3 | 24 | 311 | 6.0 | 163 | 57.7 | 11.5 |
| 8* | 30.6 | 22 | 149 | 4.5 | 294 | 52.1 | 14.4 | -8 | 1997 | 8 | 44.5 | 25 | 262 | 5.9 | 235 | 60.0 | 11.2 |
| 8* | 23.2 | 18 | 124 | 3.7 | 230 | 53.4 | 15.3 | +1 | 1996 | 8 | 44.7 | 26 | 268 | 5.4 | 218 | 56.4 | 10.9 |
| 10 | 11.6 | 13 | 106 | 2.8 | 122 | 48.8 | 19.6 | -10 | 1995 | 3 | 35.5 | 22 | 232 | 4.4 | 107 | 63.9 | 12.1 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at Cincinnati | 6 | 25-110 | 4.4 | 4-16 | 14 | 0 | 31 | 56-230 | 4.1 | 22-28 | 265 | 1 | -2 |
| Navy | 18 | 26-73 | 2.8 | 20-36 | 271 | 3 | 30 | 69-399 | 5.8 | 14-18 | 136 | 0 | -3 |
| at Pittsburgh | 20 | 34-181 | 5.3 | 21-42 | 251 | 0 | 21 | 48-351 | 7.3 | 12-27 | 110 | 0 | +2 |
| Bowling Green | 21 | 46-175 | 3.8 | 22-33 | 223 | 0 | 23 | 25-75 | 3.0 | 22-49 | 271 | 3 | +3 |
| at Ohio Univ | 10 | 27-54 | 2.0 | 15-26 | 108 | 1 | 22 | 65-298 | 4.6 | 3-10 | 45 | 0 | -1 |
| at Toledo | 13 | 39-69 | 1.8 | 17-24 | 130 | 3 | 25 | 39-189 | 4.8 | 19-26 | 259 | 0 | -2 |
| Miami (Oh) | 15 | 34-91 | 2.7 | 20-38 | 175 | 3 | 17 | 53-116 | 2.2 | 9-24 | 132 | 3 | -1 |
| at N Illinois | 20 | 42-154 | 3.7 | 17-34 | 177 | 0 | 21 | 44-187 | 4.3 | 8-13 | 137 | 0 | -2 |
| Buffalo | 34 | 58-285 | 4.9 | 23-33 | 296 | 1 | 14 | 32-136 | 4.3 | 11-21 | 170 | 1 | -1 |
| Marshall | 25 | 41-163 | 4.0 | 22-38 | 195 | 0 | 19 | 35-119 | 3.4 | 19-25 | 209 | 1 | -2 |
| at Akron | 18 | 42-164 | 3.9 | 16-22 | 275 | 1 | 26 | 58-254 | 4.4 | 11-23 | 178 | 1 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 200 | 414-1519 | 3.7 | 197-342 | 2115 | 12 | 249 | 524-2354 | 4.5 | 150-264 | 1912 | 10 | -11 |
| AVERAGES | 18.2 | 38-138 | 3.7 | 18-31 | 192 | 1.1 | 22.6 | 48-214 | 4.5 | 14 24 | 174 | 0.9 | -1.0 |

## STADIUM: DIX STADIUM (30,520)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 0-11 | 2-9 | 1-9-1 | 2-9 | 3-8 | 0-11 | 2-9 | 10-66-1 |
| ATS | 3-7 | 5-5 | 4-6-1 | 3-6 | 4-6 | 3-7 | 6-5 | 28-42-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3-0 |
| Home Dog | 2-2 | 1-2 | 2-3-1 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 14-14-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Away Dog | 1-5 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 1-5 | 1-4 | 2-4 | 2-4 | 11-28 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3-0 |
| Dog | 3-7 | 3-5 | 4-6-1 | 3-6 | 4-6 | 3-7 | 5-5 | 25-42-1 |
| Grass | 2-6 | 5-3 | 3-4-1 | 3-5 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 14-24 |
| Artificial | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 4-4 | 2-4 | 6-4 | 14-18 |
| vs MAC | 2-5 | 5-4 | 4-4-1 | 3-4 | 3-5 | 2-6 | 5-3 | 24-31-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 4-11 |

## DEAN PEES (Career 2-20)

**Pees' records at Kent St**

| 3rd Year at Kent St | |
|---|---|
| 2-20 | Straight Up |
| 9-12 | Vs The Spread |
| 8-9 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 7-10 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Bill Liber 6-4 195 PS#56 |
| OL | Travis Veser 6-3 285 PS#218 |
| OL | Mike Jenkins 6-6 300 PS#243 |
| RB | Charles Newton 6-0 235 PS#255 |
| DL | Nick Swatt 6-2 240 PS#203 |
| DB | Keith Roberts 6-0 185 PS#215 |
| DL | Matt Carpenter 6-5 260 PS#272 |
| RB | Mikal Lundy 5-11 175 PS#351 |
| LB | Josh Chilcote 6-3 215 PS#301 |
| WR | Joe Amerine 6-5 205 PS#283 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chante Murphy** | **162** | **718** | **42** | **676** | **1** | **4.2** |
| Jose Davis | 114 | 485 | 115 | 370 | 4 | 3.2 |
| **Booker Vann** | **74** | **267** | **24** | **243** | **0** | **3.3** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jose Davis | 315 | 180 | 57.1 | 1969 | 16 | 8 |
| **Zach Williams** | **26** | **17** | **65.4** | **146** | **0** | **1** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jason Gavadza | 47 | 654 | 13.9 | 7 | 66 |
| **Jurron Kelly** | **38** | **355** | **9.3** | **3** | **47** |
| James Gamble | 22 | 186 | 8.5 | 2 | 19 |
| **Chante Murphy** | **20** | **192** | **9.6** | **1** | **27** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jim Less | 50 | 1774 | 35.5 | - | - | 0 | 13 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dave Pavich** | **3-3** | **7-7** | **3-4** | **0-2** | **13-16** | **44** |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rashan Hall** | **125** | **0** | **5** | **2** | **0** |
| **Matt Rayl** | **103** | **2** | **2** | **1** | **1** |
| Gary McCullough | 100 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Geoff Betts | 73 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| **James Harrison** | **67** | **0** | **9** | **1** | **0** |
| Brad Hartman | 63 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| **Mark Strickland** | **51** | **2** | **3** | **0** | **0** |
| **Aaron Mayer** | **45** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Richard Bender** | **40** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** |
| Abdur Khan | 37 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| **Dave Holderbaum** | **33** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **0** |
| **Heath Hommel** | **33** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **0** |
| **Jacon Avery** | **32** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Ryan Altizer** | **31** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jurron Kelly** | **10** | **90** | **9.0** | **0** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Shawn Shoemaker** | **14** | **374** | **26.7** | **1** |

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Kent St appeared to be making strides, going from one win in 95 to two in 96 and three in 97. Dean Pees was hired as the new head coach and 29 players left the program after his arrival. He changed the schemes both offensively and defensively in 98 and the results were their weakest effort as they went 0-11, being outscored by an avg of 41-13 and the defense allowed 474 ypg. Despite a lowly 2-9 finish, the 99 season provides a lot of optimism for this year. After getting walloped 41-3 in the opener, and having two other road losses by 40 and 43 points, Kent St did play well most of the season. They upset BG and only lost to Pitt by 7. They also held Marshall to its 3rd lowest offensive ouput of the year at 28 points and nearly upset Miami (Oh) and Akron, losing by 7 or less in each game. While the defense allowed 34.2 ppg, it was a 7 point improvement from 98 and the lowest allowed in over 5 years. That came despite starting 6 soph's and frosh on defense many times during the year. After having just 5 starters back on defense in 99, they should be much improved with 8 back this year and a more veteran 2 deep. They trimmed the ypc rushing allowed from 6.0 to 4.5. Pees (ex DC of Mich St) says they have played the same system on defense the last few years and will add some weapons to it this year. On offense they brought back a semblance of a rush attack as they went from 87 ypg to 138 ypg rushing with an adequate 3.7 ypc. They must replace their QB but the new starter will be surrounded by experience. Pees now has mostly his players and his systems well in place. Kent will pull some more surprises, and will improve on last year's two win total and possibly move up in the MAC East standings.

## 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

### OFFENSE

**QB Zach Williams Sr.** 6-4 205 *PS#147. 2 sts in 98, 317 yds (57%), 1-3 ratio. 7 gms in 99, 146 yds (65%), 0-1 ratio. Ben McDaniels (5-11 165 rFr) was PS#147.*

**FB DeMARLO ROZIER JR.** 5-10 205 *PS#115 in 98. 7 sts as true, 621 yds (3.4) & 23 rec (7.1). 5 sts ly (inj), 189 yds (4.7). Charles Newton (6-0 235 Fr) is PS#255.*

**RB CHANTE MURPHY JR.** 5-11 210 *55 yds, 22 KR (18.5) as rFr. 7 sts in 99, 676 yds (4.2), 20 rec (9.6). Booker Vann (5-10 215 So) PS#434, 243 yds rush (3.3), 6 rec ly.*

**WR JURRON KELLY JR.** 6-0 165 *5 sts as true, 31 rec (15.4), 13 PR (14.2), #1 MAC, 4 KR (17.5). 7 sts ly, 38 rec (9.3), 10 PR (9.0). Matt Curry 9 sts, 20 rec, 2 yrs.*

**WR JOSHUA BOSTICK JR.** 6-2 200 *PS#188WR in 98. 2 sts as true, 7 rec (10.1). 9 sts in 99, 19 rec (12.5). Mauric Medley (6-6 200 rFr) PS#124WR in 99.*

**TE Joel Reikowski So.** 6-5 250 *PS#98 in 98. 3 sts in 99, 11 gms, 9 rec (5.6). Good blocker. Ray Quinn (6-3 220 So). Brycen Erbe (6-4 255 So), Took over & started last 3 at LT in 99. Mike Jenkins (6-6 300 Fr) is PS#243.*

**C JEFF KRYSIAK SR.** 6-2 290 *6 sts at G in 97. 11 sts in 98 (3 at C, 8 at G). 11 sts at C in 99. Steve Smith (6-3 250 rFr) PS#285OL in 99.*

**RG BRIAN HALLETT JR.** 6-4 300 *PS#150, started last 3 as true, 465 bench. 11 sts at RG in 99. Deron Bowling (6-3 270 So) PS#292OL, 1 gm in 99.*

**LG JASON HUPP SR.** 6-3 315 *PS#415OL. 11 sts at LT in 98. 11 sts in 99 (8 at LT, L/ 3 at LG). Victor Vrabel (6-4 300 Jr) PS#305, 5 sts in 99.*

**RT Kevin Jamieson So.** 6-3 295 *PS#222OL in 98. 11 gms as 2nd str in 99 & lettered. Henry Rucker (6-3 300 rFr) PS#184 in 98. RS in 99.*

**LT CORY ZWICK SR.** 6-5 300 *1 game in 97 as rFr. Injured in 98. Took over & started last 3 at LT in 99. Mike Jenkins (6-6 300 Fr) is PS#243.*

**K DAVID PAVICH JR.** 6-1 165 *Hit 6 of 9 FG's as true in 98, L/35, 17-17 xp's. Hit 13 of 16 FG's in 99, L/44. Hit 10 of 11 from 30-49. 2 misses 50+.*

### DEFENSE

**DE Shawn Armstead So.** 6-4 240 *Hargrave in 98. 20 tkls, 3 tfl as true in 99. Nick Swatt (6-2 240 Fr) is PS#203. Delvin Barker (6-2 235 Fr) also at Hargrave.*

**DT AARON MAYER JR.** 6-2 275 *15 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 10 sts in 99, 45 tkls, 1 sk. Roy Attieh (6-2 300 So) Hargrave in 98. 2 sts in 99, 27 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu.*

**DT RICHARD BENDER SR.** 6-1 250 *PS#192 in 96, 6 tkls as true. 22 tkls in 98. 10 sts in 99, 40 tkls, 2 tfl. Brandon Bridges (6-2 285 So) PS#162DL, 24 tkls ly.*

**DE MARK STRICKLAND JR.** 6-1 245 *PS#260. 2 sts as rFr. 44 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 51 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. John Nurcyzk (6-4 250 So) PS#91DL, 19 tkls, 1 sk ly.*

**OLB RASHAN HALL JR.** 5-11 210 *8 sts as true, 96 tkls, 3 tfl. 10 sts ly, #1 w/125 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 pbu. Dave Holderbaum (6-2 215) 7 sts as true in 96. 1 st, 33 tkls ly.*

**ILB MATT RAYL SR.** 6-0 220 *9 sts, 81 tkls, 5 tfl in 98. 9 sts in 99, 103 tkls, 4 tfl. Heath Hommel was PS#130. 4 sts as true, 54 tkls. 2 sts, 33 tkls, 3 tfl in 99.*

**OLB JAMES HARRISON JR.** 6-1 245 *PS#178. 3 sts in 99, 67 tkls, 9 tfl. Ryan Altizer (6-1 230 Sr) 1 st in 97, 18 tkls. 10 sts in 98, 56 tkls, 1 tfl. 7 sts in 99, 31 tkls.*

**CB Nashville Dyer So.** 5-10 175 *5 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Jacon Avery (5-10 165 So) 2 sts at SS as true, 32 tkls. Keith Roberts (6-1 185 Fr) PS#215.*

**CB JUSTIN BAUGHAM SO.** 5-10 175 *Fork Union in 98. 6 sts as true in 99, 21 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 pbu, 101 return yds. Jarius Acle (5-11 165 rFr) PS#149DB.*

**SS Scott Booker So.** 6-1 195 *PS#350DB. Sam Sharp (5-11 190 Sr) 2 sts at SS in 97, 22 tkls, 1 pbu. Inj in 98 & still recovering in 99. PS#388DB.*

**FS Reggie Crook Jr.** 6-0 180 *PS#166DB, 18 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 7 gms in 99, 2 tkls. Robert James (6-3 205 So) 7 tkls as true. Cortell Smith (6-3 200 Jr).*

**P Jared Fritz So.** 6-2 185 *Good size, strong leg. 44.7 avg in HS. Reds here in 98. 8 punts in 99, 36.9 avg, 58 long. Added 15 lbs in 99.*

# LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year 3 players with starting experience returned and this year two are back. Barton Folse actually started more games than Derek Dyer last year but saw considerably less action, throwing for just 485 yds (56%) and rushing for 99 in an injury plagued season. Dyer (6-1 205 Jr) was PS#198. After throwing for 612 yds in 98 (39%), he threw for 1,066 yds last year (44.3%), with a 4-10 ratio. He has 4.5 speed and rushed for 481 yds. Nick Dugas (6-0 185 Fr) has 4.4 speed and is a rare HT as he was PS#30, but did not qualify. He was still trying to work out his academic status and was not on the roster in the spring, but could rejoin the team in the fall. He is my choice to win the starting job if he becomes eligible. Lance Domec (6-1 195 Sr) threw for 925 yds in 97 with 6 starts and had 76 yds rushing. In 98 he played in 7 games with 1 start throwing for 498 yds (43.8%) and a 4-3 ratio. Last year he appeared in just 2 games and was 0 for 3 passing. Baldwin also signed an HT this year in Jon Van Cleave (his top recruit). If Dyer remains the starter, I look for some improvement in his 2nd year of the new spread offense. If Dugas or Van Cleave take over the starting job, this should be one of the more improved units in the NCAA as LL has not topped 50% passing in 3 years.

**RUNNING BACKS** - For the second straight year all the top rushers return. Darren Brister has led the team in rushing in each of the last 2 years. He had 646 yds (4.2) in 98 and 729 yds last year but his ypc dropped to 3.7. John Bernard (6-1 205 Sr) was PS#79WR and after rushing for 492 yds (4.5) in 98 his numbers slipped a bit in an injury prone year with just 287 (2.9) in 99. Trikeith Miller (6-0 190 Jr) had 32 yds rushing (5.3). All three have sub 4.5 speed. Elvis Joseph had just 55 yds rushing and 77 yds receiving with 1 start and he departs. The top FB (when they use one) is Blake Bourque (6-1 225 So) who had 1 start. True frosh Russell Williams (PS#196) and Bobby Rose (PS #217) will contend. With almost everyone back, this unit can only be improved in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year LL had an extremely inexperienced receiving corps. They had lost Brandon Stokley who was actually a 4th round draft pick in the NFL and had 4 times as many receptions as the #2 man. Also starting TE Anthony Dozier was injured and missed the season. The top 2 TE's from 99 return (see lineups) and the 3rd stringer is James Martin (6-4 271 Sr) who is more of an offensive lineman. He played on the D-line before moving to TE last year. The WR's are now more experienced. Baldwin signed two more HT true frosh this year and with Andre George (soph) they add speed to a good sized unit. The lone loss is WR Jeremy Joshua who had 7 starts but just 10 rec's. Call this unit much improved in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This was Baldwin's most talked about position in the spring. At the wrap up of every practice, Baldwin commented on how the O-line was vastly improved over the 99 version. Last year LL had to replace 2 starters to graduation and then lost Mark Lamere (9 sts in 98) following shoulder surgery. Another 98 starter lost his job. This year the only losses are LG Jason Boyer (11 sts) and RG Ryan Childers (5 sts) and you will notice in the 2 deep I list below, six players return with starting experience. Since Baldwin commented on it every day, I will agree with his assessment that this should be a much improved offensive line in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year LL had to replace just 1 starter from the defensive front but Baldwin was concerned about the depth. They did return 3 starters but one lost his job and saw little playing time so basically 2 starters returned. This year they must replace 3 starters in NG Eugene Chambers (11 sts, 11 tfl), DE Matt Merry (9 sts, 9.5 tfl) and DE Danny Scott (7 sts, 16.5 tfl). Three players return with starting experience and Baldwin adds 2 JUCO's who redshirted last year and bring good size to the middle. He brings in a good crop of true frosh DL this year but I expect most to redshirt. LL still allowed 5.1 ypc rushing last season and recorded just 16 sacks. With the added talent this year, I'll call this unit improved, even though they are a little less experienced than they were heading into last season.

**LINEBACKERS** - Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns returned 2 starters to this position last year but Baldwin began a youth movement and the 2 senior returnees combined for just 11 starts, 56 tackles and 8 tfl. This year's only losses from the unit are MLB Dwayne Viator and WLB Gerald Stewart. Five players return with starting experience and while there are no HT's in the group, it is a very experienced unit and has good speed.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Last year this unit had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups to graduation while both a top notch JC transfer and a true frosh, who I expected to play, never made it to the fall roster. LL finished #111 in my pass defense rankings in 98 and improved a little bit last year to #97 allowing 55.2% with a 20-9 ratio. This year they must replace CB Charles Woods (11 sts, 26 tkls, 2 pbu) but should have everyone else back. A question mark is Curnell Schumack who had 11 starts last year, 2 int's and 5 pbu and needs to graduate (was Prop 48) to qualify for a 5th season. Should he do so, they have 5 players returning with starting experience. This should be the year Mike Merchant emerges as possibly the top DB here. Also Matt Cieslak was voted AA by The National Strength and Conditioning Association. He has 4.4 speed with a 335 bench and 605 lb squat. This unit has very experienced talent including the top 2 tacklers from last year, and I look for solid improvement in the pass defense numbers from 99.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Jerry Baldwin was the DL and special teams coach at LSU so I expect him to pay close attention to this unit throughout his career. As I forecasted last year, he found a different player to take over the PK duties and Brent Bergeron hit 7 of 11 FG's with a long of 39 as a reds frosh. His career long was 40 yds in HS. John Bernard avg'd 12.6 on 16 PR's in 98 but slipped some last year to 6.0 on 13 returns. Bernard also had a solid 20.2 avg on KR's in 98 but also dropped to 18.0 last year on 25 returns. Elvis Joseph had 9 KR's for 21.9, but he departs. I expect both return units to be improved this year. A new P must be found to replace Chris Shaw who averaged 40.3 last year. Grant Autrey took over the punting duties late last year, but only averaged 33.7. He is the top candidate for the job in 2000. LL ranked #79 in my special teams rankings in 1998 but with the weaker return games fell to #103. I expect better performance, and I'm sure Coach Baldwin does as well.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

LL had 3 straight winning seasons under Nelson Stokley from '93 to '95, but has now had 4 straight losing seasons. Stokley's 3rd straight lost him his job. New head coach Jerry Baldwin took over a team last year that had lost their 9 games by an average of 30 ppg with a defense that allowed 41.2 ppg and 5.2 ypc rushing. LL finished with an identical 2-9 record last year and the stats were almost identical with the exception of the defense giving up almost 4 pts less per game and 71 ypg less. They suffered 3 shutout losses by a combined 137-0 but did give Tulane, Louis Tech and Texas Tech better games than expected. Baldwin has a veteran squad this year and teams usually make good sized improvement in the 2nd year of a new head coach as they are much better adjusted to the new schemes and terminology. Baldwin was very high on the offensive line in the spring and that should mean a much more productive offense with 10 starters returning. The defense can only be tougher with 7 starters back. Unfortunately the games vs their peers (like Mid Tenn St and UL Monroe) are on the road, but I do expect them to win at least one of those games. The Ragin' Cajuns (one name that hasn't changed here in 2 years) have just 5 wins the last 3 years but should double last year's win total.

# LOUISIANA-LFT (2-9) CONFERENCE: INDEPENDENT

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 10* DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN: Returning: 40 (18,20,2) Lost: 18 (6,11,1)

## LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 18.5 | 16 | 114 | 2.7 | 141 | 47.7 | 13.8 | +4 | 1999 | 8 | 37.7 | 23 | 219 | 5.1 | 220 | 55.2 | 11.6 |
| 7* | 18.1 | 16 | 118 | 3.0 | 182 | 45.7 | 16.6 | -9 | 1998 | 6 | 41.2 | 23 | 221 | 5.2 | 289 | 55.1 | 12.4 |
| 7 | 16.0 | 16 | 125 | 2.9 | 163 | 47.3 | 18.0 | -26 | 1997 | 5 | 50.3 | 22 | 282 | 6.2 | 194 | 50.4 | 9.5 |
| 7* | 27.6 | 22 | 128 | 3.2 | 278 | 52.9 | 14.7 | -4 | 1996 | 7 | 36.7 | 22 | 232 | 5.2 | 176 | 46.4 | 11.1 |
| 7 | 32.0 | 23 | 182 | 4.0 | 254 | 56.0 | 13.6 | -1 | 1995 | 7 | 25.0 | 17 | 125 | 3.5 | 191 | 50.0 | 12.6 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Oklahoma St | 7 | 32 - 14 | 0.4 | 4 - 19 | 47 | 6 | 33 | 49 - 204 | 4.2 | 10 - 24 | 154 | 4 | +1 |
| Texas Tech | 8 | 27 - 54 | 2.0 | 10 - 19 | 94 | 3 | 26 | 58 - 227 | 3.9 | 12 - 24 | 264 | 1 | +2 |
| at Houston | 12 | 44 - 42 | 1.0 | 10 - 20 | 67 | 3 | 21 | 41 - 350 | 8.5 | 10 - 21 | 115 | 0 | 0 |
| Mid Tenn St | 28 | 66 - 222 | 3.4 | 19 - 32 | 247 | 3 | 23 | 25 - 135 | 5.4 | 19 - 38 | 347 | 2 | +3 |
| Louisiana Tech | 23 | 48 - 99 | 2.1 | 17 - 37 | 160 | 4 | 20 | 33 - 288 | 8.7 | 9 - 23 | 213 | 1 | 0 |
| at Washington St | 20 | 46 - 130 | 2.8 | 15 - 35 | 155 | 4 | 17 | 31 - 162 | 5.2 | 14 - 27 | 271 | 0 | -2 |
| at Tulane | 17 | 43 - 236 | 5.5 | 10 - 25 | 186 | 4 | 32 | 38 - 188 | 5.1 | 37 - 52 | 396 | 1 | -1 |
| UL Monroe | 8 | 39 - 87 | 2.2 | 5 - 21 | 33 | 5 | 18 | 48 - 242 | 5.0 | 12 - 22 | 113 | 3 | +2 |
| at Arkansas St | 18 | 47 - 162 | 3.4 | 17 - 31 | 212 | 2 | 15 | 33 - 69 | 2.1 | 16 - 29 | 240 | 2 | +1 |
| at S Mississippi | 11 | 27 - (-26) | -1.0 | 19 - 32 | 154 | 7 | 20 | 44 - 187 | 4.3 | 13 - 17 | 225 | 0 | -1 |
| Wofford | 24 | 44 - 233 | 5.3 | 19 - 33 | 196 | 1 | 24 | 69 - 360 | 5.2 | 6 - 9 | 80 | 2 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 176 | 463 - 1253 | 2.7 | 145 - 304 | 1551 | 42 | 249 | 469 - 2412 | 5.1 | 158 - 286 | 2418 | 16 | +4 |
| AVERAGES | 16.0 | 42 - 114 | 2.7 | 13 - 28 | 141 | 3.8 | 23.0 | 43 - 219 | 5.1 | 14 - 26 | 220 | 1.5 | 0.4 |

## STADIUM: CAJUN FIELD (31,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 1-10 | 2-9 | 2-9 | 30-47 |
| ATS | 6-3 | 3-6 | 7-1 | 4-6 | 1-9 | 5-4 | 6-4 | 32-33 |
| Home Fav | 0-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 6-7 |
| Home Dog | 3-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-5 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 8-7 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-2 |
| Away Dog | 2-1 | 0-3 | 2-0 | 2-3 | 1-4 | 4-3 | 3-3 | 14-17 |
| Favorite | 1-1 | 3-3 | 4-1 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 10-9 |
| Dog | 5-2 | 0-3 | 3-0 | 3-3 | 1-9 | 5-4 | 5-3 | 22-24 |
| Grass | 5-3 | 3-4 | 6-1 | 4-5 | 1-5 | 4-3 | 4-3 | 27-24 |
| Artificial | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-4 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 5-9 |
| vs INDEP | 2-2 | 3-2 | 4-1 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 16-12 |
| vs Non-Conf | 4-1 | 0-4 | 3-0 | 3-4 | 0-6 | 2-3 | 4-3 | 16-21 |

## JERRY BALDWIN (Career 2-9)

**Baldwin's records at Lousiana-Lft**

2nd Year at Louisiana-Lft

| | |
|---|---|
| 2-9 | Straight Up |
| 6-4 | Vs The Spread |
| 4-4 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 2-1 | Vs Independents |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Jon Van Cleave 6-4 215 PS#51 |
| WR | Fred Stamps 5-11 175 PS#67 |
| OL | Brandon Savage 6-2 300 PS#157 |
| RB | Russell Williams 6-0 210 PS#196 |
| WR | Kellen Wright 5-11 175 PS#140 |
| RB | Bobby Rose 5-10 195 PS#217 |
| WR | Donovan Morgan 6-4 185 PS#178 |
| DL | D'Anthony Batiste 6-5 250 PS#200 |
| DL | Muncie Jones 6-2 245 PS#212 |
| OL | Paul Balensiefen 6-3 290 PS#346 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Darren Brister** | 195 | 814 | 85 | 729 | 4 | 3.7 |
| **John Bernard** | 98 | 325 | 38 | 287 | 7 | 2.9 |
| **Derek Dyer** | 108 | 481 | 240 | 241 | 4 | 2.2 |
| Elvis Joseph | 16 | 62 | 7 | 55 | 1 | 3.4 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Derek Dyer** | 203 | 90 | 44.3 | 1066 | 4 | 10 |
| Barton Folse | 98 | 55 | 56.1 | 485 | 1 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Marcus Wilridge** | 37 | 504 | 13.6 | 2 | 51 |
| **Desmond Williams** | 32 | 371 | 11.6 | 3 | 37 |
| **Cory Scott** | 19 | 192 | 10.1 | 0 | 29 |
| **Andre George** | 12 | 123 | 10.3 | 0 | 24 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chris Shaw | 61 | 2461 | 40.3 | - | - | 0 | - |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brent Bergeron** | 2-2 | 5-7 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 7-11 | 39 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kyries Hebert** | 99 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| **Charles Tillman** | 82 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| **Travis Schwartz** | 64 | 1.5 | 7 | 0 | 2 |
| **Willie Robinson** | 48 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Victor Hart** | 43 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Matt Cieslak** | 42 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Eugene Chambers | 41 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Danny Scott | 40 | 6.5 | 10 | 5 | 0 |
| **Walter Sampson** | 35 | 1.5 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Gerald Stewart | 29 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Dwayne Viator | 27 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Charles Woods | 26 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **John Bernard** | 13 | 78 | 6.0 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **John Bernard** | 25 | 450 | 18.0 | 0 |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DEREK DYER JR.** 6-1 205 *PS#198. 4.55 speed. 4 sts in 98, 612 yds pass (39%). 1066 yds in 99 (44%), 4-10 ratio.* ***Nick Dugas*** *(6-0 185 Fr) PS#30.*

**RB DARREN BRISTER SR.** 5-10 187 *PS#160. 3 sts, 545 yds (4.2) as true. RS 97. 8 sts, 646 yds (4.2), #1 in 98. 7 sts, 729 yds (3.7) in 99. John Bernard was PS#79.*

**WR DESMOND WILLIAMS SR.** 6-4 210 *PS#111. 2 sts in 97, 15 rec. 9 sts in 98, 11 rec. 9 sts in 99, #2 w/32 rec (11.6). Fred Stamps PS#67. Kellen Wright PS#140.*

**WR Cory Scott So.** 6-3 201 *3 sts as rFr, 19 rec (10.1) in 8 gms. Andre George (6-0 185 So) was PS#219, 4.48 speed, 12 rec (10.3) as true in 99.*

**WR MARCUS WILRIDGE JR.** 5-11 195 *5 sts as true, 19 rec (16.8). 7 sts in 99, 37 rec (13.6), #1 rec. 105 ret yds. James Stewart (6-0 185 rFr) PS#264WR.*

**TE RICHARD SANDUSKY SR.** 6-4 250 *PS#126TE in 96. 3 sts in 97, 5 rec. 2 sts in 98, 2 rec. 9 sts in 99, 3 rec. Brian Jones (6-2 206 So) 1 st as true, 6 rec (6.3).*

**C DAVID GAAR SR.** 6-2 264 *2 sts in 97. 7 sts in 98 (miss 3 inj). 10 sts in 99, 575 squat. 5.0 speed. 335 bench. Tony Hull (6-4 300 rFr) 5.0 speed.*

**RG Jesse Harmon Sr.** 6-4 275 *PS#415 & orig signed at LSU in 96. JC in 97 & 98. Garrett Charkalis (6-3 294 Jr) PS#372, lettered as bkup ly. Solid spring.*

**LG WAYNE SMITH SR.** 6-1 300 *JC trans in 99. 7 sts here at RG in 99. Dathan Juneau (6-1 247 rFr). Paul Balensiefen (6-3 290 Fr) is PS#346.*

**RT HENRY HELLESTINE SR.** 6-6 303 *PS#300OL in 97. PS#325JC in 99. 10 sts here in 99.* ***Mark Lamere*** *(6-6 300 Sr) 9 sts in 98. 540 squat, 4.87 speed.*

**LT JONATHON RAUSH SO.** 6-7 265 *4.9 speed. 11 sts as true frosh in 99! Added 10 lbs. Ryan Cade (6-5 281 Sr) 4 gms in 97. 2 sts in 98, 1 st in 99, 3 letters.*

**K BRENT BERGERON SO.** 5-9 157 *RS in 98. Hit 7 of 11 FG's in 99 as rFr, long of 39. 0 of 2 from 40+. 22-24 xp's. In HS career long was 40 yds.*

**DE Derrick Marshall Jr.** 6-3 255 *22 tkls in 6 career starts.* ***Charles Brown*** *(6-5 265 So) 11 sts, 26 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. Justin Venable (6-1 235 So) PS#191LB.*

**DT Charles Smith So.** 6-4 261 *9 gms as rFr, 8 tkls, 2 tfl. Darrell Cottonham (6-2 275 Jr) 13 sks, 2 yrs at JC. RS in 99. Brandon Savage is PS#157.*

**DT Christopher Gistorb Jr.** 6-2 270 *4.8 speed. JC trans ly & RS. Charles Watkins (6-4 300 rFr) PS#218, size & 4.9 speed. Greg Shuler (6-3 250 Jr).*

**DE WALTER SAMPSON SO.** 6-3 240 *PS#143, 2 tkls in 98, Med RS. 9 sts as rFr, 35 tkls, 8 tfl, Emmitt Holiday (6-4 214 rFr) 4.7 speed. Muncie Jones is PS#212.*

**SLB TRAVIS SCHWARTZ SR.** 6-0 220 *PS#303, 4.6 speed. 8 sts ly (inj) 64 tkls, 2 sks, 7 tfl. Ross Brupbacher (6-1 200 So) 3 sts, 24 tkls, 4 tfl in 99, 4.58 speed.*

**MLB Willie Robinson Sr.** 5-10 230 *3 sts ly, 48 tkls, 3 tfl. Kinante Venible (5-11 222 Jr) 4.58 spd, 360 bench, 6 tkls 1 tfl ly. Nate Heard (6-2 215 So) 1 st, 3 sks in 98.*

**WLB VICTOR HART SR.** 6-0 212 *4.54 spd. 5 sts, 35 tkls, 4 tfl in 97. 28 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 7 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 5 tfl. Antonio Floyd (6-1 219 rFr) PS#200, 4.6 spd.*

**CB Mike Merchant Sr.** 5-10 165 *PS#127DB & orig at* ***Pitt****. 14 tkls, 1 tfl here. Brad Franklin (6-1 181 Jr) 2 sts, 26 tkls, 1 int in 98. 4 sts, 1 int, 7 pbu ly.*

**CB CHARLES TILLMAN SO.** 6-1 180 *5 sts as true, 82 tkls, 1 tfl, 6 pbu. #2 tkl'r.* ***Curnell Schumack*** *(5-9 185 Sr) PS#221,* ***11 sts*** *in 99, 24 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu.*

**SS MATT CIESLAK JR.** 6-0 205 *4.4 speed, 335 bench, top athlete. 6 sts in 98, 76 tkls, 2 tfl. 8 sts in 99, 42 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 pbu. Jamal Smith (5-10 180 rFr).*

**FS KYRIES HEBERT JR.** 6-2 198 *PS#345DB, 11 sts in 99, #1 w/99 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Brian Deamer (6-2 190 So) 1 tkl in 98 & RS. 11 tkls in 6 gms in 99.*

**P Grant Autrey So.** 6-1 200 *Pooch punter in 99, 15 punts & 33.7 avg. Brent Bergeron (5-9 157 So) hit 7 of 11 FG's in 99 & is 2nd string.*

# LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 97 the Bulldogs had to replace record setting QB Jason Martin who left as the all-time Tech passing leader in every category. Tim Rattay (#7 DC of SF), who was the leading JUCO passer in 1996, became the starter. After 3 years, all that Rattay did was simply become #2 in NCAA history in career passing yards despite only playing 3 years compared to the other leaders who played 4 years. The QB spot figures to be a hotly contested position. Brian Stallworth (6-0 209 Jr) was PS#209 and got in 14 pass attempts in six games in 98 and last year played in 7 games including 1 start. He also threw the winning TD pass vs Alabama with :09 left. He is the one most familiar with the system and has completed 60% of his passes in 2 years. Phillip Deas (6-0 209 Jr) was PS#19 and originally signed at N Carolina. He saw action in just 1 game last year but now has 2 years in the system. This year's top signee is QB Luke McCown, and he may step right in and become a 4 year starter. Deas was my favorite to win the starter's job but he suffered a back injury in the offseason and did not play in the spring. Stallworth had a solid spring (including 29 of 42 for 390 yds in the spring game) and Bicknell is excited about the prospects of adding a mobile QB to an offense that really spreads out the opposition. I get the feeling Bicknell will be using the QB draw a lot this year. I like the talent of this group but naturally it is weaker without the likes of Rattay.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Louisiana Tech, with Rattay at QB, threw the ball close to 70% of the time. When they did run, Bobby Ray Tell was effective. He had 549 yards in 98 (5.4) and 552 last year (5.9). He usually split duties with John Simon who had 288 yards (6.4) in 98 and 134 (4.5) last year. Simon is more of a receiving back as he has 119 rec's (9.6) over the last two years and will be used as a fifth wideout at times. Tell is gone but Simon is back and Bicknell did recruit six RB's this year (See Newcomers). Two players not listed in the newcomers or in the two deep are Corey Addision (5-11 223 So) who had 33 yards in 99 and Terrence Jefferson (5-5 164 Jr) who moves over from DB. Call this unit a little weaker with the loss of Tell, but Simon should have an effective year.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year Tech had to replace superstar WR Troy Edwards (#1 DC of PIT) who had almost triple the amount of catches as the next closest receiver. Last year the WR's shared the duties much more evenly. Their top 3 WR's were a Jr and 2 Soph's and the TE was also a junior. Naturally they all return and this is an extremely veteran group which will aid the less experienced QB. Tech had FOUR players catch at least 60 passes last year which was the first time in NCAA IA history that has happened. I list the two deep below and they also add some quality true frosh. While the numbers may not match last year with the young O-line and QB, this unit is solidly improved and also more experienced than last year's group.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 1999 the O-line welcomed back 4 senior starters and after allowing just 17 sacks in 601 pass attempts in 98, they yielded 24 sacks in 566 passes, still a top notch achievement. This year the losses are heavy as they must replace RG Rob Koontz (11 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Robert Skapura (10 sts, 2 yr st'r), C David St. Marie (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LT Joey Chustz (11 sts, 4 yr st'r, #4 DC of JAX). I list the 2 deep below and there are 2 promising JUCO transfers that should play immediately and I list Tywoin Breaux as a starter. This group has great size, averaging over 300 lbs per man, but is clearly a lot less experienced than last year and will take some time to gel into the formidable unit similar to the past few years.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year Tech had a veteran front with 4 senior starters and they put a little more pressure on opposing QB's and allowed less yards rushing for the season than they did in 98. This year the losses are big. Gone are DE Desmond Nunnery (11 sts, 46 tkls, 9.5 tfl), NG Otis Pitts (11 sts, 53 tkls, 11.5 tfl), DT Jerome King (PS#35, 2.5 sks), DE Jarrett Procell (11 sts, 38 tkls, 8 tfl), DE Chris Willis (11 tkls, 3 tfl), DT Matt Tyler (4 tkls, 2 tfl) and NG Steve Walker (2 tkls). There is a spattering of experience in the 2 deep below and a few HT's plus Bicknell has brought in 3 JUCO's who should play right away and I list them in the 2 deep as well. He also brings in 2 backup LB's to add athleticism to the unit. This has the makings of a decent group, but is very short on experience and is clearly weaker in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - A year ago Tech returned 2 of 3 starters including their #1 and #3 tackler but had to replace their #2 tackler and top backup. This year they lose their top tackler in MLB Damon Harrington (PS#190, 122 tkls, 5 tfl) as well as backup LB's Nathan Darby (27 tkls, 3 tfl) and Derrick Parker (28 tkls, 3 tfl). They move starting SS Bobby Gray into the MLB spot and also add a top notch JUCO in Mondale Bates who was in for the spring. Basically with the insertion of Gray, 3 starters return to the LB corps making it a very experienced group, and I'll call it an improved one in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 97 the Bulldogs finished #33 in my pass defense rankings but dropped all the way to #85 in 98 despite replacing just 1 starter. Last year 3 starters were back again and this time LT made some improvements, moving up to #70 while allowing 56.1% with a 12-12 ratio. This year they must replace 2 starters. Gone are CB Fred Lewis (11 sts, 47 tkls, 1 int, 14 pbu) and Gray who moves to MLB. They also lose a couple of backups in Dewey Simpson (12 tkls, 1 tfl) and Clint Davis (1 st, 15 tkls). There are some HT's in the secondary and Bicknell has 3 JUCO's that came in last year that should be far more productive in their 2nd year in the system. I list them in the 2 deep below. While this year's DB's are less experienced, they should not drop too much in the pass defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Louisiana Tech ranked a poor 107th in special teams rankings in 98 but last year improved up to 84th. Caleb Price, a transfer from Nicholls St, took over the P duties and did an adequate job but departs. I like the two P's listed below who are competing to take his place. All the top KR's and PR's return and John Simon averaged a super 24.7 on 15 KR's. They also lose K Kevin Pond who hit 8 of 11 FG's with a long of 42. Two players will battle for his spot and I list them below. This is not an overwhelming group but with the majority of the players back, I look for slight improvement in the special teams rankings this year.

# LOUISIANA TECH (8-3)

CONFERENCE: **INDEPENDENT**

RETURNING STARTERS:
**OFFENSE: 6**
**DEFENSE: 5**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 37 (19,18,0)**
**Lost: 21 (8,11,2)**

## LOUISIANA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS -DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 35.4 | 25 | 68 | 2.9 | 403 | 65.7 | 13.3 | +6 | 1999 | 9 | 27.8 | 23 | 165 | 4.1 | 210 | 56.1 | 13.5 |
| 6* | 41.1 | 26 | 110 | 4.5 | 432 | 66.9 | 13.2 | +2 | 1998 | 7 | 33.5 | 23 | 173 | 4.2 | 232 | 56.5 | 12.1 |
| 7 | 33.1 | 24 | 136 | 4.7 | 360 | 60.6 | 15.0 | +5 | 1997 | 8 | 25.5 | 24 | 154 | 3.8 | 240 | 51.0 | 15.4 |
| 7* | 31.9 | 22 | 107 | 3.8 | 343 | 58.6 | 14.1 | 0 | 1996 | 4 | 31.1 | 23 | 203 | 4.6 | 209 | 54.7 | 13.2 |
| 9 | 29.0 | 22 | 191 | 5.3 | 259 | 55.0 | 15.5 | +1 | 1995 | 4 | 33.7 | 23 | 168 | 4.3 | 281 | 58.0 | 13.3 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Florida St | 16 | 17-19 | 1.1 | 31-52 | 250 | 1 | | 24 | 37-128 | 3.5 | 25-42 | 290 | 3 | -2 |
| Texas A&M | 27 | 20-10 | 0.5 | 47-68 | 360 | 1 | | 24 | 40-219 | 5.5 | 17-28 | 252 | 1 | 0 |
| Sam Houston St | 21 | 31-108 | 3.5 | 23-28 | 359 | 0 | | 28 | 53-158 | 3.0 | 15-28 | 174 | 4 | +4 |
| at Alabama | 24 | 27-16 | 0.6 | 29-52 | 400 | 7 | | 17 | 41-202 | 4.9 | 8-20 | 104 | 2 | +1 |
| at Louisiana-Lft | 20 | 33-288 | 8.7 | 9-23 | 213 | 1 | | 23 | 48-99 | 2.1 | 17-37 | 160 | 4 | 0 |
| Mid Tenn St | 37 | 34-200 | 5.9 | 44-59 | 439 | 1 | | 20 | 21-37 | 1.8 | 31-43 | 284 | 4 | -1 |
| at C Florida | 30 | 17-(-7) | -0.4 | 47-63 | 597 | 1 | | 27 | 27-155 | 5.7 | 27-49 | 336 | 1 | 0 |
| at Toledo | 27 | 20-38 | 1.9 | 44-66 | 508 | 2 | | 20 | 40-179 | 4.5 | 22-38 | 200 | 2 | +1 |
| at Alabama-Birm | 20 | 20-17 | 0.9 | 25-35 | 466 | 4 | | 24 | 56-270 | 4.8 | 14-30 | 144 | 1 | +2 |
| UL Monroe | 24 | 24-23 | 1.0 | 38-52 | 437 | 3 | | 21 | 29-61 | 2.1 | 23-39 | 232 | 5 | +4 |
| at USC | 24 | 13-35 | 2.7 | 35-68 | 405 | 3 | | 27 | 55-309 | 5.6 | 11-20 | 137 | 0 | -3 |
| TOTALS | 270 | 256-747 | 2.9 | 372-566 | 4434 | 24 | | 255 | 447-1817 | 4.1 | 210-374 | 2313 | 27 | +6 |
| AVERAGES | 24.6 | 23-68 | 2.9 | 34-51 | 403 | 2.2 | | 23.2 | 41-165 | 4.1 | 19-34 | 210 | 2.5 | 0.5 |

## STADIUM: JOE AILLET (30,600)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 2-9 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 9-2 | 6-6 | 8-3 | 39-39 |
| ATS | 4-4 | 2-7 | 5-4 | 5-4 | 6-5 | 7-4 | 6-4 | 35-32 |
| Home Fav | 1-0 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 9-7 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 4-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 9-4 |
| Away Dog | 3-4 | 0-4 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 2-1 | 13-18 |
| Favorite | 1-0 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-1 | 4-2 | 18-11 |
| Dog | 3-4 | 0-5 | 3-3 | 4-2 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 17-20 |
| Grass | 4-4 | 1-4 | 5-3 | 4-3 | 6-4 | 6-3 | 5-4 | 31-25 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 4-7 |
| vs INDEP | 3-1 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 4-1 | 2-2 | 14-14 |
| vs Non-INDEP | 1-3 | 1-3 | 3-2 | 5-2 | 4-3 | 3-3 | 4-2 | 21-18 |

## JACK BICKNELL III (Career 8-3)

**Bicknell's records at Louisiana Tech**

2nd Year at Louisiana Tech
8-3 Straight Up
6-4 Vs The Spread
0-1 Off A S/U Loss
2-2 Vs INDEP

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

QB Luke McCown 6-4 190 PS#36
DB Erick Franklin 6-0 185 PS#103
RB Michael Johnson 5-10 165 PS#164
LB Mondale Bates 6-1 220 PS#121JC
DB Lawrence Atkinson 6-1 195 PS#153
DL Jamie Nichols 6-3 290 PS#197JC
RB Tramissian Davis 6-1 170 PS#254
DL Clint Ellsworth 6-4 270 PS#240JC
DB Corey Brazil 5-8 190 PS#219
TE Aaron Capps 6-6 225 PS#99

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bobby Ray Tell | 94 | 582 | 30 | 552 | 5 | 5.9 |
| **John Simon** | **30** | **143** | **9** | **134** | **2** | **4.5** |
| Terry Pratt | 17 | 100 | 3 | 97 | 1 | 5.7 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tim Rattay | 516 | 342 | 66.3 | 3922 | 35 | 12 |
| **Brian Stallworth** | **49** | **29** | **59.2** | **476** | **3** | **0** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **James Jordan** | **81** | **824** | **10.2** | **11** | **28** |
| **John Simon** | **79** | **757** | **9.6** | **2** | **49** |
| **Delwyn Daigre** | **77** | **1084** | **14.1** | **9** | **67** |
| **Sean Cangelosi** | **62** | **943** | **15.2** | **10** | **50** |
| **Allen Stark** | **18** | **272** | **15.1** | **2** | **42** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Caleb Price | 43 | 1599 | 37.2 | - | 33.7 | 0 | 6 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kevin Pond | 3-3 | 4-5 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 8-11 | 42 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Damon Harrington | 122 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| **Quincy Stewart** | **112** | **1.5** | **4** | **2** | **2** |
| **Bobby Gray** | **85** | **0** | **2** | **4** | **1** |
| **Michael Lenard** | **70** | **0** | **1** | **3** | **1** |
| Otis Pitts | 53 | 3.5 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| **Brian Bradford** | **52** | **2** | **5** | **2** | **0** |
| Fred Lewis | 47 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 1 |
| Desmond Nunnery | 46 | 3.5 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| **Willie Sheppard** | **43** | **1** | **1** | **3** | **0** |
| Jarrett Procell | 38 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| **Roderick Pernetter** | **29** | **0** | **0** | **7** | **1** |
| Derrick Parker | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Nathan Darby | 27 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sean Cangelosi** | **13** | **87** | **6.7** | **0** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **John Simon** | **15** | **371** | **24.7** | **0** |

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Louisiana Tech had some fine seasons as a IAA member including the late 60's when Terry Bradshaw was their starting QB. They moved to IA ball in 1989 and after having 3 consecutive winning seasons then were rocked by 4 straight losing seasons. Gary Crowton came in 1996 and guided the team to a 9-2 record in 1997 and deserved a bowl bid, but did not get one. Jack Bicknell III was Crowton's O-line coach and stepped up to the head job. He inherited super QB Tim Rattay but a tough schedule. Last year Tech faced Florida St, Texas A&M and Alabama in 3 of their first 4 games. They upset top 10 ranked Alabama and had they beaten USC in the season finale, probably would have gone to a bowl, but their 8-3 record was a solid accomplishment. They also outplayed national champ Florida St in the 1H of their opener. LT got into the AP Top 25 for the first time in school history, ranking 25th on November 22nd. LT landed a berth in the WAC conference for the year 2001, and will likely use this as a rebuilding year to get ready for conference play. They have 8 road games this year and look forward to having 4 home and 4 road games in conference play in the future. LT loses Rattay who threw for the 2nd most yards in NCAA history as well as 4 OL, its starting RB and 5 starters from the defensive front seven. The defense was criticized for giving up the big play in 98 but last year allowed just 1 pass play of 50 yards or longer the entire year and only 1 run of 30 yards or more as the undersized unit performed well. In this rebuilding year games vs Kansas St, Penn St, Auburn and Miami (Fla) are unwinnable and even with 12 games, matching last year's 8 win total appears out of reach.

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Brian Stallworth Jr.** 6-0 209 *has 567 yds (60%), 3-0 ratio, 2 yrs. Phillip Deas (6-0 209 Jr) PS#19 in 97. Trans from NCar in 98. Luke McCown is PS#36.*
**RB John Simon Jr.** 5-9 192 *6 sts in 98, 288 yds (6.4), 40 rec (9.6). 2 sts in 99, 134 rush (4.5) #2 rec w/79 (9.6). Arthur Jefferson (5-7 194 So) had 183 total yds.*
**WR JAMES JORDAN JR.** 6-1 232 *#2 rec as rFr, 56 rec (11.8). 11 sts in 98, 81 rec (#1), 10.2. Faheem Ali had 13 rec (10.1). Sam Washington (6-1 176 rFr) PS#114.*
**XR DELWYN DAIGRE JR.** 5-11 210 *PS#160. 11 sts as rFr, 40 rec (13.5). 11 sts in 99, 77 rec (14.1). Allen Stark (6-2 187 Jr) had 18 rec (15.1) in 99. Big & fast.*
**ZR SEAN CANGELOSI SR.** 6-4 214 *PS#73 in 96. #4 w/27 rec (12.3) as rFr. 33 rec (13.3) in 98. 10 sts in 99, 62 rec (15.2). Corey Berlin had 5 rec.*
**TE DAVID NEWMAN SR.** 6-6 250 *109 yds at QB in 97, +25 lbs, TE in 98, 20 rec (12.3). 9 sts in 99, 11 rec (9.3). Major Richmond (6-3 215 So) had 2 rec (14.5) as true.*
**C Kiso Aab Jr.** 6-1 290 *6 gms in 98 & lettered. Was backup in 99, lettered. Selby Brown (6-3 271 Sr) JUCO trans in 98, RS. Lettered in 99.*
**RG Shannon Babineaux Jr.** 6-3 312 *PS#391 in 97. 5 gms in 98, 2nd string in 99, 2 letters. Thomas Coury (6-4 355 Sr) PS#298JC. Ryan Porter (6-3 280 rFr).*
**LG RANDY RICHARD JR.** 6-4 310 *PS#440. 4 gms in 98, lettered. 10 sts at LG in 99, 2 letters. Shawn Murff (6-3 297 So) PS#442, 2nd string & lettered ly.*
**RT Tywoin Breaux Jr.** 6-6 320 *PS#53JUCO this year, in for fall. Damon Lavergne (6-6 364 So) 2nd string in 99. Michael Gilmore (6-4 288 rFr).*
**LT Terrance Sykes Sr.** 6-5 312 *PS#102JC in 99. 2 sts here in 99 at OT. Logan Hulett (6-6 287 So) PS#436 in 98. Justin Durbin (6-4 238 So).*
**K Trent Wierick Jr.** 6-1 178 *Handled KO's in 98 as true & hit 6 of 6 FG's w/long of 38. Josh Scobee (6-1 165 Fr) is PS#75 will contend.*

**DE Curtis Randall So.** 6-2 218 *PS#143LB in 98. 19 tkls, 2.5 tfl at OLB ly. Carlin Thomas (6-3 235 So) 19 tkls, 3.5 tfl. Michael Phelps (6-4 275 Jr) is JC.*
**DT Mickey Clark Sr.** 6-2 270 *33 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 yrs. Clint Ellsworth (6-4 270 So) PS#240JC. Quincy Myles (6-2 308 So). Adam Bass PS#203.*
**DT Jamie Nichols Jr.** 6-3 290 *PS#68LB in 97 & signed at Ole Miss. 101 tkls at JC ly. Michael Boone (6-2 250 Sr) PS#288LB, 5 tfl ly. Harry Frank (6-7 264 So) PS#80I*
**DE Foster Bradberry Jr.** 6-3 223 *PS#134DL. 11 tkls, 6 tfl in 98, 10 tkls, 4 tfl in 99. Brandon Avance (6-3 236 So) PS#304LB, 22 tkls ly. Gerome Wallace (6-1 229 So).*
**SLB BRIAN BRADFORD SR.** 6-0 210 *8 tkls in 97 & 98. 11 sts in 99, 52 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. Thadrick Love (5-11 191 So) PS#307. Sheldon Pearl (6-1 219 rFr) PS#323LB.*
**MLB BOBBY GRAY JR.** 6-1 209 *PS#145DB. 10 sts in 98, 83 tkls, 2 tfl. 10 sts at SS in 99, 85 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Mondale Bates (6-1 230 Jr) PS#121JC in for spring.*
**ZIP QUINCY STEWART SR.** 6-0 203 *33 tkls in 97. 8 sts in 98, 111 tkls, 5 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 112 tkls, 5.5 tfl. Jonte Price (5-11 208 rFr) PS#339. Antonio Crow (6-0 210 rFr) PS#235QB.*
**CB RODERICK PERNETTER SR.** 5-10 190 *PS#298. 9 sts, 30 tkls, 6 tfl, 10 pbu in 97. 30 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu in 98. 9 sts in 99, 29 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. Jason Ollord (5-11 177 Jr) JC ly.*
**CB Willie Sheppard So.** 5-9 200 *2 sts as true, 43 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl, 3 pbu. Kerry Davis (5-10 169 Jr) PS#147WR, 8 tkls in 98. 1 st, 22 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu ly.*
**SS Montoya Gipson Jr.** 6-1 203 *PS#289DB in 97. 12 tkls, 2 tfl in 99. Quincy Davis (5-10 192 Sr) PS#334JC in 99, 8 gms here ly, 15 tkls, 1 pbu.*
**FS MICHAEL JOHN LENARD SO.** 6-0 202 *PS#100DB. 10 sts as rFr. 70 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Curtis Speller (5-11 185 Jr) PS#500JC. Jason Owens (5-11 215 Jr) 21 tkls, 1 sk.*
**P John Pruitt So.** 6-2 200 *12 punts in 98, 37.4 avg. Took redshirt season in 99. Josh Scobee (6-1 165 Fr) is PS#75 this year.*

# MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Chad Pennington finished 4th in the NCAA in career passing yardage and holds almost all of the MAC and Marshall's passing records. He was the 1st round DC of the New York Jets and threw for 4,006 yards (67.4%) with a 38-12 ratio. He will be tough to replace. Pruett has four capable candidates to choose from. Byron Leftwich (6-5 221 So) was PS#177QB. He has outstanding size and a cannon for an arm and has been the backup the last two years, throwing for 145 yards in limited action. Stephen Galbraith (6-0 209 Jr) was PS#62QB and originally signed at Memphis. He has attempted 47 passes in 2 years here with 1 start but completed just 36% with a 3-3 ratio. Will Fisher (6-4 206 So) was PS#44QB in 98 but has not seen action. This year's top frosh signee Kenny Irby also has a solid shot at winning the job. I like the talent available here but naturally this position is much weaker and less experienced than last year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Herd loses possibly their top RB ever here in Doug Chapman (#3 DC of MIN) who rushed for 819 yards (4.6). Chapman finished his Marshall career with 4,382 yards and last year was the only year that he did not top 1,000 as he missed a lot of action due to injuries. Backup Llow Turner (491 yards, 4.7) also departs. I list the top 3 RB's below. Chanston Rogers is an HT who gained 243 yards as a frosh but tore his ACL in spring. He is expected to return and compete for the starting job in August. Brandon Carey was a Prop 48 in 98 and may be the quickest RB that Pruett has had here. He did not see action last year but could be ready to emerge. They signed JC transfer Ernest Pitts who also could take the starter's job. Not listed below but in contention are Akia Brown (PS#94) who was academically ineligible last year and Jim Pertee (5-11 190 Jr) who was PS#161. I like the talent in this group but with the loss of its top two, it clearly looks weaker in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Herd had to replace two of its top three receivers and this year three of the top four are back including Nate Poole who was 1st Tm MAC. There's plenty of talent and experience with plenty of HT's in the two deep that I list below. Not included in the two deep are David Foye (6-1 202 Sr) who has 5 starts and 44 rec's in 3 years, Chris Martin (5-7 166 rFr) who was PS#178 and Andy Cowan (6-0 181 Sr, PS#146QB) who was backup QB most of last year and could make an impact with his position switch. JC transfer Chris Ray (6-0 180) may also have a big impact. While the statistics may not show it, since they are breaking in a brand new QB, this unit is more experienced and stronger than last year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Herd had a very veteran front with 3 returning starters. Four starters originally returned but it became 3 when one starter quit prior to the year. This year 3 depart in LG Irv Dotson (13 sts), C Jason Starkey (13 sts, 1st tm MAC) and LT Mike Guilliams (13 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2 time 1st tm all MAC). Marshall has allowed just 14 and 20 sacks the last 2 years and paved the way for a solid 4.1 ypc in 99. Two starters return and there are three JC's listed in the two deep plus a couple of HT's. Last year's unit topped 300 lbs per man and this year's is a little smaller and less experienced.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Marshall rotated 8 DL's on a regular basis. Last year they had to replace one starter but got a 98 starter back so basically had 4 returning starters and solid backup depth. This year they must replace DT Giradie Mercer (12 sts, 2 time 1st tm All MAC, **26 tfl**), DE Ron Puggi (12 sts, 9 tfl, 2nd tm MAC), DE Carlos Smith (1 st, 4 tfl), DT Dewayne Lewis (16 tkls, 4 tfl) and DL Will Hosaflook (3 tkls). They had to move some LB's and DE's into the DT position so they are smaller up front. I do like the depth provided by Addison and Washington who are both HT's, but overall this unit is less experienced and not as deep. While still a quality unit, it is clearly weaker than 1999.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Herd returned all 3 starters last year but this year must replace SLB Andre O'Neal (13 sts, 2nd tm MAC, #1 tkl'r) and WLB John Grace (12 sts, 1st tm MAC, #2 tkl'r, **20 tfl**). George Miller had 7 sts in 98 and was a backup last year and Max Yates earned 2nd team MAC honors in 99. They have the makings of a solid group and they rotated LB's on a regular basis. This unit is not as deep as last year and Trod Buggs is also seeing time at FB and that may lessen his duties at LB. This unit is clearly weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Marshall finished #58 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and last year returned all 4 starters including 2 players who earned 1st team all MAC honors and moved all the way up to #7 leading the NCAA with 26 int's and allowing just 52.5% with an 8-26 ratio. Marshall rotated 8 DB's into their playing lineup weekly. This year the only loss is FS Rogers Beckett (11 sts, 6 int, 6 pbu, 2 time 1st tm MAC, #2 DC of SD). Beckett did miss the last two games last year, so all 4 starters from the MAC Title Game and the bowl and 5 players with starting experience overall return. Once again, 2 players are back who earned 1st Team MAC honors and I'll call this unit just as good as last year's top notch secondary.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Marshall ranked #21 in my special teams rankings in 98 and had to replace their top P, PR and K Billy Malashevich was banged up during the season. The Herd still managed to finish #19 in my rankings last year. They had two big strengths. True frosh P Curtis Head did an incredible job especially putting the ball inside the 5 yard line and finished with a net of 37.8 and was 2nd Team MAC. James Williams (#6 DC of SEA) had 15 KR's with a super average of 32.9 and 1 TD. While Head is back and could improve, Williams must be replaced. Top PR Maurice Hines is back. JR Jenkins was forced to handle some of the kicking duties last year and will take over full-time this season. Also in the mix is Jason Witczak (6-0 176 Jr) who had a long FG of 46 yards in 1998 but missed his only 2 attempts last year. This group has the potential for another top 20 finish but the key will be a solid KR to replace Williams.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Marshall was the dominant team in the 90's in IAA ball and has stepped in and dominated the MAC in its first few seasons. Last year Marshall and Florida St were the only two undefeated teams in the country after the bowls, and they each beat their common opponent (Clemson) by 3 points in Death Valley. MU has the nation's longest Div IA win streak at 17 games and the nation's longest home winning streak at 31. They won more games in the 1990's than any other school in Div IA or IAA has ever won in a single decade. Head Coach Bob Pruett turned down the Houston coaching job and his 35-4 record in 3 years since moving to IA ball is the highest career winning percentage of any active coach. Last year's group was MU's most talented, but loses 16 seniors. MU became only the 3rd team to win the MAC Title 3 years in a row & dominated the All MAC team with 12 players making first team including 6 on defense. Last year's MU team had the most returning starters in the country (19). MU entered the Top 25 for the first time in school history last year and finished the year #10. No doubt this year's edition is weaker but will they be able to reload or will it be a rebuilding year? I can envision 3 or 4 losses this year but they still have enough in the tank to be playing in the MAC title game for a 4th straight year.

# MARSHALL (13-0)

CONFERENCE: **MAC**

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 5** **DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 45 (20,22,3)** **Lost: 19 (10,8,1)**

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

## MARSHALL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 35.6 | 22 | 141 | 4.1 | 316 | 66.6 | 12.8 | +16 | 1999 | 10 | 10.5 | 18 | 92 | 2.5 | 194 | 52.5 | 27.2 |
| 7* | 31.2 | 24 | 148 | 3.9 | 301 | 64.8 | 14.4 | +12 | 1998 | 5 | 18.2 | 18 | 124 | 3.0 | 203 | 54.4 | 17.8 |
| 3 | 37.2 | 23 | 140 | 4.5 | 310 | 58.0 | 12.1 | +5 | 1997 | 5 | 19.9 | 20 | 183 | 4.0 | 175 | 47.3 | 18.0 |
| 6* | 43.9 | 22 | 223 | 5.7 | 260 | 61.8 | 11.0 | +7 | 1996 | 10 | 14.0 | 17 | 122 | 3.2 | 195 | 52.9 | 22.7 |
| X | 33.9 | X | 232 | 5.1 | 189 | 59.0 | 12.4 | X | 1995 | X | 15.4 | X | 117 | 2.9 | 109 | 50.0 | 14.7 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at Clemson | 16 | 26-61 | 2.3 | 29-45 | 333 | 4 | 19 | 34-104 | 3.1 | 27-42 | 244 | 2 | -1 |
| Liberty | 32 | 43-190 | 4.4 | 29-39 | 338 | 1 | 11 | 35-100 | 2.9 | 5-13 | 63 | 4 | +2 |
| Bowling Green | 21 | 36-204 | 5.7 | 15-31 | 257 | 0 | 17 | 40-68 | 1.7 | 16-36 | 179 | 4 | +0 |
| Temple | 30 | 44-186 | 4.2 | 27-39 | 407 | 1 | 14 | 28-28 | 1.0 | 21-39 | 157 | 3 | -1 |
| at Miami (Oh) | 18 | 37-107 | 2.9 | 18-35 | 294 | 1 | 23 | 39-98 | 2.5 | 19-43 | 253 | 7 | +4 |
| Toledo | 26 | 26-84 | 3.2 | 27-37 | 393 | 2 | 25 | 44-132 | 3.0 | 28-54 | 349 | 0 | +0 |
| at Buffalo | 21 | 34-186 | 5.5 | 24-35 | 381 | 1 | 12 | 43-109 | 2.5 | 10-25 | 87 | 2 | +2 |
| N Illinois | 26 | 32-180 | 5.6 | 26-33 | 288 | 1 | 17 | 37-69 | 1.9 | 18-34 | 200 | 3 | +0 |
| at Kent St | 19 | 35-119 | 3.4 | 19-25 | 209 | 1 | 25 | 41-163 | 4.0 | 22-38 | 195 | 0 | +2 |
| at W Michigan | 25 | 37-130 | 3.5 | 27-40 | 339 | 3 | 16 | 24-54 | 2.3 | 24-43 | 193 | 2 | +2 |
| Ohio Univ | 20 | 38-122 | 3.2 | 25-37 | 378 | 0 | 15 | 40-112 | 2.8 | 9-24 | 106 | 0 | +3 |
| W Mich (Cnf Chmp) | 19 | 26-114 | 4.4 | 20-31 | 284 | 2 | 30 | 45-171 | 3.8 | 27-41 | 282 | 3 | +0 |
| BYU (Bowl) | 14 | 31-147 | 4.7 | 17-28 | 207 | 3 | 12 | 30-(-16) | -0.5 | 16-29 | 220 | 8 | +3 |
| TOTALS | 287 | 445-1830 | 4.1 | 303-455 | 4108 | 20 | 236 | 480-1192 | 2.5 | 242-461 | 2528 | 38 | +16 |
| AVERAGES | 22 | 34-141 | 4.1 | 23-35 | 316 | 2 | 18 | 37-92 | 2.5 | 19-35 | 194 | 3 | +1 |

## STADIUM: MARSHALL UNIV STADIUM (30,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 11-4 | 12-2 | 12-3 | 15-0 | 10-2 | 11-1 | 12-0 | 83-12 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 10-2 | 4-6 | 8-3 | 23-11 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 5-0 | 3-2 | 4-2 | 13-4 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 0-4 | 4-1 | 6-6 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 4-0 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 7-1 | 3-6 | 8-3 | 19-10 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 4-0 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 4-0 | 6-3 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 9-0 | 3-4 | 4-3 | 17-7 |
| vs MAC | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 8-1 | 3-6 | 6-3 | 17-10 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 6-0 |

## BOB PRUETT (Career 50-4)

**Pruett's records at Marshall**

5th Year at Marshall

| | |
|---|---|
| 50-4 | Straight Up |
| 23-10 | Vs The Spread |
| 3-0 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 17-10 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| RB | Ernest Pitts 5-9 180 PS#7JC |
| QB | Kenny Irby 6-3 205 PS#32 |
| OL | Ricardo Phillips 6-5 280 PS#203 |
| WR | Chris Ray 6-0 180 PS#193JC |
| QB | Stan Hill 6-4 195 PS#130 |
| TE | Josh Cordell 6-5 261 PS#69 |
| QB | Andrew English 6-4 220 PS#136 |
| TE | Toby Bullock 6-5 285 PS#73 |
| RB | Ken Ramsey 5-11 185 PS#264 |
| DL | Josh Blakely 6-4 304 PS#239 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Doug Chapman | 178 | 861 | 42 | 819 | 14 | 4.6 |
| Llow Turner | 104 | 500 | 9 | 491 | 3 | 4.7 |
| **Chanston Rogers** | **58** | **246** | **3** | **243** | **2** | **4.2** |
| Chad Pennington | 64 | 212 | 119 | 93 | 2 | 1.4 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chad Pennington | 433 | 292 | 67.4 | 4006 | 38 | 12 |
| **Byron Leftwich** | **11** | **7** | **63.6** | **60** | **0** | **0** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nate Poole** | **73** | **1135** | **15.5** | **9** | **45** |
| James Williams | 52 | 975 | 18.8 | 13 | 71 |
| **Lanler Washington** | **44** | **365** | **8.3** | **2** | **30** |
| **David Foye** | **33** | **433** | **13.1** | **5** | **38** |
| Doug Chapman | 28 | 361 | 12.9 | 2 | 57 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Curtis Head** | **53** | **2188** | **41.3** | **-** | **37.8** | **0** | **17** |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Billy Malashevich | 4-5 | 1-3 | 3-3 | 0-0 | 8-11 | 42 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andre O'Neal | 125 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| John Grace | 116 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 3 |
| Rogers Beckett | 84 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| **Paul Toviessi** | **78** | **4** | **7** | **4** | **0** |
| Giradie Mercer | 78 | 5 | 21 | 5 | 1 |
| **Jimmy Parker** | **68** | **3** | **11** | **3** | **0** |
| **Doug Hodges** | **68** | **2** | **2** | **5** | **0** |
| **Maurice Hines** | **63** | **3** | **4** | **8** | **5** |
| **Max Yates** | **58** | **1** | **4** | **2** | **0** |
| Ron Puggi | 55 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| **Michael Owens** | **55** | **2** | **0** | **4** | **3** |
| **Danny Derricott** | **51** | **1** | **4** | **8** | **4** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Maurice Hines** | **19** | **155** | **8.2** | **0** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| James Williams | 15 | 493 | 32.9 | 1 |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Byron Leftwich So.** 6-5 221 *PS#177. 145 yds (58%), 2 yrs as backup. Stephen Galbraith was PS#62 trans from Mem, 1 st/2 Y. Kenny Irby PS#32.*
**RB Chanston Rogers So.** 5-9 201 *PS#40QB in 98. 9 gms as rFr, 243 yds (4.2). Brandon Carey (5-10 180 Jr) PS#155. Ernest Pitts (5-9 180) PS#7JC.*
**WR LANIER WASHINGTON SR.** 6-2 196 *PS#170. 2 sts, 24 rec (11.2) in 98. 9 sts in 99, #3 w/44 rec (8.3), 20 PR's (5.2). Curtis Jones (6-0 205 Jr) was PS#148.*
**WR NATE POOLE JR.** 6-1 186 *26 rec (9.9) as true. 8 sts in 98, 48 rec (12.8). 4x100 relay tm.* ***1st tm MAC in 99****, 13 sts, 73 rec (15.5). Size & speed.*
**WR John Cooper Sr.** 6-4 200 *Size & sprinter in HS. 7 sts in 98, 33 rec (12.3). 1 st in 99, 21 rec (15.7). Brian Greenleaf (5-8 159 So) was PS#69, 7 rec (8.4).*
**TE GREGG KELLETT JR.** 6-3 250 *11 sts as true, 13 rec (14.0). 13 sts in 99, 13 rec (14.4). Scott Pettit (6-2 242 Jr) was PS#112WR. 9 gms in 99, 3 rec (9.0).*
**C Jeff Edwards So.** 6-3 249 *PS# 322DL in 98. 2nd str LG in 99. Steve Content (6-1 260 Jr) PS#325JUCO in 99 & redshirt here.*
**RG JIMMY CABELLOS SR.** 6-4 310 *PS#415. Backup LT as rFr. 9 sts in 98. 13 sts in 99,* ***1st tm MAC****. Eric Krauss (6-2 268 rFr) PS#127 in 98.*
**LG Scott Harper Sr.** 6-4 285 *PS#325JC. 2nd string LT here in 99 & lettered. Chad Lusk (6-4 265 rFr) PS# 219DL was TE & OL in 99.*
**RT James Simons Sr.** 6-5 305 *PS# 229JUCO in 99 & redshirted. Originally PS# 253OL in 97. Jimmy Meeks (6-4 302 Jr) 2 letters as backup RT.*
**LT STEVE SCIULLO SO.** 6-5 315 *13 sts at RT as rFr. Paul Hardy (6-4 311 So) lettered in 99. Mark Gollihue (6-4 275 So) PS# 314 OL.*
**K J.R. Jenkins Sr.** 6-0 205 *PS#17K in 97. Handled KO's here last 3 yrs. 7 of 8 xp's in 96. 0-2 on FG's in 98. 3 of 5 FG's in 99, long of 30, 34-36 xp's.*

**DE Ralph Street Sr.** 6-0 240 *PS#223 LB, 10 tkls in 98. 37 tkls, #1 w/6 sks, 2 tfl in 99.* ***Bobby Addison*** *(6-3 255 So) PS#54 QB, 3 tfl as true.*
**DT Antony Beckett Sr.** 6-3 275 *PS#218 DL. 8 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. 1 st in 99, 32 tkls, 3 tfl, 4 pbu. Orlando Washington (6-1 244 So) PS#93 DL, 9 tkls, 4 tfl at DE.*
**NG JIMMY PARKER SR.** 6-3 279 *PS# 209. 2 sts at LB as true, 43 tkls. 11 sts in 98 (inj) 34 tkls, 4 tfl. 13 sts ly, 2nd tm MAC, 68 tkls, 3 sks, 11 tfl. Judd Tabor (6-1 237 Jr).*
**DE PAUL TOVIESSI SR.** 6-7 255 *42 tkls; 7 tfl as rFr. 2 sts, 2 sks in 98. 13 sts ly,* ***1st tm MAC****, 78 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl, 4 pbu. Nathan Leslie (6-3 246 rFr).*
**LB George Miller Sr.** 6-0 230 *PS# 208. 17 tkls, 3 tfl in 97.* ***7 sts****, 53 tkls, 4 tfl, 4 pbu in 98. 49 tkls, 6 tfl in 99. Duran Smith (5-10 229 So) 22 tkls as rFr, 1 pbu.*
**LB MAX YATES JR.** 6-2 225 *7 sts as true, 55 tkls. 1 tfl, 2 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 2nd tm MAC, 58 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl. Trod Buggs (5-10 214 Jr) 7 sts, 89 tkls, 2 yrs.*
**LB Alonzo Jones Sr.** 6-0 204 *4 tkls in 98. 1 st in 99, 24 tkls, 2 sks, 1 int, 2 pbu.* ***Sam Goines*** *(6-1 208 Jr) PS#152, 13 tkls as true. 10 tks in 99.*
**CB DANINELLE DERRICOTT SR.** 5-8 159 *12 sts, 60 tkls, 6 int, 7 pbu in 98. 13 sts, 4 int, 8 pbu in 99.* ***1st tm MAC twice****. Yancey Satterwhite (5-9 171 So) 26 tkls ly.*
**CB MAURICE HINES SR.** 5-7 186 *30 tkls, 4 pbu in 97. 13 sts, 58 tkls, 3 pbu, 2 int in 98.* ***1st tm MAC*** *ly, 5 int, 8 pbu, 7 tfl. Terrance Tarpley has 1 st, 19 tkls in 99.*
**ROV Michael Owens Jr.** 5-10 206 *40 tkls, 2 tfl in 98. 2 sts at FS in 99, 55 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu, 2 sks. Fardan Carter (5-8 176 Jr) PS#230, 11 tkls at CB 2 yrs.*
**FS DOUG HODGES SR.** 5-7 192 *11 sts at SS in 98, 50 tkls, 7 pbu. 13 sts ly, 68 tkls, 5 pbu. Denero Marriott (6-1 175 rFr) PS#115. Larry Davis 2 int, 2 pbu, 2 yrs.*
**P CURTIS HEAD SO.** 5-10 168 *Had 53 punts as true frosh in 1999, solid 41.3 avg, net of 37.8. 2nd Team MAC. 17 inside the 20.*

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# MIAMI (OH) REDHAWKS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Mike Bath enters his senior season and gets more impressive each year. He is now 17-5 as a starter and after throwing for 1,500 yards with a 12-8 ratio in his first year, threw for 2,525 yards with a single season record 24 TD passes and just 13 int's last season. The 2,525 yards passing was also a Miami single season record. Bath was PS#42QB and has good size and should have a huge senior season. Bath was #22 in the NCAA in pass efficiency last year and #3 in the NCAA in yards per pass attempt which accounts for his 46.8% completion percentage. John Schacke (6-1 196 Sr) was PS#147QB. He saw action in 3 games last year attempting 29 passes before tearing his ACL. It was his 2nd ACL injury in two years. Tom Pore (6-4 255 So) played in 4 games last year, in the backup role after Schacke went down. He moved to TE in the spring. True frosh Ben Roethlisberger (6-6 195) is PS#73 and may inherit the backup job, although Schacke should be 100% healthy this fall. As long as Bath stays healthy, he figures to have a big senior season and should get his completion percentage back above 50% while continuing to improve on his TD/int ratio.

**RUNNING BACKS** - RB Travis Prentice (#3 DC of CLE) was a Heisman candidate last year and his 5,596 yards rushing rates 5th all time in NCAA Div IA. He is the MAC's career all purpose yardage leader, and broke many NCAA scoring records. Prentice carried the ball 354 times and no other RB had more than 15 rush attempts. Prentice set an NCAA record for most consecutive carries w/o a fumble (862). That has helped Miami as a team lose only 3 fumbles over the last 2 years, an amazing statistic. Prentice's size and speed and NFL caliber talent are impossible to replace. Steve Little has 257 career yards rushing and Terry Liggin is a promising rFr although he was listed at WR in the spring. I am absolutely stunned that Hoeppner did not sign any HT true frosh RB's. Others competing in the mix are Andy Dooley (6-3 215 rFr), Daryl Robinson (5-11 210 rFr, PS#402) and Cooper Dennison (6-2 230 rFr, PS#495). They also have Calvin Murray (5-10 175 Fr) who was PS#434 last year, re-signed this year, and took part in the spring. The two FB's are Will Stanley (6-1 235 rFr, PS#402) and Julian Goodman (6-2 242 Jr) who has 16 tackles at LB the last 2 years. No doubt this unit is weaker than last year.

**RECEIVERS** - The Redhawks will miss a good one in WR Trevor Gaylor (#4 DC of SD) who had 4.38 speed, was 2nd Team MAC and was the 1st single season 1,000 yard receiver at Miami. At the start of last year Miami had 2 NFL caliber WR's with sub 4.4 speed. WR Sly Johnson was having a tremendous year avg'g 29.8 ypc and having 16 rec's but tore his ACL after just 4 games. Gaylor led the team with 53 rec's (19.4) and 11 TD's. They also lose WR Nate Sexton (8 sts) who had 19 rec's and a nifty 22.6 ypc. TE Mike Sullivan is back and Johnson returns from injury and should contend for 1st team All MAC. Also starting HB Nick Monk moves to LB this year. Getting Johnson back is a plus, but I'll call this unit down a notch in 2000.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The 98 version was an inexperienced one but paved the way to 4.6 ypc and only allowed 7 sacks in 225 pass attempts. The Redhawks had a veteran offensive front with all 5 starters returning and 8 players having starting experience in 99. Prior to the year Hoeppner said that he felt that they may have been one of the best OL's he's seen at Miami in the 13 years he has been here. The projected starting front 5 averaged 6-4 296. Last year's much more experienced offensive line did not live up to expectations as the team averaged just 3.5 ypc rushing and the OL allowed 36 sacks in 329 attempts in the new offense. Hoeppner said that he asked several of the returnees to get smaller rather than bigger. This year they must replace LG Bob Beinecke (10 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Chris Huelsman (8 sts, 2 yr st'r) and C Chris Kalafatis (11 sts, 3 yr st'r). Seven of the top 10 lettermen return and despite the fact that this year's line is less experienced, the numbers should not drop off too much and could even improve.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Miami had to replace 2 starters from the front wall last year but had one of the most active defensive fronts in the NCAA, accounting for 32 of the team's 38 sacks. Big news this year is that only one player departs in DT James Bratcher (2 sts, 31 tkls, 1 sk). The star is DT Andy Aracri who was #6 in the NCAA in tfl recording 9 sacks and 13 tfl along with 89 tackles and was named 1st Team MAC. I list the rest of the two deep below and 7 players recorded 2 or more sacks from this group. Gino DiGiandomenico had 18 tackles and 3 sacks in just 4 games before breaking his leg and he could put up big numbers if healthy for an entire season. Hoeppner also says rFr Phil Smith (PS#261DL) could be a contender for MU's Newcomer of the Year award. I'll call this the MAC's best defensive line.

**LINEBACKERS** - In 98 Miami allowed just 12.9 ppg, their best of the 90's, thanks in part to an experienced LB corps that returned 3 starters. Last year they had to replace 2 out of 3 starters including 2 time MAC Defensive POY JoJuan Armour. Not only did the unit have to replace their top 2 LB's, four LB's went down to season ending injuries at the start of the year. This year they must replace another MAC Defensive POY in OLB Dustin Cohen (11 sts, 12 tfl, #1 tkl'r, 11 pbu) and OLB Mike Yeager (11 sts, 116 tkls, 10 tfl). Nick Monk started 4 games at LB and also played HB on offense and looks to be this year's top LB. This unit looks to be in about the same shape as it was last year and can only be healthier.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Miami ranked #53 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and returned 5 players with starting experience with basically 3 full-time starters back last year. While Miami finished #20 in the NCAA in pass efficiency, keep in mind my rankings take into account strength of opponents faced and Miami took on a light slate of opposing QB's. They did finish a respectable #49 in my 99 pass defense rankings allowing just 48.2% with a 14-14 ratio. This year they must replace SS Versellias Hammond (10 sts, 124 tkls) and FS Bryan McCullough (7 sts, 71 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu). LB Matt Robillard, who had 3 starts prior to injury, moves to the SS spot and basically 5 players return with starting experience. Hoeppner also brought in JC transfer Tripp who was in for the spring and moves Ryan Sprague (5-11 180 rFr, PS#289RB) from WR. Both starting CB's have plenty of experience and speed and this should be one of the MAC's best secondaries this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Last year Miami had to replace its All Conference K but did return solid P Kent McCullough and their top returnmen. After finishing #50 in my special teams rankings in 98, they dropped some last year down to #61. McCullough's drop in net punting of 3.3 yards was the main culprit and he should regain his previous form. McCullough even had a 38.1 net punting average in 97, his best year. K Andy Brumbergs is back with experience and hit 9 of 13 FG's with a long of 42. Their top PR for 2 straight years has been Ty Buxton. He has been steady at 6.0 & 6.2 ypc and should improve in his 3rd year at that position. Miami is the school that has gone the longest without a punt return for a TD, dating all the way back to 1974, an ignominious feat. Steve Little & DeMarrio Jones return as the top 2 KR's. Jones had a 25.9 avg in 98 but slipped to 17.6 last year. Hoeppner made a coaching change, moving long time assistant Ron Johnson, his right-hand man, from the offensive backfield duties to special teams coach and says he's going to put his best players on the unit. With everyone back this unit is poised to return to the upper half of the special teams rankings in 2000.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

Miami was expected to contend for the MAC East Title and RB Travis Prentice for the Heisman. While neither of those panned out, Miami still had some bright spots in their 7-4 season including their opener where they went to Northwestern and beat ex-coach Walker, 28-3. Miami has now had six consecutive winning seasons but does have a tough schedule this year with only 4 home games. They have tough non-conference games at Vanderbilt and Ohio St. Last year Hoeppner debuted the "Mid-West Coast Offense." That would explain why even with the super talent of Travis Prentice, Miami averaged just 147 ypg rushing (3.5), and they had 43 scoring drives with 17 lasting less than :60. Three times Miami was limited to 300 yards or less vs MAC teams with losing records. Four times they had over 500 yards offense. Injuries wreaked havoc on the Miami defense last year. Miami had 6 returning starters but lost 4 LB's to season ending injuries and another for nearly half the season to injury. Those losses brought about Miami's worst defensive season as far as points allowed since 1986, and they allowed almost twice as many ppg as the year before. For the first time since 1993, Miami does not return an All MAC LB or DB. This year the stop unit should resemble their stronger units of past years as it loses only 6 lettermen. With that tough non-conference slate and few home games, they will need a solid season just to have a winning record but should be able to achieve that.

# MIAMI (OH) (7-4)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** EAST

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 4*** **DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 44 (21,20,3)** **Lost: 14 (8,6,0)**

## MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10* | 30.5 | 19 | 147 | 3.5 | 255 | 46.5 | 13.2 | +9 | 1999 | 6 | 24.0 | 20 | 169 | 3.5 | 206 | 48.2 | 15.6 |
| 5 | 28.8 | 19 | 226 | 4.6 | 143 | 51.6 | 12.8 | +9 | 1998 | 6 | 12.9 | 17 | 149 | 3.5 | 151 | 47.7 | 23.2 |
| 7* | 37.5 | 24 | 208 | 4.7 | 236 | 58.6 | 11.8 | +7 | 1997 | 6 | 24.4 | 17 | 149 | 3.5 | 149 | 50.6 | 12.2 |
| 7* | 24.8 | 17 | 172 | 4.2 | 146 | 53.9 | 12.8 | +10 | 1996 | 6 | 15.3 | 18 | 187 | 3.9 | 120 | 40.0 | 20.1 |
| 6 | 29.6 | 19 | 206 | 4.5 | 157 | 49.8 | 12.2 | +13 | 1995 | 4 | 15.0 | 15 | 111 | 2.8 | 141 | 45.5 | 16.7 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at Northwestern | 19 | 51-147 | 2.9 | 11-19 | 252 | 3 | 16 | 51-181 | 3.5 | 9-29 | 126 | 5 | +1 |
| at W Virginia | 24 | 41-152 | 3.7 | 17-39 | 393 | 0 | 25 | 40-210 | 5.3 | 20-36 | 235 | 2 | -4 |
| E Michigan | 21 | 51-139 | 2.7 | 18-37 | 365 | 3 | 17 | 44-106 | 2.4 | 17-37 | 208 | 7 | +2 |
| at C Michigan | 14 | 47-188 | 1.9 | 7-20 | 130 | 6 | 19 | 44-91 | 2.1 | 14-34 | 211 | 4 | +1 |
| Marshall | 23 | 39-98 | 2.5 | 19-43 | 253 | 7 | 18 | 37-107 | 2.9 | 18-35 | 294 | 1 | -4 |
| at Bowling Green | 20 | 38-194 | 5.1 | 15-22 | 309 | 2 | 28 | 52-187 | 3.6 | 18-37 | 242 | 2 | +1 |
| at Kent St | 17 | 53-116 | 2.2 | 9-24 | 132 | 3 | 15 | 34-91 | 2.7 | 20-38 | 175 | 5 | +1 |
| Cincinnati | 17 | 26-56 | 2.2 | 21-41 | 352 | 3 | 28 | 62-285 | 4.6 | 18-28 | 243 | 0 | +3 |
| Akron | 19 | 50-399 | 8.0 | 7-24 | 114 | 0 | 15 | 43-115 | 2.7 | 11-23 | 233 | 5 | +4 |
| at Ohio Univ | 18 | 34-52 | 1.5 | 17-35 | 248 | 0 | 25 | 73-345 | 4.7 | 8-16 | 131 | 3 | 0 |
| Buffalo | 18 | 38-175 | 4.6 | 12-25 | 257 | 2 | 19 | 50-138 | 2.8 | 17-40 | 163 | 8 | +4 |
| TOTALS | 210 | 468-1616 | 3.5 | 153-329 | 2805 | 29 | 225 | 530-1856 | 3.5 | 170-353 | 2261 | 42 | +9 |
| AVERAGES | 19.1 | 43-147 | 3.5 | 14-30 | 255 | 2.6 | 20.5 | 48-169 | 3.5 | 15-32 | 206 | 3.8 | 0.8 |

## STADIUM: YAGER STADIUM (30,012)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 5-5-1 | 8-2-1 | 6-5 | 8-3 | 10-1 | 7-4 | 48-27-2 |
| ATS | 4-7 | 8-2-1 | 8-3 | 6-5 | 8-3 | 6-5 | 3-7-1 | 43-32-2 |
| Home Fav | 0-3 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 1-2-1 | 14-10-1 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 7-2 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 14-9 |
| Away Dog | 1-4 | 1-1-1 | 3-0 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 8-11-1 |
| Favorite | 1-3 | 5-1 | 4-3 | 5-2 | 5-1 | 5-4 | 3-5-1 | 28-19-1 |
| Dog | 3-4 | 3-1-1 | 4-0 | 1-3 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 15-13-1 |
| Grass | 3-4 | 7-1 | 7-3 | 5-1 | 6-2 | 4-2 | 3-4-1 | 35-17-1 |
| Artificial | 1-3 | 1-1-1 | 1-0 | 1-4 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 0-3 | 8-15-1 |
| vs MAC | 4-5 | 7-1 | 5-3 | 6-2 | 6-2 | 4-4 | 2-5-1 | 34-22-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-2 | 1-1-1 | 3-0 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 9-10-1 |

**TERRY HOEPPNER (Career 7-4)**
**Hoeppner's records at Miami**

2nd Year at Miami (Oh)

| | |
|---|---|
| 7-4 | Straight Up |
| 3-7-1 | Vs The Spread |
| 2-1-1 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 2-5-1 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| QB | Ben Roethlisberger 6-6 195 PS#73 |
| RB | Terrell Jones 5-10 215 PS#166 |
| OL | David Rehker 6-5 308 PS#180 |
| DL | William Rueff 6-4 265 PS#150 |
| OL | Ben Hartings 6-4 240 PS#285 |
| QB | Jeremy Thompson 6-5 220 PS#168 |
| QB | Ryan Hawk 6-2 190 PS#172 |
| OL | Zac Elcess 6-5 260 PS#356 |
| RB | Andy Capper 6-2 240 PS#775 |
| WR | Mike Iriti 6-0 180 PS#425 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Travis Prentice | 354 | 1805 | 146 | 1659 | 17 | 4.7 |
| Geoffrey Bowman | 10 | 45 | 1 | 44 | 1 | 4.4 |
| **Steve Little** | **15** | **42** | **2** | **40** | **0** | **2.7** |
| Marcus Smith | 8 | 24 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 3.0 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mike Bath** | **295** | **138** | **46.8** | **2525** | **24** | **13** |
| **John Schacke** | **29** | **14** | **48.3** | **201** | **0** | **2** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trevor Gaylor | 53 | 1028 | 19.4 | 11 | 84 |
| **Ty Buxton** | **23** | **336** | **14.6** | **2** | **41** |
| Nate Sexton | 19 | 430 | 22.6 | 2 | 77 |
| Travis Prentice | 19 | 270 | 14.2 | 4 | 81 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kent McCullough | 73 | 2788 | 38.2 | - | 34.8 | 1 | 24 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Andy Brumbergs** | **2-3** | **3-3** | **4-5** | **0-2** | **9-13** | **42** |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dustin Cohen | 138 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 3 |
| Versellias Hammond | 124 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Mike Yeager | 116 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 3 |
| **Andy Aracri** | **89** | **9** | **14** | **0** | **0** |
| Bryan McCullough | 71 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| **Brandon Godsey** | **70** | **0** | **0** | **8** | **1** |
| **Bob Petrovic** | **60** | **6** | **5** | **2** | **0** |
| **Nick Monk** | **58** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **0** |
| **Jacob Yavasile** | **45** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **2** |
| **Brian Potter** | **43** | **5** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| **Michael Adams** | **39** | **0** | **1** | **6** | **1** |
| **DeMarrio Jones** | **34** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **1** |
| James Bratcher | 31 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ty Buxton** | **18** | **108** | **6.0** | **0** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Steve Little** | **14** | **311** | **22.2** | **0** |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB MIKE BATH SR.** 6-2 225 *PS#42 in 96. 125 total yds as rFr. 11 sts in 98, 1500 yds (51.7%), 12-8 ratio. 11 sts in 99, 2525 yds (46.8%), 24-13 ratio.*
**RB Steve Little Jr.** 5-10 206 *PS#308. 217 rush (4.8) as rFr. 40 yds (2.7), 311 KR yds in 99. Terry Liggin (5-10 180 rFr) was PS#212.*
**HB Adam Ward rFr.** 6-3 230 *PS#132TE in 99 Tom Pore (6-4 255 So) backup QB in 99. 4 gms. James Sterling (6-2 215 Fr) is PS#402RB.*
**WR Ty Buxton Sr.** 5-8 179 *6 rec (15.8) as rFr. 8 rec (5.1) & 174 PR yds in 98. #2 rec in 99 w/23 rec (14.6) & 108 PR yds. Eddie Tillitz (5-8 173 So) PS#102QB.*
**WR SLY JOHNSON SR.** 5-9 182 *4.3 speed. 5 sts, 20 rec (17.5) as true. 2 sts, 11 rec (11.9) in 98. 4 sts in 99, 16 rec (29.8!!) #2 in NCAA when tore ACL.*
**TE MIKE SULLIVAN SR.** 6-4 257 *PS#85. 2 rec as rFr. 11 sts in 98, 6 rec (16.5). Brett Billns (6-5 278 Sr) was OL in 96, 97 & 98. 1 rec at TE in 99. Big.*
**C Jeremy Lee Jr.** 6-4 272 *4 gms as rFr. 3 gms as 2nd string C in 99. Jacob Bell (6-5 260 rFr). Scott Sagehorn (6-3 210 So) PS#119QB is LS.*
**RG Paul Thaler Jr.** 6-3 281 *PS#235OL in 97. 4 sts in 98, 1 st in 99, 3 gms. Phil Hawk (6-5 300 Jr) 5 sts as true in 98. 8 gms in 99.*
**LG Jon Ryder Jr.** 6-4 306 *PS#67OL in 97. 5 gms as rFr. 1 st in 99, 10 gms. Brian Luebke (6-6 305 Sr) 1 st in 97, 2 sts in 98, 3 sts in 99.*
**RT JOE COSTELLO JR.** 6-6 300 *PS#373OL in 97. 5 sts as rFr in 98. 10 sts in 99, 2 letters. Lost 14 lbs this year. Ben Herrell (6-7 260 rFr).*
**LT ALEX SULFSTED SR.** 6-5 300 *3 gms as rFr. 8 sts at LT in 98. 8 sts at LT in 99. Justin Smith (6-5 291 So) PS#455OL in 98. 3 sts in 99. 4 gms.*
**K ANDY BRUMBERGS SO.** 6-5 217 *Add 12 lbs in 99. Hit 9 of 13 FG's with long of 42 as rFr including 4 of 5 from 40-49 but 0-2 from 50+.*

**DE BOB PETROVIC JR.** 6-5 251 *4.7 speed! 2 sts in 98, 28 tkls, 3 tfl. 8 sts in 99, 60 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl. Phil Smith (6-3 250 rFr) PS#261DL, impact newcomer.*
**DT ANDY ARACRI SR.** 6-2 279 *10 sts in 98, 43 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts ly, 1st tm MAC, 89 tkls, 9 sks, 13 tfl, #6 NCAA in tfl. Joe Lyman (6-1 258 Sr) 4 sts, 7 sks, 2 yrs.*
**DT RYAN TERRY SO.** 6-2 307 *8 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Gino DiGiandomenico (6-4 282 Jr) 27 tkls, 8 tfl in 98. 18 tkls, 3 sks in 4 gms til inj in 99.*
**DE BRIAN POTTER JR.** 6-2 251 *JC in 97. 16 tkls here in 98. 10 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 5 sks, 1 tfl in 99. Kurt Mester (6-4 263 So) 1 st, 23 tkls, 3 sks in 99.*
**OLB Mike Montogmery Sr.** 6-3 233 *PS#250. 15 tkls in 98. 1 st in 99 til inj. Eddie Price (5-11 221 So) 10 tkls as rFr. Vaughn Mitchell (6-1 195 rFr) PS#278.*
**MLB NICK MONK SR.** 6-0 238 *PS#113. 4 sts as rFr at HB, 266 yds. 5 sts in 98, 173 yds. 4 sts at LB in 99, 58 tkls. Andra Jackson (5-10 223) PS#192, 15 tkls ly.*
**OLB Nathan Clayton So.** 6-2 229 *PS#130RB. 5 tkls as rFr. Matt Edwards (6-2 234 So) PS#92RB. 9 tkls as true, tom ACL in 99. Gary Richardson had 1 st, 16 tkls ly.*
**CB MICHAEL ADAMS JR.** 5-8 186 *10.43 in 100m. Track tm. 5 sts, 9 pbu in 98. 11 sts, 1 int, 6 pbu in 99. DeMarrio Jones (5-11 189 Sr) 7 sts, 85 tkls, 4 int, 3 yrs.*
**CB BRANDON GODSEY SR.** 5-11 201 *4.4 speed & top weightlifter. 11 sts, 2 int, 4 pbu in 98. 11 sts, 1 int, 8 pbu, 70 tkls ly. Matt Bowen (6-2 213) 12 tkls, 2 pbu ly.*
**SS Matt Robillard So.** 6-3 215 *3 sts at LB til inj in 99. 28 tkls, 1 pbu. Paul Tripp (6-0 180 So) JC in for spring. Grant Crosthwaite (5-11 210 So).*
**FS Jacob Yavasile Sr.** 5-10 188 *PS#88JC (10 ints at JC in 98). 4 sts here, 45 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. Rod Clark (5-8 192 Jr) 9 tkls as true. 19 tkls in 99.*
**P KENT McCULLOUGH SR.** 6-2 212 *PS#66. 42.4 avg on 41 punts as true, 1st tm MAC! 62 punts in 98, 41.3 avg. 73 punts in 99 but only 38.2 avg. Also KO's.*

# MID TENNESSEE ST BLUE RAIDERS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Wes Counts returns for his 3rd year as a starter and has done very well. Playing in IAA ball in 98, he had a solid 11-2 ratio, completing 67% of his passes and was #16 in IAA in pass efficiency. Last year, Counts set the MTSU record for passing yds in a season with 2,603 while completing a solid 63.8% with a 14-13 ratio and rushing for 301 yds. Counts' numbers were helped by 4 games vs IAA teams. In those games he completed 71.4% with a 9-3 ratio, avg'g 272 ypg. Versus IA teams, his numbers were decent but not as strong, as he avg'd 216.3 ypg (60.6%) with a 5-10 ratio. I look for steady improvement from Counts in his second year facing IA defenses. Fred Smith (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#141 and threw for 4,506 yds while rushing for 1,280 in his HS career. The backup QB, Gabe Alaniz (PS#111), saw little action last year with just 3 passes but he departs. Jason Johnson is PS#70JUCO and Lance Phillips is a transfer from Ole Miss and both will contend. I like the Counts/Smith tandem as they have even more experience than last year, and will be improved. However, the numbers may not reflect the improvement as they face a total of 9 IA teams this year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year MTSU had to replace its leading rusher but returned starting TB Kelverrick Green and they moved to a one back offense. Green started 7 games and was #2 rusher with 333 yds (5.0) but he departs. Jamison Palmer was PS#45JUCO and McCollum's top recruit in 99. While not starting the majority of the games, he finished as the leading rusher with 548 yds (4.7). He is also a dangerous KR. He could become a top notch threat with a year of experience in IA ball. Dwone Hicks (5-11 212 So) was PS#228 and has 4.4 speed. He rushed for 182 yds (4.7) with 2 starts as a true frosh but the majority of his yds came vs overmatched 1-10 Tennessee Martin (104 yds). He was listed as co #1 TB out of spring. Tony Wesley (5-10 205 Jr) had 2 sts & 259 yds in 98 but saw limited action last year due to injuries. Don Calloway is PS #154 and almost broke Herschel Walker's GA state records and was that state's POY. Rashard Lee is PS #81QB and has 4.3 speed and will play RB here. I expect a good year out of Palmer and I like the added talent.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Blue Raiders had a very young receiving corps. They had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers. The top 3 rec's were all underclassmen so naturally all 3 return. I list the 2 deep below and Kendall Newson & Tyrone Calico both have solid size and speed. Hansford Johnson was very productive and is the quickest of the 3. He moves to the inside slot while Calico moves outside this year. Seven times last year they opened in a 4 WR set but when they use a TE, Xavier Hatnot was the starter. He also returns this year. McCollum landed a super WR this year in Kerry Wright (PS #34) who has 4.4 speed. Others not listed below that could contribute are Nick Payne (6-4 178 Sr), David Youell (5-11 177 So), Derrick Yates (5-10 192 Jr) and true frosh Hashem Joyner. Payne and Yates were both JUCO transfers last year with Payne nabbing two rec's and Yates redshirting. Youell had four receptions with one start. This group has much more experience than it had last year, is a year older and stronger, and has added some talent.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The O-line lost 3 starters and 1 backup due to graduation last year and then returning senior starter Kevin Richer ended up being 2nd string most of the year. The starting group ended up with just 1 returning starter and consisted of 5 juniors. They had just 2 players on the team that weighed over 300 lbs. This year all 5 starters return and will be playing their 2nd year in IA ball. I list the 2 deep below, and as you can tell this group now goes 3 deep in some areas and should be a much stronger unit in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Blue Raiders switched to the 3-4 defense and had basically everyone back on the defensive line. This year they must replace DE Jeff Thomas (6 sts, 2 tfl) but everyone else returns including five players with starting experience. Not listed in the two deep below are some potential contributors like Kelechukwu Oparah (6-2 263 rFr) who was PS#163, LeBron Elder (6-3 256 Sr) who has 8 career starts and 43 tackles, Joe Moos (6-2 240 rFr) who is solid in the weight room and a couple of true frosh signees. This group is bigger (but still on the small side) and more experienced. With the added talent, they should improve in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - MTSU had just one returning starter to this unit last year and this season must replace WLB Charlie Walker (6 sts, 62 tkls, 5 tfl), WLB Eugene Shaw (8 sts, 50 tkls, 5 tfl), MLB Kendall Solomon (7 sts, 42 tkls, 3 tfl) and WLB Kenta Sadler (1 st, 7 tkls). The Bandit and SLB's are slowly getting bigger and play on the line sometimes in a 5-2. Five players return with starting experience and I list the two deep below which does include a few HT's. Not listed but possible contributors are John Madrick (5-10 228 So) who was PS#225, Scott Brown (6-2 213 Jr) who has one start, 32 tackles, 5 tfl in 2 years and Bo Browne (6-0 218 Sr) who has 41 tackles in 3 years. This group has more experience, a little better size, and despite the unexpected losses of Solomon (quit team) and Shaw (career ending injury), should be stronger.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - It was a very young MTSU secondary last year and they finished #107 in my pass defense ratings, allowing 62.2%, 233 ypg and a 21-11 ratio. They tinkered with the unit often and 9 different players started. Of those 9, eight return with the only loss being CB Geno Henderson (3 sts, 18 tkls). They signed some solid true frosh but they could redshirt due to the veteran depth. This should be a much more experienced and stable unit.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Last year both the K and P returned but they had to replace both returnmen. They still finished a respectable #75 in my special teams rankings. This year the returnmen are veteran and Hansford Johnson was #17 in the NCAA in PR's with a nifty 13.0 avg. KR Jamison Palmer should improve in his 2nd season after a 19.7 avg. Both the K and P duties will be handled by nondescript walk-ons but P Robert Billings did show a solid leg in the spring. As long as the new K & P perform well, they could come close to last year's ranking.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

MTSU had just 58 scholarship players last spring in their move to IA ball. After a 5-5 season in IAA in 98 they were just 3-8 in 1999 losing all their games vs IA competition and going 3-1 versus IAA teams. Coach Andy McCollum is known as an excellent recruiter and should be able to bring the talent level up to IA standards quickly. A lot was written last year about MTSU's explosive offense but a good portion of their offensive numbers were put up in their 70-14 romp over overmatched Tennessee Martin and other IAA opponents. This year's slate is even tougher than last year's as they start off with trips to Illinois and Florida and have just two IAA teams on the schedule (they also play IA newcomer Connecticut). MTSU will join the Sun Belt Conference in 2001 which should help McCollum's recruiting. McCollum leads one of the youngest coaching staffs in the NCAA with 7 coaches under the age of 40. If you check my QB write-up, you see Wes Counts' stats changed along with the level of competition, and the team avg'd 4.8 ypc rushing vs IAA opponents but just 2.6 vs IA foes. With a veteran offensive front and 10 starters back on offense they will be more potent. The defense also has 8 starters back and loses just 6 lettermen, and will be stronger in their 2nd year of IA ball. They should win all 3 vs their IAA caliber opponents and have winnable IA games at home, so they should improve on last year's 3 win total.

# MID TENN ST (3-8) CONFERENCE: INDEPENDENT

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 10* DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN: Returning: 47 (22,24,1) Lost: 10 (3,6,1)

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
## *OFFENSE* - LAST 2 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5* | 24.7 | 20 | 111 | 3.5 | 246 | 63.9 | 14.5 | -5 | 1999 | 6 | 34.5 | 22 | 212 | 4.9 | 233 | 62.2 | 12.9 |
| 8 | 25.0 | 18 | 155 | 3.9 | 180 | 65.2 | 13.4 | +10 | 1998 | 10 | 25.6 | 19 | 156 | 4.2 | 225 | 58.6 | 14.9 |

Mid Tenn St is competing in their second and last season as a IA Independent. The Blue Raiders will join the Sun Belt Conference along with Arkansas State, Idaho, Louisiana-Lafayette, UL Monroe, New Mexico State and North Texas for the 2001 season.

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | ATT-CO | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | ATT-CO | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Miss St | 14 | 30-34 | 1.1 | 21-36 | 183 | 1 | 18 | 41-145 | 3.5 | 18-29 | 254 | 0 | -1 |
| at Arizona | 21 | 31-128 | 4.1 | 26-37 | 176 | 3 | 19 | 46-265 | 5.8 | 17-24 | 135 | 0 | -1 |
| Wofford | 28 | 46-240 | 5.2 | 26-31 | 362 | 1 | 27 | 56-318 | 5.7 | 14-18 | 174 | 0 | +3 |
| at Louisiana-Lft | 23 | 25-135 | 5.4 | 19-38 | 347 | 2 | 28 | 66-222 | 3.4 | 19-32 | 247 | 3 | -3 |
| Troy St | 27 | 37-158 | 4.3 | 26-43 | 331 | 3 | 17 | 37-152 | 4.1 | 20-29 | 390 | 0 | -1 |
| at Arkansas | 15 | 20-19 | 1.0 | 18-34 | 136 | 1 | 25 | 49-333 | 6.8 | 19-25 | 227 | 1 | -5 |
| at Louisiana Tech | 20 | 21-37 | 1.8 | 31-43 | 284 | 4 | 37 | 34-200 | 5.9 | 44-59 | 439 | 1 | +1 |
| at UL Monroe | 14 | 36-87 | 2.4 | 17-33 | 158 | 4 | 19 | 43-133 | 3.1 | 23-37 | 164 | 1 | -1 |
| Tenn-Martin | 23 | 39-246 | 6.3 | 14-18 | 181 | 1 | 10 | 29-93 | 3.2 | 11-30 | 156 | 1 | +2 |
| UCF | 20 | 27-48 | 1.3 | 30-48 | 319 | 4 | 29 | 44-323 | 7.3 | 20-36 | 208 | 2 | 0 |
| E Tennessee | 18 | 35-93 | 2.7 | 26-36 | 234 | 2 | 18 | 37-152 | 4.1 | 14-33 | 174 | 2 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 223 | 347-1225 | 3.5 | 254-397 | 2711 | 26 | 247 | 482-2336 | 4.8 | 219-352 | 2568 | 11 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 20.3 | 32-111 | 3.5 | 23-36 | 246 | 2.4 | 22.4 | 44-212 | 4.8 | 20-32 | 233 | 1.0 | -0.5 |

## STADIUM: JOHNNY "RED" FLOYD (30,788)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 6 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3-1 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 4-6 | 5-5 | 3-8 | 33-31-1 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 3-4 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-3 | 3-3 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 3-4 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-3 | 3-3 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| vs INDEP | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 1-3 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 |

**Andy McCollum (Career 3-8)**

McCollum's records at Mid Tenn St

2nd Year at Mid Tenn St

| | |
|---|---|
| 3-8 | Straight Up |
| 3-4 | Vs The Spread |
| 2-2 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 1-3 | Vs INDEP |

**TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000**

| | |
|---|---|
| WR | Kerry Wright 5-10 170 PS#34 |
| QB | Jason Johnson 6-2 210 PS#70JC |
| WR | Hashem Joyner 5-10 165 PS#91 |
| LB | Ron Akins 6-2 235 PS#118 |
| QB | Rashard Lee 6-0 217 PS#81 |
| RB | Don Calloway 5-8 180 PS#155 |
| RB | DeShaun O'Neal 6-0 195 PS#197 |
| DB | Joe McClendon 5-11 175 PS#143 |
| DL | Jerry Vanderpool 6-5 265 PS#218 |
| LB | Thomas Johnson 6-4 255 PS#242 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jamison Palmer** | 117 | 599 | 51 | 548 | 9 | 4.7 |
| Kelverrick Green | 66 | 345 | 12 | 333 | 4 | 5.0 |
| **Dwone Hicks** | 39 | 186 | 4 | 182 | 3 | 4.7 |
| **Wes Counts** | 91 | 301 | 220 | 81 | 3 | 0.9 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wes Counts** | 390 | 249 | 63.8 | 2603 | 14 | 13 |
| **Hansford Johnson** | 3 | 2 | 66.7 | 40 | 0 | 0 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kendall Newson** | 69 | 918 | 13.3 | 5 | 58 |
| **Tyrone Calico** | 65 | 695 | 10.7 | 5 | 44 |
| **Hansford Johnson** | 47 | 513 | 10.9 | 4 | 52 |
| **Jamison Palmer** | 27 | 231 | 8.6 | 0 | 47 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keegan Ray | 52 | 2213 | 42.6 | - | - | 1 | 10 |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keegan Ray | 3-4 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 4-10 | 33 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mario Kelso** | 106 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 |
| **Delvin Pikes** | 95 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Charlie Walker | 62 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| **Keith Pauldo** | 56 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Eugene Shaw | 50 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Terrance King** | 46 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| **Jykine Bradley** | 44 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| **Jermaine Francis** | 44 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Kendall Solomon | 42 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| **Marcus Harvey** | 39 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| **Martez Phelps** | 38 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Chris Johnson** | 36 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Glenn Jones** | 26 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hansford Johnson** | 21 | 272 | 13.0 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jamison Palmer** | 29 | 572 | 19.7 | 0 |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB WES COUNTS JR.** 6-1 187 *9 sts in 98 as rFr, 1541 yds (67%), 11-2 ratio. 11 sts in 99, 2603 yds (63.8%), 14-13 ratio, 301 rush. Fred Smith (6-2 220 rFr) PS#141.*

**RB Jamison Palmer Sr.** 6-0 212 *PS#45JC. 1574 yds (6.5), 21 TD's at JC in 98. 3 sts in 99, 548 yds (4.7), 27 rec (8.6). Dwone Hicks (5-11 212 So) had 182 yds as true.*

**WR KENDALL NEWSON JR.** 6-2 186 *Speed. 4 sts as true, 30 rec (13.8). 11 sts in 99, MTSU record 69 rec (13.3) and 61 yds rush.* ***Kerry Wright*** *is PS#34WR!*

**WR TYRONE CALICO SO.** 6-4 215 *PS#193. 9 sts as rFr, 65 rec (10.7), 5 TD's in 99. Rashaad Craft (6-0 193 Sr) 17 rec (15.4) in 97. 7 sts, 9 rec (9.2) ly.*

**WR HANSFORD JOHNSON JR.** 5-8 161 *10 gms as true, 12 rec (11.1). 11 sts in 99, 47 rec (10.9), 13 yds rush, 3 passes for 40 yds, 21 PR's (13.0) 10 KR's (19.1).*

**TE XAVIER HATNOT SR.** 6-3 240 *42 rec (17.9), 7 TD's at JC in 98. 4 sts here in 99, 4 rec (6.8). Brett Bucher (6-5 246 rFr) PS#108TE, orig at NCSt.*

**C BROCK LILLIS SR.** 6-2 287 *PS#149JC in 99, 11 sts here at C. Glen Elarbee (6-2 257 So) 7 gms in 99. Montez Haywood (6-0 275 Jr) 4 gms ly.*

**RG GIL MATIAS SR.** 6-2 288 *JC trans in 99, 10 sts here at RG. Kevin Pascoe (6-3 286 So) 1 st in 99, 7 gms. Gary Sanders (6-4 310 rFr.)*

**LG REGGIE PRIMAS SR.** 6-1 310 *PS#306JC in 99. 11 sts here at LG, added 12 lbs. Jonathan Barry (6-2 310 Jr) PS#310, 3 gms in 99.*

**RT BARRY HALL SR.** 6-6 300 *10 sts in 97 as rFr. 10 sts in 98.* ***2nd Team OVC.*** *11 sts at RT in 99. Josh Willoughby (6-4 340 rFr) PS#249OL.*

**LT CHRIS HOWINGTON SR.** 6-3 287 *2nd string as rFr. Started 1st 3 at LT in 98. 6 sts at LT in 99. JC trans David Coy (6-4 286 So) #2 LT in spring.*

**K Brian Kelly Fr.** 5-10 180 *Signee will join team in Aug. Will compete vs Shawn Simpson (5-9 165 So) and Jeremy Addleman (5-10 174 Fr).*

**DE TERRANCE KING SR.** 6-1 280 *81 tkls, 6 sks at JC in 98. 9 sts here in 99, 46 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl. Curtis Daniely (6-5 271 So) 2 sts as true, 8 tkls, 3 pbu.*

**DT MARTEZ PHELPS SR.** 6-2 283 *39 tkls, 6 tfl in 97. 10 sts, 46 tkls, 10 tfl in 98. 9 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 4 tfl.* ***Diko Tinch*** *(6-3 302 Sr) PS#115 orig at Clemson!*

**DT Ray Miller rFr.** 6-2 258 *PS#222DL in 99. Brent Walker (6-4 284 Sr) PS#280JC 79 tkls. 21 tfl at JC in 98, 8 tkls here in 7 gms in 99.*

**BAN Wes Stephens** 6-4 249 *7 sts as rFr, 29 tkls,* ***11 tfl.*** *1 st ly (shoulder inj) 14 tkls, 2 tfl. Isaiah Brown (6-1 210 Sr) 5 sts, 48 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 yrs.*

**SLB MARCUS HARVEY JR.** 6-3 230 *38 tkls, 5 sks at JC in 98. 10 sts here in 99, 39 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl, 3 pbu. 5 hurries. Ron Akins is PS#118LB.*

**WLB Glenn Jones Sr.** 6-1 228 *120 tkls at JC in 98. 3 yrs in Navy prior. 1 st in 99, 26 tkls, 1 tfl. Chris Gatlin (6-1 208 So) had 8 tkls as true.*

**MLB KEITH PAULDO SR.** 5-11 252 *58 tkls in 97. 10 sts in 98, 78 tkls, 13 tfl, 2nd Tm OVC. 9 sts ly, 56 tkls, 6 tfl. Billy Durham (5-11 217 Jr) 13 tkls in 2 yrs.*

**CB JYKINE BRADLEY JR.** 5-10 182 *7 sts in 99, 44 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Korey Conner (5-10 182 Sr) PS#179, 3 sts, 20 tkls, 1 pbu in 2 yrs. Joe McClendon is PS#143.*

**CB JERMAINE FRANCIS SR.** 5-11 192 *PS#325JC, 9 sts here in 99, 44 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. Keith Dollar (5-11 198 Sr) 5 sts, 53 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu, 3 yrs.*

**SS DELVIN PIKES SR.** 5-11 177 *4 int, 8 pbu at Evansville in 97. 3 sts at CB in 98, 2 int. 9 sts ly, 95 tkls, 5 pbu. Chris Johnson (5-10 180 So) 5 sts, 36 tkls ly.*

**FS MARIO KELSO SR.** 6-0 178 *PS#198. 64 tkls, 6 tfl, 3 pbu, HM OVC in 98. 10 sts in 99, #1 w/106 tkls, 9 pbu. Kareem Bland (6-1 187 So) 1 st, 9 tkls ly.*

**P Robert Billings rFr.** 6-0 192 *Walk-on. 937 rush yds, 109 tkls in HS, 38.7 punt avg. Solid leg & had good avg & good hang time in spring.*

# NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year NMS had a returning starter at this position in Ty Houghtaling but he missed the majority of the season due to injury. That forced KC Enzminger into the starter's role. Enzminger, a scrambling left handed QB (PS#73), had 10 games of action in 98, throwing for 474 yds (46.8%) with 278 yds rushing. He started all 11 games last year and threw for 1,878 yds with a super 14-5 ratio although he failed to top the 50% mark passing with just 47.5. His rushing added another dimension to the team's offense with 566 yds and 8 TD's. Late in the season he had an ankle injury which cut down on his rush attempts. Houghtaling departs after throwing just 11 passes. Last year's third stringer Damien Ocampo (PS#149) saw action in six games and had 53 yds passing and 18 yds rushing. He does not have ideal QB size (5-10 190) but had a 54-6 ratio in high school and was New Mexico's High School POY in 1997. Tony Howard (6-2 205 rFr) has better size & was PS#216. Samuel likes to rotate his QB's so it's possible the backups could see some action and Ocampo proved an elusive runner in the spring. If Enzminger can remain healthy, this unit has a lot more experience than it did last year and he should be one of the Big West's top QB's.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Tony Samuel brought Nebraska's offense with him and NMS has had a powerful rush attack the last few years. They had to replace 2 time 1st team All Big West I-back Denvis Manns last year but started the season strong. Unfortunately injuries at the I-back position forced them to start a true frosh, a FB and a part-time WR at the featured spot. All the top players return. Kenton Keith was the feature back and averaged 5.6 ypc but had just 4 starts due to injuries. He is an HT (PS#117). Chris Barnes (6-1 210 Sr) is a powerful runner that led the team with 519 yds (5.0) but also had just 4 starts after he was bitten by the injury bug. Walter Taylor (5-9 170 So) was PS#291 and had 333 yds rushing as a true frosh when forced into the starting role. FB Keeon Johnson had 4 starts and rushed for 385 yds (5.4). The top 6 rushers from last year all return so this unit has a great deal more experience and if they can just stay healthy this should be a vastly improved unit.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Aggies lost one starter but returned their top two receivers and both players who shared the TE duties in 1998. This year the losses are much greater as 3 of the top 4 rec's depart including all 3 starters. Topping the list is WR Ryan Shaw (44 rec, 19.2 ypc), who was the fastest player on the team and 1st team All Big West. He led the team with a super 19.2 ypc and in his final 16 games as an Aggie had 15 TD's. He was their top deep threat. Robert Garth, who originally signed at Louisville, got in 9 starts and had 38 rec's with a super 15.6 in 99 and also graduates. TE Dustin Guinn (9 sts, 6 rec's) also departs. TE looks solid as Marcellus McCray has 9 games of starting experience in three years. He is backed by an HT in Alex Davis. This unit is clearly not as explosive as it was in 1999 which may allow opponents to gang up a little more on the running game.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Aggies had 4 returning starters on the offensive front and clearly was one of the best units in the Big West. This year two starters depart but 8 of the top 10 are back. Gone are LG George Hudson (11 sts, 1st tm BW, 4 yr st'r) and RT Jason Berger (3 yr st'r). I list the 2 deep below and it is a very experienced group. This unit looks to be among the top in the Big West once again.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Aggies had a much improved defense last year thanks in part to a very experienced D-line. Unfortunately this year 3 starters depart, including their star DT Tim Englehardt, who was possibly the best defensive player in the Big West. He constantly drew double and triple teams but still had 5.5 sks and 9 tfl to draw 1st team Big West honors. Also gone are NT Tye Fraembs (11 sts, 2.5 tfl) and DE Sean Powell (11 sts, 6.5 sks, 5 tfl), who was 2nd team Big West, and backup NG Joe Hankins (13 tkls). Samuel brings in three JUCO's this year who I list in the 2 deep below and two were in for the spring. This group has potential but is clearly less experienced than last year and weaker.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year NMS had to replace one starter and one backup to graduation and are in much the same shape this year. One of last year's returning starters, Mike A. Cunningham, only got in 2 starts with 15 tackles and he departs. Also leaving are MLB Waylon Waters (9 sts, 68 tkls, 8 tfl) as well as WLB Mike Lueckeman (15 tkls). Two starters return and Bradford Glover, a transfer from Arizona, did not have the impact I expected last year but could emerge this season. Also Samuel signed a top notch JUCO in Anthony Stevenson who had 163 tackles and 19 tfl last year at JC. This group looks even stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - NMS has had an undersized secondary the last few years with its tallest starting DB being just 5'9". After finishing #84 in my pass defense rankings in 98 the Aggies returned 3 starters last year and made dramatic improvements, moving up to #29. They allowed just 45.3% with a 17-16 ratio. This year they must replace CB Melvin McClendon (11 sts, 42 tkls, 10 pbu) and SS Rummie Gray (2 sts, 35 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu). Not only do 3 starters return, but Samuel brings in 3 JUCO's including a VHT in Robert Canidate, (PS#26JC) the brother of 1st round NFL DC Trung. They also have another HT available in Ty Gifford who I list at the CB position. Also thrown into the mix is Marcus Woods (5-11 195 Sr) who had 2 starts and 33 tackles in 98 but missed last year with injury. To me this clearly looks like the Big West's best secondary.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Last year I pointed out that NMS finished just 85th in my special teams rankings in 98 but had high quality at both KR and P and if the return units improved, they would move up in the rankings. That is what happened in 99 as the Aggies finished a lofty #28 led by super punter Andy Kohl with his 39.9 net. K Nick Cecava had a surprising off-year. After connecting on 13 of 14 FG's and being voted 2nd team Big West in 98 he actually missed 7 of 13 in 99 but connected on a long of 52. I list his potential replacements below. They do lose their top KR in Mike Wakefield who averaged a nifty 24.0 but hopefully Cory Paul, who avg'd 24.3 on 8 returns, will have success. Paul was the leading PR last year and should improve on his 7.2 avg. This unit actually has a shot at breaking into the top 25 of my special teams rankings in 2000.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

I like picking surprise teams in many conferences and last year I picked New Mexico St to move all the way up to 3rd in the conference after winning just six games in the previous three years. Of all the preseason magazines, this was the only one to peg NMS that high and the Aggies did not disappoint me with their 3-2 finish, locking them in for 3rd place on the year. NMS's overall 6-5 record was only their 2nd winning season since 1978 and only their 3rd since 1967. NMS's most impressive victory perhaps ever was their rout of #22 Arizona St on the road when they drilled them 35-7 and outgained the Sun Devils 568-234! Unfortunately NMS would lose their top 2 I-backs for some games down the stretch or they may have been representing the Big West in the bowl game. This season will be a good test for Samuel as he has had 16 and 17 returning starters the last 2 years but has just 12 this year. The offense looks stronger. They use a Nebraska type option and return their QB and RB's as well as 3 starters on the O-line. They made great strides on defense last year, chopping 2 TD's per game from their ppg allowed and 116 ypg but that unit had 9 returning starters. The defensive line is a question mark but the back 7 is solid especially in the secondary. The non-conference slate is not easy with a pair of trips into SEC country but that should toughen them up for Big West play. Samuel is building this team the right way and I consider them a prime contender for the BW title and last year's winning season should be the first of many under his tutelage.

# NEW MEXICO ST (6-5)

CONFERENCE: **BIG WEST**

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 6*** **Returning: 49 (23,25,1)**

**DEFENSE: 6** **Lost: 22 (12,9,1)**

## NEW MEXICO STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - DEFENSE

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 28.3 | 21 | 223 | 4.3 | 185 | 48.6 | 14.4 | +6 | 1999 | 9 | 24.9 | 18 | 154 | 4.1 | 195 | 45.3 | 14.0 |
| 10 | 30.1 | 26 | 254 | 4.8 | 209 | 48.2 | 15.4 | -10 | 1998 | 7 | 38.5 | 22 | 174 | 4.5 | 291 | 51.8 | 12.1 |
| 7 | 20.1 | 21 | 204 | 4.7 | 187 | 50.3 | 19.4 | -6 | 1997 | 4 | 36.2 | 24 | 240 | 5.5 | 225 | 59.0 | 12.9 |
| 4 | 15.1 | 19 | 124 | 3.3 | 231 | 49.3 | 23.5 | -9 | 1996 | 6 | 36.0 | 22 | 223 | 4.9 | 236 | 55.1 | 12.7 |
| 6 | 32.0 | 25 | 155 | 4.7 | 321 | 59.0 | 15.0 | -2 | 1995 | 7 | 35.0 | 24 | 240 | 5.2 | 229 | 58.0 | 13.3 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NM Highlands | 27 | 64-393 | 6.1 | 7-13 | 115 | 1 | 9 | 21-(-8) | -0.4 | 15-31 | 199 | 4 | +3 |
| at New Mexico | 21 | 54-201 | 3.7 | 9-21 | 176 | 1 | 17 | 38-142 | 3.7 | 14-23 | 167 | 3 | +2 |
| at Arizona St | 23 | 58-363 | 6.3 | 10-20 | 205 | 2 | 14 | 36-116 | 3.2 | 9-29 | 118 | 2 | +4 |
| at UTEP | 20 | 46-130 | 2.8 | 10-19 | 130 | 4 | 20 | 46-229 | 5.0 | 13-25 | 276 | 1 | -2 |
| at Colorado St | 13 | 43-117 | 2.7 | 9-25 | 76 | 5 | 21 | 39-211 | 5.4 | 14-31 | 167 | 3 | -3 |
| Nevada | 25 | 52-247 | 4.8 | 12-26 | 237 | 2 | 23 | 43-194 | 4.5 | 17-33 | 277 | 6 | -4 |
| at Army | 23 | 43-155 | 3.6 | 18-34 | 257 | 2 | 24 | 66-388 | 5.9 | 3-7 | 37 | 3 | 0 |
| Idaho | 24 | 68-420 | 6.2 | 4-14 | 55 | 1 | 19 | 21-90 | 4.3 | 23-61 | 226 | 0 | +2 |
| at Utah St | 22 | 62-220 | 3.6 | 12-23 | 195 | 1 | 16 | 23-85 | 3.7 | 19-45 | 194 | 3 | +3 |
| at Boise St | 21 | 45-102 | 2.3 | 17-32 | 346 | 4 | 23 | 37-131 | 3.5 | 20-34 | 316 | 4 | 0 |
| N Texas | 17 | 41-102 | 2.5 | 15-26 | 245 | 1 | 13 | 39-116 | 3.0 | 9-25 | 170 | 2 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 236 | 576-2450 | 4.3 | 123-253 | 2037 | 24 | 199 | 409-1694 | 4.1 | 156-344 | 2147 | 31 | +6 |
| AVERAGES | 21.4 | 52-223 | 4.3 | 11-23 | 185 | 2.2 | 18.1 | 37-154 | 4.1 | 14-31 | 195 | 2.8 | 0.5 |

## STADIUM: AGGIE MEMORIAL (30,343)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 5-6 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 1-10 | 2-9 | 3-8 | 6-5 | 24-53 |
| ATS | 4-5 | 3-6 | 5-4 | 2-5-1 | 2-6 | 6-5 | 5-5 | 27-36-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 4-6 |
| Home Dog | 3-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 7-8 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 |
| Away Dog | 1-3 | 2-4 | 3-2 | 2-2-1 | 1-4 | 4-2 | 3-3 | 16-20-1 |
| Favorite | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 4-8 |
| Dog | 4-4 | 2-6 | 4-2 | 2-4-1 | 1-6 | 6-3 | 4-3 | 23-28-1 |
| Grass | 4-4 | 2-5 | 5-4 | 1-4 | 2-4 | 5-4 | 5-2 | 24-27 |
| Artificial | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 3-9-1 |
| vs BIG WEST | 3-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 0-4 | 2-3 | 3-3 | 13-20 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 1-4 | 3-1 | 1-2-1 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 2-2 | 14-16-1 |

## TONY SAMUEL (Career 11-22)
**Samuel's records at N Mexico St**

| | |
|---|---|
| 4th Year at N Mexico St | |
| 11-22 | Straight Up |
| 13-16 | Vs The Spread |
| 6-13 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 5-10 | Vs Big West |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Robert Canidate 5-8 180 PS#26JC |
| OL | Steve Subia 6-4 320 PS#118 |
| RB | Cheron Figgs 5-8 185 PS#231 |
| LB | Beau Sylvestre 6-1 235 PS#252 |
| LB | Anthony Stevenson 6-1 215 PS#293JC |
| DL | Jeremy Barth 6-2 285 PS#332JC |
| OL | Chad Kahlsdorf 6-5 300 PS#340JC |
| QB | Buck Pierce 6-2 185 PS#250 |
| WR | Preston Williams 6-1 190 PS#290 |
| OL | Mark Thomason 6-6 280 PS#435 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Barnes** | 104 | 535 | 16 | 519 | 6 | 5.0 |
| **Kenton Keith** | 75 | 451 | 29 | 422 | 1 | 5.6 |
| **Keeon Johnson** | 71 | 390 | 5 | 385 | 4 | 5.4 |
| **KC Enzminger** | 125 | 566 | 198 | 358 | 8 | 2.9 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **KC Enzminger** | 236 | 112 | 47.5 | 1878 | 14 | 5 |
| Ty Houghtaling | 11 | 8 | 72.7 | 106 | 1 | 0 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Shaw | 44 | 844 | 19.2 | 6 | 64 |
| Robert Garth | 38 | 593 | 15.6 | 2 | 75 |
| **Marcellus McCray** | 7 | 122 | 17.4 | 1 | 40 |
| Dustin Guinn | 6 | 155 | 25.8 | 1 | 57 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Andy Kohl** | 62 | 2632 | 42.5 | - | 39.9 | 1 | 14 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nick Cecava | 1-3 | 2-4 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 6-13 | 52 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Donald Malloy** | 111 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| **D'Wayne Taylor** | 97 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| Waylon Waters | 68 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Sean Powell | 55 | 6.5 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Tim Englehardt | 54 | 5.5 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| **Marsey Hawley** | 44 | 1.5 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| **Corey Paul** | 44 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Melvin McClendon | 42 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Rummie Gray | 35 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| **Jascon Willis** | 32 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Tye Fraembs | 30 | 0.5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Oliver Soukup** | 25 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Rashaad Williams** | 23 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Corey Paul** | 20 | 143 | 7.2 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mike Wakefield | 20 | 479 | 24.0 | 1 |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB KC ENZMINGER JR.** 6-1 200 *PS#73, lefty. 474 yds pass (47%), 4-4 ratio, 278 rush as rFr. 11 sts in 99, 1878 pass (47.5%), 14-5 ratio & 566 yds rush.*
**RB KENTON KEITH JR.** 5-11 180 *PS#117. Recruited by Neb. 401 yds as true. 4 sts in 99 (inj) 422 yds (5.6). Chris Barnes (6-1 210 Sr) 519 yds (5.0), 4 sts.*
**FB KEEON JOHNSON SR.** 5-11 215 *538 yds at JC in 2Y. 4 sts here ly, 385 yds (5.4). Phil Branstetter (5-10 230 Sr) had 581 yds at JC in 98, 2 sts here ly, 196 yds (3.6).*
**WR Leon Oloya So.** 6-1 180 *PS#197 in 99. 7 gms as true, 1 rec (19.0). Preston Williams (6-1 190 Fr) was #1 in NM w/48 rec & 887 yds LY in HS.*
**WR Harbert Briscoe Jr.** 6-3 190 *JC trans. In for spg. 48 rec, 16.0 ypc, 10 TD's at JC LY. PJ Winston (6-0 180 So) had 1 rec, 27 yds in 11 gms ly.*
**TE Marcellus McCray Sr.** 6-3 245 *3 sts in 97, 2 rec (19.0). 4 sts in 98, 5 rec (11.8). 2 sts in 99. 7 rec (17.4). Alex Davis (6-4 225 rFr) was PS#84.*
**C MATT HANCOCK SR.** 6-0 280 *PS#193OL. 11 sts as rFr. 11 sts in 98. 11 sts at C in 99, **1st tm BW**. Ryan Herbon (6-1 250 Sr) has 3 letters.*
**RG TONY WRAGGE JR.** 6-3 305 *PS#172OL. 11 gms as true, 1 st. 11 sts at RG in 99. Casey Gray (6-4 285 Sr) 2 sts at RT in 97, lettered in 98 & 99.*
**LG Chad Kahlsdorf Jr.** 6-5 290 *PS#340JC this yr. In for spg. Steve Subia (6-4 320 Fr) is PS#118. Jason Jewell (6-5 290 Jr) PS#450JC.*
**RT Shalimar Jackson So.** 6-3 305 *PS#132DL in 98. 8 gms as rFr, 1 st at RT. Trevis Beckworth (6-4 320 Sr) 3 sts at RT as rFr. Lettered in 98, 2 sts in 99.*
**LT MICK RODEMEYER SR.** 6-4 320 *JC in 97. 8 sts at LT in 98. 9 sts in 99 (miss 2 inj). Eric Rivas (6-1 285 Sr). 3 sts in 98, 6 gms in 99 (inj) 3 letters.*
**K Andy Kohl Sr.** 6-4 220 *PS#24K in 97 & did KO's as true. Darlo Aguniga (5-11 175 Fr) is PS#75K. 47 PAT's in HS ly, 49 yd FG.*

**DE LYN PERRYMAN SR.** 6-1 245 *2 sts as rFr, 12 tkls, 1 tfl. 6 sts in 98, 24 tkls, 3.5 tfl. 6 sts ly, 22 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. Ryan Bakke (6-2 240 Jr) PS#450JC. In for spg.*
**DT Steve Mascorro So.** 6-5 315 *PS#124OL. 7 gms as true, 3 tkls, 1.5 tfl. Jeremy Barth (6-2 285 Jr) PS#332JC. Tommy Laborin (6-3 285 Fr) PS#375DL.*
**NG Oliver Soukup Sr.** 6-2 260 *4 tkls in 97. 11 tkls, 3 tfl in 98. 10 gms ly, 25 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. Ira Ross (6-3 270 Sr) PS#525JC, 16 sks at JC. 1 tkl in 99.*
**DE Mike Boganowski Sr.** 6-3 230 *6 sts in 98, 18 tkls, 2 sks. 3 sts ly (inj) 2 tkls. Rashaad Williams (6-3 195) 4 sts, 3 yrs, 47 tkls, 8.5 tfl. Jamar Cain 7 sks at JC ly.*
**WLB D'WAYNE TAYLOR JR.** 6-0 195 *11 sts in 98, #1 w/73 tkls, 9 tfl. 11 sts ly, 97 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl, **2nd tm BW**. Jamar Lawrence (6-2 215 Jr) PS#172, 11 tkls as rFr.*
**MLB Bradford Glover Sr.** 6-0 240 *PS#123RB. 4 sts, 1 tfl at AZ as rFr. Trans in 98. 6 tkls in 99. Mawuli Davis (5-10 230 Jr) 6 tkls in 98. 8 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int ly.*
**SLB ANTHONY STEVENSON JR.** 6-1 200 *PS#293JC. 163 tkls, 6 sks, 19 tfl at JC ly. **Raul Anaya** (6-1 210 Sr) 2 sts in 98, 17 tkls, 1 tfl. 11 sts in 99, 19 tkls, 2.5 tfl in 99.*
**CB Robert Canidate Jr.** 5-8 175 *PS#26JC! In for spg. **Ty Gifford** (5-11 190 So) PS#67WR. 10.6 s in 100M. 2 tkls ly. Tony Lukins (5-10 185 Jr) 12 tkls ly.*
**CB JASCON WILLIS SR.** 5-9 170 *PS#236, 26 tkls, 3 int in 97. 7 sts in 98, 21 tkls, 4 pbu. 11 sts ly, 5 int, 5 pbu, **1st tm BW**. Corey Paul 44 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu ly.*
**ROV MARSEY HAWLEY SR.** 5-8 175 *9 sts in 98, 39 tkls, 7 pbu. 9 sts ly, 44 tkls, 7.5 tfl, 1 int, 7 pbu. Daniel Garbarino (6-4 210) 13 tkls, 2 pbu ly. Paul Holland is PS#445.*
**FS DONALD MALLOY SR.** 5-9 185 *2 sks in 98, 42 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. 11 sts in 99, #1 w/111 tkls, 2 int, 8 tfl, **1st tm BW**. Frank Linden (6-2 202 Jr) 7 pbu at JC ly.*
**P ANDY KOHL SR.** 6-4 220 *PS#24KI KO's as true, 9 TB's on 36 KO's. 1st tm BW in 98, 58 punts, 37.7 net. 62 punts in 99, 42.5 avg & SUPER net of 39.9!!*

# NORTH TEXAS EAGLES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The Eagles returned 3 players with starting experience last year. They were very poor in 1998, completing just 43.4% of their passes for 117 ypg. I said with everyone back they could only be improved but the cadre of QB's proved me wrong. Jason Attaway began the year as starter but completed just 43.4% of his passes in 5 starts for 263 yds and the passing game was nonexistent. Richard Bridges (6-3 218, PS#94) took over and started the last 6 games. Bridges' mobility on the option was a plus to the offense but he completed just 36% of his passes for 621 yds with a 3-5 ratio. Spencer Stack (6-2 210 So) was PS#177 and is a lefty. He provided a spark over the last 3 games completing 54.3% of his passes and had a QB rating of 137.9. If Dickey chooses the starting QB based on the performance at end of last year it would be Stack but don't discount Bridges' chances of regaining the starting job as he directed their upset of Boise St and was #1 out of spring. Jeremy Pearl (6-3 180 rFr) is also in the mix. Dickey has also talked about utilizing the option more (15 plays per game) and that points to Bridges. With the team completing just 40.4% of its passes for 110 ypg in 99, I will once again say that they can only improve in 2000.
**RUNNING BACKS** - Ja'Quay Wilburn returns for his senior season and is already the all time leading rusher at N Texas, breaking Bernard Jackson's mark of 2,256 yards. In 99 Wilburn became the first UNT player to top 1,000 yds rushing in a season since 1993 and did so behind an inexperienced O-line. He averaged a solid 4.3 ypc and was 2nd tm Big West. He got relief in the second half of the season from Michael Hickmon (5-10 197 So) who had 302 yds and a solid 4.6 ypc in 9 games as a rFr. Hickmon had 91 yards in the spring game and will vie for more time. Ben Miller (6-0 190 rFr) was PS#434RB. At FB Robert Whitehead started the last 5 games after moving from LB, and should be improved. I like QB transplant Aaron Holly (PS#202QB) to win the starters spot and he was impressive at FB in the spring. Dustin Dean (5-10 207 Jr) is a quality backup. With almost everyone back and a more experienced O-line, this unit's numbers should only improve.
**RECEIVERS** - With the below average play coming out of the QB spot, it was surprising to see Brodrick McGrew average a nifty 18.8 on 32 rec's in 99. He leaves with over 1,000 career yds and will be missed. He was also the all-time leader in KO return avg (25.2) and 3rd in all-time all-purpose yds with 3,002. TE Ron Sterling was injured midseason, losing his job to Jeff Muenchow. Muenchow started the last 6 as a true frosh and was the #3 receiver with 10. Their #2 receiver, LaDarrin McLane, is also back. McLane was a QB in 97 and 98 with 537 yds passing and 325 yds rushing. He moved to WR last year and had 21 catches but only averaged 9.4 ypc. I expect McLane to improve in his second year at WR and also expect some newcomers to contribute to that position. Jamal Wynne (PS #116) is a solid addition. This unit was far from overwhelming last year but with the loss of clearly their top guy, I'll call it weaker in 1999.
**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This was supposed to be a weak spot for UNT in 1999 as only one full time starter returned. The new starting 5 played almost every snap together including RG Andrew Lott who was second team Big West and did play every snap. LG Josh Kay played every snap and RT JR Randle played all but 8 snaps in the first 9 games until injury. They gave up the fewest amount of sacks in the Big West (12) and also paved the way for Wilburn's 1,000 yard season. This year they must replace C David Morgan (11 sts, all but 4 snaps) and RT Vincent Patterson (11 sts, all snaps). Experienced depth is a problem, especially when you do not let the second string play. They are a much more veteran group this year with 3 starters back and Dickey also brought in a JUCO to contend. This should be one of the Big West's stronger fronts.
**DEFENSIVE LINE** - In 1998 UNT's defensive front had 2 of 3 All Big West honorees graduate. The D-line had 2 starters returning last year and played numerous true frosh. The line was on the small side last year and looks to be even smaller this year as they lose their biggest 2 players, DT Zeb Cornist (6 sts, 283 lbs, PS#64) and DT Chance Adair (11 sts, 280 lbs). They not only lose some size but also quality as DE Corbin Montgomery departs after 14.5 tfl, 30 QB hurries and earning 1st team All Big West honors in 99. Also gone are DE Derek Gordon (10 sts, 31 tkls, 6 tfl), DT Mike Thomas (biggest DL at 290, 4.5 tfl) and 3 backup DL's who combined for 2 tkls in 7 games. They did hold TCU's Ladainan Tomlinson to 75 yds the week before he set an NCAA record with 406 yds vs UTEP. The DL was also hit hard by injuries last year so lots of backups saw playing time. The 99 version did not live up to its talent level due to injuries, but this unit is clearly weaker and it would not surprise me to see numerous true frosh gaining time.
**LINEBACKERS** - For the second straight year UNT returns all 3 starters to this unit and has one of the most veteran groups in the Big West. Last year, sophomore Brad Kassell took over Corry Pertile's starting spot. Kassell led the team with 112 tkls and was named 2nd Team Big West. His cohorts, Fred Pertile and Jeff Rodgers, were both in their second year as starters and both were named Honorable Mention BW. Pertile, (7 sts in 98, 29 tkls in 99), also returns as does Justin Warren, who started the last 3 games in 99. The only loss is Darron Hester who was a rare VHT here (PS #15) that transferred in from Ohio St but only had 36 tkls and 3 tfl's here in 2 years. Call it a top notch LB corps.
**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - N Texas ranked a respectable #76 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and had 3 returning starters last year. One of the returnees, CB Detrion Woodson, got injured after 3 starts with 20 tackles and 3 pbu and did not return. UNT slipped to #106 in my rankings, allowing 61.3% with a 13-5 ratio. It was the second time in 3 years that they had bagged just 5 int's as a team. Besides Woodson, this year they also must replace SS Ramone Archie (11 sts, HM Big West, 71 tkl) and CB Kendrick Sapp (11 sts, 53 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 pbu). They do have 2 players returning with starting experience and I think incoming frosh Jonas Buckles, who is the highest rated recruit I've seen signed here, could step right into one of the starting jobs at CB. Last year's secondary was far from overwhelming and despite the losses, this unit could be improved especially if Buckles plays as a true frosh.
**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In 98, UNT had one of the top P's in the country, super KR Brodrick McGrew, (32.6 ypr) and top notch K Garrett Courtney yet only ranked 58th in the NCAA in my special teams rankings. I expected them to improve on that performance even with the loss of their K, but that did not happen in 99 as they fell to #82. KR McGrew slumped to 20.6 ypr. Their PR game avg'd just 3.1 ypr early in the year when they switched to Ty Jackson who avg'd 7.9 over the second half of the season. That area of the team should be improved as he is back for the full year. The KR's should also improve as last year's were below expectations. They do lose super P John Baker who had a net of 39.2 and was one of the top P's in the nation. K Jason Ball hit 9 of 11 FG's including a UNT record 8 straight and 9 of 9 from under 40. He is back. Unless another super P emerges, this group will probably drop even lower in the rankings.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

N Texas finished their IAA schedule in 1994 with a solid 7-4 record. They have recorded just 2, 5, 4, 3 and 2 wins in their 5 years in IA ball. They have taken on some tough competition in the non-conference slate and last year pulled the stunning upset of Texas Tech on the road, 21-14, in a game that probably cost Spike Dykes his job. Last year UNT had its largest senior class in recent memory and now 21 seniors depart. This year they have just 12 seniors on the roster. Dickey is trying to lessen his reliance on JUCO's and signed just 3 this year, trying to build depth the right way. He actually signed a solid class of frosh (see Newcomers) that is among the tops in the Big West. UNT has played a bend but don't break defense the last few years and achieved the desired results. They have given up yardage between the 20's (400 ypg allowed overall) but limited an opponent's big plays (only 26.5 ppg against). They are going to be more aggressive on defense and that may result in more big plays vs them. Despite the tough non-conf slate each year, Dickey points out that in the last 2 years they have been out of only 3 games heading into the 4Q. That is probably due to his conservative style on both sides of the ball. With the small amount of seniors this looks like a rebuilding year in a conference where most teams are improved. They do host Utah St this year which is the big game for them to stay out of the cellar.

# NORTH TEXAS (2-9)

*CONFERENCE:* **BIG WEST**

*RETURNING STARTERS:*
**OFFENSE: 7***
**DEFENSE: 5**

LETTERMEN:
**Returning: 33 (14,18,1)**
**Lost: 20 (8,11,1)**

## NORTH TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5* | 10.7 | 12 | 136 | 3.6 | 110 | 40.4 | 22.9 | +2 | 1999 | 8 | 26.5 | 20 | 217 | 4.8 | 184 | 61.3 | 15.1 |
| 8 | 15.7 | 13 | 142 | 3.5 | 117 | 43.4 | 16.4 | +4 | 1998 | 6 | 27.0 | 22 | 215 | 4.8 | 202 | 60.3 | 15.4 |
| 9* | 21.1 | 16 | 133 | 3.6 | 176 | 48.2 | 14.6 | -16 | 1997 | 6 | 30.1 | 22 | 196 | 4.2 | 227 | 59.1 | 14.1 |
| 8* | 14.6 | 12 | 101 | 2.8 | 117 | 41.0 | 14.9 | 0 | 1996 | 8 | 26.6 | 21 | 159 | 3.5 | 231 | 55.8 | 14.7 |
| 4 | 18.2 | 16 | 81 | 2.4 | 213 | 50.1 | 16.9 | -14 | 1995 | 6 | 38.5 | 25 | 251 | 5.1 | 234 | 56.9 | 12.4 |

### OFFENSE — 1999 STATS BY GAME — DEFENSE

| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| UNLV | 12 | 35-156 | 4.5 | 13-28 | 105 | 0 | 17 | 42-166 | 4.0 | 16-19 | 127 | 2 | +1 |
| at LSU | 8 | 33-122 | 3.7 | 3-16 | 10 | 0 | 26 | 40-350 | 8.8 | 16-25 | 164 | 1 | -3 |
| at Texas Tech | 9 | 43-170 | 4.0 | 3-10 | 76 | 3 | 20 | 50-222 | 4.4 | 15-30 | 171 | 5 | +3 |
| at Baylor | 14 | 34-105 | 3.1 | 12-21 | 74 | 0 | 21 | 51-251 | 4.9 | 12-19 | 142 | 1 | -2 |
| at Idaho | 11 | 41-126 | 3.1 | 7-24 | 130 | 0 | 13 | 49-272 | 5.6 | 5-15 | 41 | 0 | +1 |
| Boise St | 14 | 50-241 | 4.8 | 5-16 | 50 | 1 | 18 | 28-88 | 3.1 | 21-41 | 266 | 3 | +1 |
| Arkansas St | 13 | 38-243 | 6.4 | 7-18 | 79 | 0 | 23 | 60-298 | 5.0 | 7-15 | 54 | 0 | -1 |
| at Nevada | 19 | 41-139 | 3.4 | 15-41 | 204 | 1 | 26 | 32-153 | 4.8 | 29-38 | 405 | 0 | +1 |
| at TCU | 6 | 39-28 | 0.7 | 8-16 | 136 | 0 | 16 | 49-195 | 4.0 | 11-16 | 196 | 0 | +2 |
| at N Mexico St | 13 | 39-116 | 3.0 | 9-25 | 170 | 1 | 17 | 41-102 | 2.5 | 15-26 | 245 | 0 | -1 |
| Utah St | 10 | 25-47 | 1.9 | 15-25 | 171 | 3 | 25 | 55-285 | 5.2 | 16-22 | 208 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 129 | 418-1493 | 3.6 | 97-240 | 1205 | 15 | 222 | 497-2382 | 4.8 | 163-266 | 2019 | 13 | +2 |
| AVERAGES | 11.7 | 38-136 | 3.6 | 9-22 | 110 | 1.4 | 20.2 | 45-217 | 4.8 | 15-24 | 184 | 1.2 | 0.2 |

## STADIUM: FOUTS FIELD (30,500)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 7-4-1 | 2-9 | 5-6 | 4-7 | 3-8 | 2-9 | 27-50-1 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 7-2 | 4-6 | 7-4 | 3-8 | 25-24 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 10-5 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 1-5 | 5-1 | 2-5 | 11-17 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 4-1 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 5-2 | 3-5 | 6-4 | 3-7 | 21-22 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 0-6 | 6-12 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 6-1 | 3-5 | 4-3 | 3-2 | 19-12 |
| vs BIG WEST | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 4-0 | 2-3 | 4-1 | 2-4 | 12-9 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-3 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 3-3 | 1-4 | 13-15 |

**Darrell Dickey (Career 5-17)**
**Dickey's records at N Texas**
3rd Year at N Texas

| | |
|---|---|
| 5-17 | Straight Up |
| 10-12 | Vs The Spread |
| 9-6 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 6-5 | Vs Big West |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Jonas Buckles 5-11 195 PS#47 |
| LB | Chris Ridgeway 6-4 220 PS#180 |
| DB | Scott Hall 6-1 190 PS#168 |
| OL | Nick Zuniga 6-3 300 PS#275 |
| DL | Brandon Kennedy 5-10 285 PS#223 |
| TE | Taylor Casey 6-3 205 PS#93 |
| WR | Kevin Howard 5-8 175 PS#210 |
| OL | Josh Brown 6-5 295 PS#317JC |
| TE | Randy Gardner 6-4 220 PS#100 |
| DL | Ryan Northcutt 6-3, 290 PS#281 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ja'Quay Wilburn** | 234 | 1074 | 58 | 1016 | 2 | 4.3 |
| **Michael Hickmon** | 65 | 319 | 17 | 302 | 1 | 4.6 |
| **Richard Bridges** | 77 | 223 | 71 | 152 | 2 | 2.0 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Richard Bridges** | 150 | 54 | 36.0 | 621 | 3 | 5 |
| Jason Attaway | 53 | 23 | 43.4 | 263 | 1 | 2 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Broderick McGrew | 32 | 601 | 18.8 | 5 | 80 |
| **LaDarrin McLane** | 21 | 197 | 9.4 | 0 | 35 |
| **Jeff Muenchow** | 10 | 105 | 10.5 | 0 | 27 |
| **Ja'Quay Wilburn** | 10 | 35 | 3.5 | 0 | 12 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Baker | 82 | 3535 | 43.1 | - | 39.2 | 2 | 23 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jason Ball** | 6-6 | 3-3 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 9-11 | 38 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brad Kassell** | 112 | 0 | 17 | 6 | 0 |
| **Heath Moody** | 91 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| **Fred Pertile** | 72 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Ramone Archie | 71 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Jeff Rodgers** | 68 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| **Lawrence Ellis** | 63 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 1 |
| Kendrick Sapp | 53 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Corbin Montgomery | 50 | 4.5 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Derek Gordon | 31 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Zeb Cornist | 31 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| **Corry Pertile** | 29 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **Ron Paris** | 26 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Justin Warren** | 24 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Darron Hester | 22 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ty Jackson** | 17 | 135 | 7.9 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Broderick McGrew | 23 | 473 | 20.6 | 0 |

## OFFENSE — 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS — DEFENSE

**QB RICHARD BRIDGES JR.** 6-3 218 *PS#94. 26 yds in 3 gms as true. Started L/6 ly, 621 yds (36%), 3-5 ratio, 223 rush. Spencer Stack (6-2 210) 294 yds (54%) ly.*
**RB JA'QUAY WILBURN SR.** 5-10 188 *PS#132 in 97. 594 yds (5.3) as true. 4 sts in 98, 754 yds (5.9). 11 sts in 99, **2nd tm BW**, 1016 yds (4.3), 10 rec (3.5).*
**FB Aaron Holly So.** 6-0 200 *PS#202. Moves to FB. **Robert Whitehead** (6-3 220 Jr) 4 sts at LB in 98, 27 tkls, 3 tfl. 5 sts at RB ly, 6 yds rush, 14 yds rec.*
**WR LaDARRIN McLANE SR.** 6-2 195 *2 sts at FB in 97, 265 yds pass (34%), 233 yds rush. 272 yds pass in 98, 92 yds rush. WR in 99, 11 sts, 21 rec (9.4).*
**WR Jamal Wynne rFr.** 5-10 175 *PS#116 WR. George Marshall (6-1 190 So) 6 rec, 13.4 ypc in 10 gms as true LY. Brent DeGroot had 6 rec, 12.8 ypc LY.*
**TE JEFF MUENCHOW SO.** 6-4 220 *6 sts as true in 99, 8 gms, 10 rec (10.5). Sam Parker (6-3 225 Fr) is PS#145 (Naval Prep in 98) in for spring.*
**C Ian Hobbs rFr.** 6-4 250 *PS#449OL in 99. 2nd string all year at C but still reds. Michie Smith (6-3 290 rFr) redshirted in 99.*
**RG ANDREW LOTT SR.** 6-2 291 *PS#240DL, 11 gms as rFr, 2 sts at LG. 11 sts at RG in 99, played EVERY snap, **2nd tm BW**. Brad Woosley (6-8 344 Jr).*
**LG JOSH KAY SR.** 6-2 297 *All Conf JC in 98. 11 sts here at LG in 99, played every snap. Matt Coon (6-4 275 So) has not lettered.*
**RT J.R. RANDLE SO.** 6-5 287 *PS#420OL in 98. 9 sts at RT in 99, missed L/2 with knee inj. Sat out spring. Nick Zuniga is PS#275.*
**LT Luke Conder rFr.** 6-3 251 *Was 2nd string LG in 99 but still reds. Josh Brown (6-5 295 Jr) is PS#317JC. Injured knee in spring.*
**K JASON BALL SR.** 5-7 158 *Hit 9 of 11 ly, including school record 8 straight. Long of 38. 11 of 12 xp's. Dan Walker (5-11 175 rFr) was PS#26K.*

**DE Trey Davis rFr.** 6-3 230 *Outstanding spg. Jeff Harris (6-2 240 Sr) PS#302LB. 5 sts in 97, 30 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 tkls L/2 yrs. Nicky Jones (6-2 245 rFr).*
**DT John Ryan So.** 6-3 264 *Marlon Lee (6-2 250 Sr) PS#213JC. Started L/2 at RT on OL in 99. Gabe Haro (5-10 250 Jr) 4 sts, 12 tkls ly.*
**NT Eric Bridges So.** 6-2 255 *Trans from WYO. 5 tkls there in 98. Sat out 99. Matt Turney (6-3 285 So) 4 tkls as true. Donovan Wright (6-1 230 So).*
**DE Chris McIver So.** 6-1 250 *10 tkls, 1 tfl in 6 gms as true. Ron Paris (6-3 230 Jr). 1 st in 98, 5 tkls, 1 sk. 26 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl, 11 hurries in 99.*
**WLB FRED PERTILE SR.** 6-0 190 *6 sts as true, 24 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 11 sts in 98, 86 tkls. 6 tfl, 7 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 72 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 1 pbu, HM BW.*
**MLB BRAD KASSELL JR.** 6-3 227 *PS#151TE. 45 tkls, 1 sk as true. 11 sts in 99, 112 tkls, 17 tfl, 2nd tm BW, 6 pbu. Justin Warren (6-3 235 Jr) 3 sts, 24 tkl ly.*
**SLB JEFF RODGERS SR.** 6-1 238 *14 tkls in 97. 11 sts in 98, 88 tkls, 6 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 68 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. Corry Pertile (6-3 208 Sr) 7 sts, 110 tkls, 7 tfl, 3Y.*
**CB Dan McGee So.** 5-11 185 *8 tkls in 9 gms as true. **Jonas Buckles** (5-11 195 Fr) is PS#47DB! Corey Watkins (5-10 184 Jr), HS track champ.*
**CB LAWRENCE ELLIS SR.** 5-11 183 *1 st, 20 tkls as true, 5 sts, 38 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 int, 2 pbu. 8 sts, 63 tkls, 6 tfl, 6 pbu. Ty Jackson (5-7 160) 11 gms, sp tms as true.*
**SS HEATH MOODY SR.** 6-1 204 *4 tkls as true. 2 sts in 98, 11 gms, 36 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 91 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 int, 3 pbu, 51 ret yds.*
**FS Craig Jones rFr.** 6-0 185 *Hard hitter. Good spg & was listed 1st string. Keith Frazier (6-0 180 Jr) PS#340 in 97 & orig at Wyoming.*
**P Dan Walker rFr.** 5-11 175 *PS#26 K & averaged 43 ypp as Sr in HS. Brad Kadlubar (5-11 185 Fr) averaged 40 ypp as Sr in HS.*

# N ILLINOIS HUSKIES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 1998, this was the most injury prone position in all of the NCAA. When the smoke cleared, they were down to their 6th string QB, Craig Harmon, who had 8 starts and 795 yds passing but a 2-9 ratio. The returning starter that year was Chris Finlen, but he broke his collarbone in August and redshirted. Frisman Jackson had taken Finlen's place and started 3 games before he was also injured. Last year Jackson won the starter's job in August but NI opened 0-2 so Finlen was given a chance to start. He never relinquished the job, starting the last 9. Finlen (6-3 213 Jr) has 4.6 speed and completed a solid 59.3% with a 12-11 ratio while rushing for 186 yds. He should be firmly entrenched as the starter. Jackson transferred to W Illinois for his senior year. He had 5 starts as a true frosh in 97, and 5 total starts the last 2 years. Harmon redshirted in 99 and will battle for the backup spot. Dan Urban (6-0 192 So) was PS#222 and got in 3 pass attempts last year. Jason Hogrefe (6-5 210 So) will compete and had 2 punts in one game last year. Look for this unit to show improvement in 2000.

**RUNNING BACKS** - For the 3rd straight year NI returns a solid TB duo of William Andrews and Ivory Bryant (6-0 212 Sr). Bryant led the team in rushing with 828 yds (3.7) in 1997. Then, in an injury plagued 1998, had just 655 yds (3.5). Last year he got in just 1 start and rushed for 325 yds (3.8). Andrews, who had 476 yds in 6 starts in 98, took over the main job last year and became just the 8th Huskie to top 1,000 yds in a season. He was 2nd team MAC and finished with 1,127 yds and a super 4.7 ypc. Look for some frosh backs to earn playing time this year with Andrews and Bryant both being seniors. I list Thomas Hammock at FB but he was listed #1 at TB in the spring. They do lose solid blocking FB Mike Stack (6-2 253) who was a 4 year starter. Alan Rood looks capable of taking over his job. As long as both Andrews and Bryant stay healthy, they should at least be able to match last year's solid numbers despite with the loss of their starting FB.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year the Huskies had to replace 2 starters but did return their leading receiver in Justin McCareins. McCareins improved on his 98 numbers. He caught just 3 more passes (57) but had 420 more yds (15.9). He also may be the best blocking WR in the MAC. Darrell Hill had 32 rec's and a super 18.1 ypc. PJ Fleck starred as a true frosh with 23 rec's (9.9) and also had 240 return yds. They must replace their starting TE Bob Lesher (11 sts, 9 rec) and I list his replacements below. This group has more experience than last year, more talent, and should be improved.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Part of the reason for the Huskies' slow start last year was the lack of continuity on the O-line. While they did return 4 starters, 3 missed the spring and summer, and they did not really begin working together as a unit until August. NI's offense became more effective as the season went on and the group gained cohesion. The good news is that all 5 starters are back and it is now a senior laden group. The only loss is RG Mike Newman (5 sts). They average nearly 300 lbs across the front and should have a fine season if all stay healthy.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Huskies had to replace 2 starters on the DL, but the unit performed solidly and they allowed just 3.9 ypc rushing for the 2nd straight year. They suffered an unexpected loss in the offseason when DT Lamain Rucker (PS#52) left the team for personal reasons. He had 11 starts and 70 tackles. Backup NT Anon Miller (22 tkls) also departs. Three starters return to the DL along with plenty of experienced backups. Novak also brings in 2 JUCO's and has a solid rFr and true frosh joining the mix this year. This looks like a quality group and will improve to become one of the MAC's best defensive lines in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year this unit had 2 of 3 starters returning and this year everyone is back, and there are even a couple of HT's in the group. I also like the overall speed of this unit with each of the three starters running a 4.75 in the 40 or faster. With yet another year of seasoning, this group can only improve.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Huskies ranked #82 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and returned 4 starters last year and improved to #64. They allowed 55.3% with a 16-13 ratio. Last year Novak said that his 2 safeties were as good as any tandem he had coached when he was an assistant at Indiana. Both made 2nd team MAC but this year FS Donnavan Carter (11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 2 int, 4 pbu) departs and he was their Defensive MVP. Seven of the top 8 DB's are back and 7 players listed below have starting experience. Even with the loss of a star like Carter, this unit should continue to improve.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - NI ranked 57th in my special teams rankings in 1998 but last year lost their top KR man (23.8) and PK. Punter Kent Baker improved his punting average but the team as a whole had poor net punting and also was -4 in the TD/Blk category. That dropped them all the way down to #109 in my special teams rankings. Baker was 1st team MAC as the PK, hitting a super 12 of 14 with a long of 49. He followed 98's K Brian Clark who hit 15 of 20 with a long of 48. Novak can only hope that Brian Grider will have equal success. All of the top PR and KR men are back. Fleck was the top PR man with just a 6.3 avg but should improve as a sophomore. Darrell Hill avg'd 21.3 and William Andrews had a 32.7 avg on 7 returns. I look for a strong return game but the punting is my big question mark. If an adequate P is found, this unit should climb towards the middle of the pack in 2000.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

The Huskies have not had a winning season since 1990. Joe Novak came in and preached patience. He bit the bullet 3 years ago, playing a lineup that had just 6 seniors and 18 frosh on the 2 deep. They had the #47 rated recruiting class that year and those players are now seniors. Novak had just 3 wins in his first 3 years. When they dropped their opener to W Illinois last year, rumblings from the alumni began. NI opened 0-4 SU but rallied to win 5 of their last 7 games with their only losses on the road to both Marshall and Toledo. If patience is a virtue, Novak has it and it appears to be paying dividends. Novak was rewarded with a contract extension through the year 2005. Last year I called them my surprise team of the MAC and they were just that, finishing 2nd in the West. NI also almost upset Vanderbilt on the road and lost to W Michigan (West Champs) on a last second FG. Novak must really be excited this year as they lose just 3 seniors from the 2 deep. They have a big veteran O-line and almost all the key skill players back on offense and look more potent. The defense has 9 starters back and should easily better last year's 26.3 ppg allowed. They get an additional boost by drawing Buffalo as one of their two MAC East opponents. They have not had a winning season since 1990 but if the cards fall in their favor this year, this talented team could achieve that goal.

# N ILLINOIS (5-6)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** WEST

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 9*** **Returning: 46 (22,23,1)**

**DEFENSE: 9** **Lost: 17 (9,7,1)**

## N ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS -DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8* | 26.3 | 19 | 157 | 3.7 | 188 | 53.4 | 13.1 | +4 | 1999 | 7 | 26.3 | 20 | 163 | 3.9 | 197 | 55.3 | 13.7 |
| 8 | 14.5 | 13 | 124 | 3.1 | 119 | 48.7 | 16.7 | -5 | 1998 | 9 | 29.9 | 19 | 189 | 3.9 | 173 | 56.2 | 12.1 |
| 5 | 11.7 | 15 | 129 | 3.0 | 136 | 48.8 | 22.6 | -3 | 1997 | 9 | 34.7 | 22 | 240 | 5.1 | 188 | 57.0 | 12.3 |
| 5 | 14.3 | 15 | 140 | 3.3 | 116 | 48.8 | 17.9 | +1 | 1996 | 9 | 36.4 | 24 | 276 | 5.2 | 180 | 59.4 | 12.5 |
| 6 | 21.0 | 17 | 227 | 4.4 | 134 | 43.0 | 17.0 | -5 | 1995 | 8 | 37.0 | 24 | 216 | 5.0 | 244 | 58.0 | 12.0 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| W Illinois | 23 | 46-241 | 5.2 | 14-35 | 178 | 4 | | 19 | 44-163 | 3.7 | 14-32 | 212 | 0 | -1 |
| at Vanderbilt | 14 | 40-92 | 2.3 | 17-31 | 212 | 0 | | 17 | 35-117 | 3.3 | 19-36 | 240 | 1 | +2 |
| at Iowa | 20 | 35-107 | 3.1 | 20-42 | 214 | 2 | | 22 | 48-192 | 4.0 | 13-18 | 145 | 3 | 0 |
| W Michigan | 15 | 44-186 | 4.2 | 7-15 | 60 | 0 | | 19 | 40-133 | 3.3 | 16-35 | 165 | 3 | 0 |
| at Buffalo | 28 | 48-228 | 4.8 | 17-26 | 225 | 0 | | 19 | 38-121 | 3.2 | 17-27 | 191 | 2 | 0 |
| Ball St | 19 | 43-195 | 4.5 | 14-25 | 202 | 2 | | 21 | 48-169 | 3.5 | 19-30 | 170 | 3 | +4 |
| at C Michigan | 20 | 45-93 | 2.1 | 13-24 | 276 | 0 | | 21 | 45-166 | 3.7 | 12-32 | 207 | 1 | 0 |
| Kent St | 21 | 44-187 | 4.3 | 8-13 | 137 | 0 | | 20 | 42-154 | 3.7 | 17-34 | 177 | 0 | +2 |
| at Marshall | 17 | 37-69 | 1.9 | 18-34 | 200 | 0 | | 26 | 32-180 | 5.6 | 26-33 | 288 | 1 | 0 |
| at Toledo | 18 | 34-149 | 4.4 | 17-29 | 135 | 0 | | 26 | 55-322 | 5.9 | 16-31 | 149 | 2 | -2 |
| E Michigan | 18 | 46-180 | 3.9 | 11-18 | 229 | 0 | | 14 | 29-72 | 2.5 | 23-39 | 218 | 1 | -1 |
| TOTALS | 213 | 462-1727 | 3.7 | 156-292 | 2068 | 8 | | 224 | 456-1789 | 3.9 | 192-347 | 2162 | 17 | +4 |
| AVERAGES | 19.4 | 42-157 | 3.7 | 14-27 | 188 | 0.7 | | 20.4 | 41-163 | 3.9 | 17-32 | 197 | 1.5 | 0.4 |

## STADIUM: HUSKIE STADIUM (31,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 5-6 | 4-7 | 1-10 | 0-11 | 2-9 | 5-6 | 21-56 |
| ATS | 2-5 | 6-3 | 2-8 | 2-7-1 | 6-5 | 6-3-1 | 7-3 | 31-34-2 |
| Home Fav | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 6-5 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 4-2 | 1-2-1 | 1-0 | 7-8-1 |
| Away Fav | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-3-1 |
| Away Dog | 1-3 | 3-2 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 5-1 | 2-3 | 16-18 |
| Favorite | 1-2 | 3-0 | 0-4 | 0-2-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-0 | 8-8-1 |
| Dog | 1-3 | 3-3 | 2-4 | 2-5 | 6-5 | 6-3-1 | 3-3 | 23-26-1 |
| Grass | 0-4 | 1-2 | 1-4 | 1-2-1 | 1-2 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 10-15-1 |
| Artificial | 2-1 | 5-1 | 1-4 | 1-5 | 5-3 | 2-3-1 | 5-2 | 21-19-1 |
| vs MAC | 1-2 | 3-2 | 1-4 | 1-1-1 | 4-4 | 5-2-1 | 6-2 | 21-17-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-3 | 3-1 | 1-4 | 1-6 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 10-17 |

## JOE NOVAK (Career 8-36)

**Novak's records at N Illinois**

5th Year at N Illinois

| | |
|---|---|
| 8-36 | Straight Up |
| 21-18-2 | Vs The Spread |
| 15-12-1 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 16-9-2 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

OL Gary Young 6-4 280 PS#101
OL Ben Lueck 6-4 275 PS#103
LB Jason Hawkins 6-2 215 PS#145
LB Jason Frank 6-6 245 PS#163
DL Jon Peters 6-4 263 PS#162JC
WR Rob Lee 5-11 185 PS#149
DL Todd Ghilani 6-4 250 PS#179
LB Nick Duffy 6-2 225 PS#189
DL Rashad Walker 6-3 272 PS#240JC
DB Kevin Woods 5-9 185 PS#205

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **William Andrews** | **240** | **1216** | **89** | **1127** | **9** | **4.7** |
| **Ivory Bryant** | **85** | **358** | **33** | **325** | **4** | **3.8** |
| Frisman Jackson | 35 | 184 | 78 | 106 | 0 | 3.0 |
| **Thomas Hammock** | **23** | **94** | **13** | **81** | **0** | **3.5** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Finlen** | **199** | **118** | **59.3** | **1551** | **12** | **11** |
| Frisman Jackson | 83 | 35 | 42.2 | 502 | 4 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Justin McCareins** | **57** | **906** | **15.9** | **10** | **73** |
| **Darrell Hill** | **32** | **578** | **18.1** | **6** | **96** |
| **PJ Fleck** | **23** | **227** | **9.9** | **0** | **28** |
| **William Andrews** | **10** | **28** | **2.8** | **0** | **14** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kent Baker | 53 | 2022 | 38.2 | - | 31.2 | 4 | - |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kent Baker | 2-2 | 5-5 | 5-7 | 0-0 | 12-14 | 49 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Donnavan Carter | 133 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| **Jermaine Hampton** | **118** | **2** | **2** | **2** | **2** |
| **Cameron Saulsby** | **101** | **2** | **5** | **0** | **3** |
| **Benji Peacock** | **71** | **2** | **4** | **11** | **3** |
| Lamain Rucker | 70 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| **Larry Williams** | **69** | **0** | **4** | **0** | **0** |
| **Darian Tate** | **56** | **0** | **10** | **0** | **0** |
| **Kevin Selover** | **49** | **4** | **4** | **1** | **0** |
| **Jon Pendergrass** | **46** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** |
| **Trent Clemen** | **43** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** |
| **Lewis Miskowicz** | **40** | **1** | **3** | **2** | **0** |
| **Sean Hopson** | **32** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **0** |
| **Torrence Andrews** | **32** | **0** | **0** | **5** | **1** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **PJ Fleck** | **28** | **175** | **6.3** | **0** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Darrell Hill** | **16** | **340** | **21.3** | **0** |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB CHRIS FINLEN JR.** 6-3 213 *5 sts as true in 97, 1107 yds (58%), 5-5 ratio, 138 rush. Rs in 98. 9 sts in 99, 1551 yds (59.3%), 12-11 ratio, 186 rush.*
**RB WILLIAM ANDREWS SR.** 5-11 205 *PS#156. 6 sts in 98, 476 yds (3.6). 10 sts in 99, 1127 yds (4.7), 9 TD's,* ***2nd tm MAC****. Ivory Bryant (PS#108) 1808 career yds.*
**FB Alan Rood So.** 6-0 248 *PS#171LB. 4 gms as true but med rs. 11 gms ly, 8 total yds, 3 tkls. Thomas Hammock (5-9 202 So), 129 total yds.*
**WR DARRELL HILL SR.** 6-4 197 *PS#153 in 97. 2 sts, 12 rec (9.2) in 98. 11 sts ly, 32 rec (18.1), 340 rel yds. PJ Fleck (5-10 175 So) PS#167, 23 rec (9.9) as true.*
**WR JUSTIN McCAREINS SR.** 6-3 204 *6 sts in 97 as true, 27 rec (16.0). 11 sts in 98, 54 rec (9.0), 310 rel yds. 11 sts in 99, 57 rec (15.9). Solid blocking WR.*
**TE Matt Dunker So.** 6-5 235 *PS#124 in 98. 10 gms in 99, 0 rec. Joey Reed (6-6 247 Jr) 23 snaps, 6 gms as true. 8 gms in 99, 1 rec (7.0).*
**C McALLISTER COLLINS SR.** 6-2 300 *1 st, 7 tkls at DT as true. 9 sts, 671 snaps at LT in 98. 10 sts in 99. Added 24 lbs. Jeff Gordon (6-5 272 rFr).*
**RG MATT COCKRUM SR.** 6-5 282 *3 sts, 272 snaps, 8 gms in 97. 3 sts, 230 snaps in 98. 10 sts in 99, 3 letters. Greg Clemens (6-5 282 So) 4 gms in 99.*
**LG KYLE JAKUBEK SR.** 6-3 280 *PS#374. 2 sts, 250 snaps as true. 11 sts, 696 snaps in 98. 10 sts ly. 3 letters. Graham Sleight (6-2 296 So) 2 gms ly.*
**RT RYAN DIEM SR.** 6-7 336 *7 sts, 403 snaps as true. 11 sts in 98, 724 snaps, 2nd tm MAC, 10 sts in 99,* ***1st tm MAC****. 22 reps of 225 bench.*
**LT TIM VINCENT SO.** 6-6 284 *6 sts as rFr in 99. +24 lbs. Mark Orszula (6-7 301 rFr). John Pedersen (6-6 285 Jr) PS#300. 7 sts in 98, 9 gms ly.*
**K Brian Grider So.** 6-1 204 *70% of KO into EZ in HS. 43.8 avg on punts, 10 of 12 FG's long of 46, 5 of 40+ but no college action.*

**DE LEWIS MISKOWICZ SR.** 6-2 272 *6 sts at NT, 47 tkls in 97. 10 sts in 98, 54 tkls, 10 tfl. 11 sts ly, 40 tkls, 4 tfl. Anthony Falbo (6-5 258) PS#128, 18 tkls as true.*
**DT DARIAN TATE JR.** 6-4 277 *1 st, 29 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. 11 sts in 99, 56 tkls, 10 tfl. 635 squat. Eric Didesch (6-5 275 So) 26 tkls, 1 tfl in 10 gms as rFr.*
**DT Rashad Walker Jr.** 6-3 272 *PS#240JC, in for spg. Jon Peters (6-4 263 Jr) PS#162JC, 7 sks at JC ly. Shaun Schroeder (6-2 269 rFr) PS#212.*
**DE TRENT CLEMEN JR.** 6-4 242 *PS#97LB, 24 tkls as true. 11 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 2 tfl. Joe Busald (6-4 246 So) PS#93TE, 17 tkls, 3 tfl as true.*
**SLB CAMERON SAULSBY SR.** 6-1 233 *430 bench, 4.46 speed. 8 sts, 61 tkls, 9 tfl in 98. 11 sts, 101 tkls, 7 tfl in 99.* ***Ryan Laurenti*** *(6-2 227Jr) PS#94. 16 tkls, 2Y.*
**MLB KEVIN SELOVER SR.** 6-3 227 *11 sts, 92 tkls, 5 tfl as true. 11 sts, 86 tkls, 8 tfl in 98. 49 tkls, 8 tfl ly. Sean Hopson had 32 tkls. Kevin Robinson PS#81.*
**WLB LARRY WILLIAMS SO.** 5-11 226 *PS#175LB. 11 sts as rFr, 69 tkls, 4 tfl. +20 lbs. Rocky Newton (6-0 206 Sr) 25 tkls in 97. 10 tkls, 13 gms L/2 yrs.*
**CB Demerist Whitfield So.** 5-11 172 *PS#108, 15 tkls, 1 tfl, 5 pbu as true. Torrence Andrews (5-11 175 Jr) 9 sts, 29 tkls in 99. Vince Thompson (5-10 170 So).*
**CB BENJI PEACOCK SR.** 5-7 171 *4.44 spd. 7 sts in 98, 56 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. 9 sts LY, 71 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu, HM MAC. Chauncy O'Neal (6-1 187 Sr) 5 sts, 58 tkls, 2Y.*
**SS JERMAINE HAMPTON SR.** 6-1 207 *PS#167. 7 sts in 98. 72 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 118 tkls, 2 int,* ***2nd tm MAC****. Justin Dole (6-0 191 So) PS#220.*
**FS Buster Sampson Sr.** 5-9 184 *8 sts in 97 (6 at CB), 70 tkls, 3 tfl. 4 sts in 98. 40 tkls. 28 tkls, 3 pbu ly. Jon Pendergrass (6-0 211 Jr) 46 tkls, 3 sts in 99.*
**P Jason Hogrefe So.** 6-5 210 *QB/P in HS. Avg 37.0 in HS on punts. 2 punts here in 99 as rFr, 25.5 avg, long of 33. Jimmy Erwin is JUCO transfer.*

# OHIO UNIVERSITY BOBCATS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year the Bobcats had to replace four year starter Kareem Wilson and began the season with a 17 year old at QB in true frosh Dontrell Jackson. Jackson did much better than expected and actually led the team in gross yards rushing with 641 and threw for 745 yards (46%) with a 6-3 ratio. He should be solidly improved with a full season and spring practices under his belt. In the one game Jackson left with an injury Dan Jordan (PS#65) came off the bench and led the Bobcats to a victory. Jordan threw for 282 yards (41.3%), but he departs this year. The backups lack experience. David Murphy (PS#85) got injured in 98 and has 4 pass attempts and 142 yards rushing in 4 years. Adam Porter and Aaron Powell (6-4 210 So) were the QB's in the spring game. Powell is a transfer from E Michigan. As long as Jackson stays healthy, this should be a solidly improved position.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year the Bobcats had to replace their all time leading rusher, TB Steve Hookfin, as well as their starting FB. They then lost leading rusher Jamel Patterson at midseason to injury after he had 582 yds in the first 6 games. Joe Sherrill proved to be an impressive FB in the 2H of the season after moving from TB, racking up a couple of 100 yard games. TB Chad Brinker took over for Patterson and rushed for 600 yds (5.0). They do lose FB Joe Fondale (5 sts, 65 yds) but basically everyone else is back including Mareion Royster (6-1 180 Jr, PS #314) who has 59 yards in 2 years, and a rare HT in Wiz White who could end up seeing significant time. This group is much more experienced than last year and has some added talent like Mike Myers (5-8 175 rFr) who was PS#194 and Tony Rozzoni (6-1 210 rFr) who was PS#332RB. I look for this unit to be vastly improved.

**RECEIVERS** - Obviously, this unit does not see much action. TE Drew Dwyer, OU's main option at TE for 4 years, departs. He led this group with 12 rec's (16.3). WR Derrick Jenkins had 11 starts but just 5 receptions and also departs. WR Joe Mohler had just 3 sts but 10 rec's (10.6) and will likely inherit Jenkins' spot. I list the top 3 WR's below. Tierra Pought (6-2 175 rFr) was PS#212 and was Dontrell Jackson's favorite target in HS. James Taylor (6-1 175 rFr) was PS#280 and Justin Halada (6-3 190 rFr) was PS#450. I list the top 3 TE's below and also in the mix is Youngstown St transfer Chris Knaack (6-3 240 Jr) who was PS#159RB and had one start at FB here in 99 with 11 yards rushing. He was a starter on Youngstown St's Div IAA National Championship team in 97. This unit should at least equal last year's numbers.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year the Bobcats had a young offensive line and had to replace 4 starters. This year only 2 depart in C Mike Varone (11 sts, 2nd tm MAC, 3 yr st'r) and RT Steve Gaydosz (11 sts). They also lose a pair of backups in LG Chip Pugh (2 sts) and OT Cooper Jones. Four players return with starting experience and they add 3 JUCO's to this year's group. After finishing 2nd in the NCAA in rushing in 98, paving the way for 277 ypg and 4.5 ypc, OU came near those figures again last year surprisingly at 262 ypg and 4.6 ypc. The projected starting five below averages 300 lbs per man and looks to be one of the MAC's best offensive fronts.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - OU had to replace two starters and one backup in 99. This year they lose DE John Kraus (11 sts, 5 sks, 6 tfl) and DE Steve Collins (2 sts, 19 tkls, 2 tfl). There is plenty of experience returning and OU had a tough run defense last year, allowing just 3.1 ypc rushing and 121 ypg. This year's D-line looks even stronger than last year's excellent unit.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year the Bobcats had to replace a pair of starters and a backup and are in the same shape this year. Gone are OLB Leigh Barbour (11 sts, 9 tfl), ILB Mark Calgaro (10 sts, 9 tfl, 66 tkls) and backup ILB David Swenson (8 tkls). Four players do return with starting experience and I'll call this unit stronger.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Traditionally OU has done well in my pass efficiency defense rankings but slipped to #79 after losing three starters in 98. Last year they had to replace two starters and fell even further to #103, allowing 237 ypg (62.3%) with a 21-17 ratio. They should be much stronger this year with 3 starters returning and the other spot filled by a rare VHT for the Bobcats in Joe Sellers. Overall, four players return with starting experience and the Bobcats list both CB's as All MAC Conference candidates. I look for a good sized jump in the pass efficiency defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - With Grobe's Air Force background, you would expect him to put a high emphasis on special teams and the Bobcats are usually strong in this area. In 1998 they finished #35 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to replace their K & top PR and did drop a little down to #54 but still notched an upper half finish. P Dave Zastudil saw his gross punting avg drop from 45.3 to 43.2 but his net improved to 36.4 and he returns. He's been voted 1st team all MAC in each of the last 2 years. K Kevin Kerr was PS#53 and has a strong leg. He hit a super 9 of 13 FG's with a long of 55 including 2 of 2 from 50+. He was a bit inconsistent hitting just 24 of 28 xp's and I can only expect him to improve with a year of experience. The top PR's and KR's are back, so the return game looks to be improved. I look for OU to contend for a top 40 spot and possibly a top 25 in my special teams rankings this year.

# OHIO (5-6)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** EAST

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 7*** **Returning: 36 (16,17,3)**

**DEFENSE: 7** **Lost: 18 (9,9,0)**

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### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 24.6 | 18 | 262 | 4.6 | 94 | 44.4 | 14.5 | +2 | 1999 | 5 | 26.1 | 18 | 121 | 3.1 | 236 | 62.3 | 13.7 |
| 8 | 24.5 | 19 | 277 | 4.5 | 55 | 36.5 | 13.5 | -6 | 1998 | 8 | 27.5 | 18 | 130 | 3.5 | 209 | 57.9 | 12.3 |
| 5* | 27.4 | 17 | 302 | 5.1 | 37 | 27.6 | 12.4 | +9 | 1997 | 8 | 16.1 | 20 | 143 | 3.3 | 189 | 49.7 | 20.7 |
| 5* | 25.2 | 17 | 274 | 4.8 | 54 | 42.9 | 13.0 | 0 | 1996 | 6 | 19.8 | 17 | 115 | 2.9 | 184 | 52.0 | 15.1 |
| 9* | 14.6 | 13 | 184 | 3.9 | 60 | 36.4 | 16.7 | -12 | 1995 | 8 | 29.1 | 20 | 186 | 3.9 | 203 | 59.5 | 13.3 |

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | 1999 STATS BY GAME | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Minnesota | 12 | 49-160 | 3.3 | 5-15 | 50 | 3 | | 19 | 43-155 | 3.6 | 17-28 | 246 | 3 | -3 |
| N Iowa | 13 | 35-282 | 8.1 | 9-17 | 108 | 2 | | 28 | 49-192 | 3.9 | 25-37 | 335 | 0 | -2 |
| at Ohio St | 13 | 51-151 | 3.0 | 6-10 | 78 | 1 | | 24 | 39-180 | 4.6 | 14-26 | 269 | 1 | +2 |
| Buffalo | 26 | 66-393 | 6.0 | 7-12 | 130 | 0 | | 19 | 44-95 | 2.2 | 17-32 | 220 | 6 | +2 |
| Kent St | 22 | 65-298 | 4.6 | 3-10 | 45 | 0 | | 10 | 27-54 | 2.0 | 15-26 | 108 | 1 | +1 |
| at Akron | 24 | 66-280 | 4.2 | 11-21 | 139 | 2 | | 17 | 49-176 | 3.6 | 9-13 | 160 | 2 | -2 |
| at E Michigan | 21 | 62-284 | 4.6 | 5-15 | 112 | 2 | | 19 | 26-37 | 1.4 | 25-34 | 384 | 2 | +3 |
| Bowling Green | 13 | 62-299 | 4.8 | 3-9 | 50 | 1 | | 11 | 34-123 | 3.6 | 13-24 | 128 | 1 | +4 |
| at Ball St | 19 | 55-279 | 5.1 | 6-13 | 88 | 1 | | 16 | 44-147 | 3.3 | 18-21 | 126 | 5 | 0 |
| Miami (Oh) | 25 | 73-345 | 4.8 | 8-16 | 131 | 1 | | 18 | 34-52 | 1.5 | 17-35 | 248 | 5 | 0 |
| at Marshall | 15 | 40-112 | 2.8 | 9-24 | 106 | 0 | | 20 | 38-122 | 3.2 | 25-37 | 378 | 2 | -3 |
| TOTALS | 203 | 624-2883 | 4.6 | 72-162 | 1037 | 13 | | 201 | 427-1333 | 3.1 | 195-313 | 2602 | 28 | +2 |
| AVERAGES | 18.4 | 57-262 | 4.6 | 7-15 | 94 | 1.2 | | 18.3 | 39-121 | 3.1 | 18-28 | 237 | 2.5 | 0.2 |

## STADIUM: PEDEN STADIUM (20,000)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 0-11 | 2-8-1 | 6-6 | 8-3 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 30-47-1 |
| ATS | 7-4 | 4-7 | 6-5 | 9-3 | 6-4 | 4-7 | 5-4-1 | 41-34-1 |
| Home Fav | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 10-4 |
| Home Dog | 2-2 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 8-10 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 1-0 | 5-6 |
| Away Dog | 4-2 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 4-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-3-1 | 18-14-1 |
| Favorite | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 4-1 | 4-2 | 2-4 | 3-1 | 15-10 |
| Dog | 6-4 | 4-6 | 5-4 | 5-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 2-3-1 | 26-24-1 |
| Grass | 3-4 | 3-6 | 3-5 | 7-2 | 4-1 | 4-5 | 5-1 | 29-24 |
| Artificial | 4-0 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 0-3-1 | 12-10-1 |
| vs MAC | 6-3 | 3-6 | 4-4 | 5-2 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 4-3-1 | 29-27-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 4-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 12-7 |

## JIM GROBE (Career 26-29-1)
## Grobe's records at Ohio

6th Year at Ohio

| | |
|---|---|
| 26-29-1 | Straight Up |
| 30-22-1 | Vs The Spread |
| 12-10-1 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 20-18-1 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| RB | Stafford Owens 5-10 180 PS#77 |
| DL | Garrett Bush 6-4 272 PS#73 |
| LB | Ricky Cherry 6-0 220 PS#99 |
| OL | Dennis Thompson 6-4 272 PS#128 |
| DL | David Williams 6-4 270 PS#264 |
| WR | Roy McCullough 6-2 180 PS#224 |
| DB | Travis Logan 6-0 185 PS#279 |
| RB | Ray Huston 6-1 200 PS#370 |
| DB | Jonah Booker 5-10 165 PS#300 |
| DB | Rahman Shavers 6-0 180 PS#327 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chad Brinker** | 121 | 628 | 28 | 600 | 5 | 5.0 |
| **Jamel Patterson** | 90 | 597 | 16 | 581 | 7 | 6.5 |
| **Dontrell Jackson** | 154 | 641 | 113 | 528 | 3 | 3.4 |
| **Raynald Ray** | 85 | 517 | 40 | 477 | 4 | 5.6 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dontrell Jackson** | 113 | 52 | 46.0 | 745 | 6 | 3 |
| Dan Jordan | 46 | 19 | 41.3 | 282 | 1 | 3 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Raynald Ray** | 22 | 466 | 21.2 | 4 | 54 |
| Drew Dwyer | 12 | 196 | 16.3 | 2 | 44 |
| **Joe Mohler** | 10 | 106 | 10.6 | 0 | 44 |
| **Jason Caesar** | 9 | 76 | 8.4 | 0 | 17 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dave Zastudil** | 60 | 2595 | 43.2 | | 36.4 | 3 | 13 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kevin Kerr** | 1-1 | 5-5 | 1-5 | 2-2 | 9-13 | 55 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris London** | 107 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| **Tom Weilbacher** | 89 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| David Walker | 77 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Mark Calgaro | 66 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| **Donnie White** | 65 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| **Matt Spitler** | 61 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Leigh Barbour | 59 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| John Kraus | 42 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| **Greg Baskin** | 38 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| **Mike Fox** | 36 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| **Bop White** | 35 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 5 |
| **Trendale Perkins** | 31 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| **Lamar Martin** | 28 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Raynald Ray** | 27 | 260 | 9.6 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chad Brinker** | 24 | 486 | 20.2 | 0 |

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Coach Grobe is doing a tremendous job with the Bobcats. The highest win total at this school from 1983-1994 was 4 wins in a season and a team avg 2.5 wins per year. He inherited a team that was 0-11 in 1994. Grobe's first season was just 2-8-1, but since then the Bobcats have recorded 6, 8, 5 and 5 victories including 4 straight winning records in MAC action. Last year he did a remarkable job as OU returned just 10 starters (lowest amount in MAC). His young team faced Minnesota, Ohio St and Marshall on the road, but managed 5 wins including a 40-28 win over a strong Miami (Oh) team. When the season began, starting QB Dontrell Jackson was only 17 years old and OU dropped their 1st 3 games. They rallied to win 5 of their last 8. Only 15 players on last year's original 2 deep roster had earned more than one letter. This year 14 starters return so they look much stronger on both sides of the ball and have one of the MAC's top special teams units. They should be at or near the top of the MAC East after 5 conference games but have their 3 toughest games down the stretch with a pair of road tilts at Miami (Oh) and Marshall. If they bag one win in the final 3 games they should return to the plus side of the ledger. This much more experienced team looks to move back into a contender's role.

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB DONTRELL JACKSON SO.** 5-11 175 *PS#100. 11 sts as true. 745 yds pass, 6-3 ratio, 641 rush. David Murphy (6-2 190 Sr) PS#85. Adam Porter (6-0 175) PS#310.*

**TB JAMEL PATTERSON JR.** 6-1 210 *177 yds (3.8) in 98 as rFr. 6 sts in 99 til inj, 581 yds (6.5).* ***Chad Brinker*** *(5-11 190 So) PS#283, 600 yds (5.0) 5 sts as rFr.*

**ZB RAYNALD RAY SR.** 5-11 200 *102 yds as rFr. 101 rush, 167 rec & 242 ret yds in 98. 477 yds rush (5.6), 22 rec (21.2), 332 ret yds in 99.* ***Wiz White*** *PS#81.*

**FB JOE SHERRILL SO.** 6-1 215 *PS#195. Move to FB in 2H of 99, 5 sts, 410 yds rush (4.7) 2 rec. Keland Logan (6-2 250 rFr) was PS#330 in 99.*

**WR Joe Mohler So.** 6-3 200 *3 sts as rFr in 99, 10 rec (10.6), poss rec. Tierra Pought (6-2 175 rFr) PS#212WR. Jason Caesar (5-9 170 So) had 9 rec (8.4).*

**TE Chris Knaack Jr.** 6-3 240 *PS#159. Started @ Youngstown St. Derek Gandy (6-5 250 rFr) PS#77. Randy Pennington (6-3 240 So) +30 lbs, 2 rec (11.5).*

**C Doug Wooten So.** 6-1 280 *2nd string as rFr, 11 games here in 99. Taylor Ketchum (6-2 295 So) is PS#450JC & was in for spring.*

**RG ZACH HOLT SR.** 6-3 280 *2nd string, 11 gms in 97. 11 gms in 98 on spec tms & at C. 9 sts at OG in 99, 390 bench. Tim Givens (6-7 275 rFr).*

**LG NICK GLOWACKI JR.** 6-6 310 *PS#296OL in 97. 2 sts at OG in 98. 11 sts in 99,* ***2nd tm MAC****. Khalid Johnson (6-3 300 Jr) 4 gms in 98, 11 in 99.*

**RT DAVID PATTON JR.** 6-8 330 *PS#163. Huge, 10 sts as rFr in 99. Erik Grahovac (6-4 285 So) PS#420. Dennis Thompson (6-4 272 Fr) PS#128.*

**LT Chris Jackson So.** 6-4 300 *HS inj & RS in 98. Not 100% ly but 1 st. Good size. Steve Lawrence (6-4 250 rFr). Eric Brown (6-3 275 So) PS#450JC.*

**K KEVIN KERR SO.** 6-0 170 *PS#53 in 99. 57 yd FG in HS & 21 of 25 with 70% TB's. Hit 9 of 13 FG's in 99, long of 55 & 2 from 50+! 24-28 xp's.*

**LLB Greg Baskin Jr.** 6-2 230 *5 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl as rFr. 5 sts in 99, 38 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int in 99. Shawn Murphy (6-3 215 Jr) 10 tkls in 98, 7 tkls, 1 tfl in 99.*

**LE MIKE FOX SR.** 6-4 270 *12 tkls as rFr. 11 sts ly, 36 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl, 3 pbu. Drew Dollmatsch (6-4 250 Sr) PS#118LB. 7 tkls in 5 gms L/2Y.*

**NG LAMAR MARTIN SO.** 6-1 270 *PS#333 in 98. 9 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 1 sk, 4 tfl. Damion Washington (6-2 295 Sr) PS#337. 1 st in 97, 18 tkls, 6 tfl. 19 tkls ly.*

**DE Art Adams Sr.** 6-4 250 *PS#203. 30 tkls in 98, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. 24 tkls in 99, 5 sks, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Andre Parker (6-1 280 Fr) was PS#264 in 99.*

**RLB Trendale Perkins Jr.** 6-2 220 *PS#295. 1 rec at TE in 98. 31 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl in 99 at LB. Hugh Grant (6-4 210 rFr) PS#323. Jamal Pittman (6-0 200 So).*

**SLB MATT SPITLER SR.** 6-3 240 *PS#237JC. 1 st here in 99. #6 w/61 tkls, 5 tfl.* ***Matt Weikert*** *(6-2 220 Jr) 3 tkls in 98. 6 sts in 99 (inj) 24 tkls, 3 tfl.*

**WLB TOM WEILBACHER SO.** 6-0 235 *Trans from E Mich. 11 sts in 99 as rFr, 89 tkls, 7 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Romero Morgan (6-0 235 rFr) was PS#124LB in 99.*

**CB DAVID "Bop" WHITE SO.** 6-0 175 *PS#410, 8 sts, 35 tkls, 5 int.* ***11 pbu****, 2 tfl as true. Thomas Stephens (6-1 175 rFr) PS#154QB. Ryan Weller (5-8 155 rFr).*

**CB DONNIE WHITE SR.** 5-10 190 *19 tkls. 11 sts in 98, 82 tkls, 7 tfl, 2 int. 11 sts ly, 65 tkls, 4 int, 2 pbu, HM MAC. Arden Banks (5-9 190 Jr) 33 tkls, 1 pbu, 2 yrs.*

**SS CHRIS LONDON JR.** 5-10 200 *65 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu in 98. 10 sts in 99, #1 w/107 tkls, 7 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Jason Whitehead (6-2 205 rFr) PS#350QB, moved to SS.*

**FS Joe Sellers So.** 5-10 190 *PS#40DB! 26 tkls, 11 gms as rFr. Ben Robey (5-10 175 rFr). Duffer Duffy (6-0 190 Sr) PS#260, 37 tkls, 3 pbu in 3 yrs.*

**P DAVE ZASTUDIL JR.** 6-4 230 *1st Tm MAC & #4 in NCAA as rFr in 98, 50 punts (45.3). 1st Tm MAC, 60 punts (43.2) in 99 & net of 36.4.*

# TOLEDO ROCKETS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Last year I called for Tavares Bolden to win the starting job, but it did not happen until the 5th week of the season. In the 1st four games Toledo averaged just 20.2 ppg but by season's end Bolden had them operating in high gear. Bolden threw for 1,354 yards (53.7%) with a 9-7 ratio and also rushed for 442 yards. Over the final 3 games, Bolden had a 4-0 ratio. He is back and now has a year of experience. Because of his great mobility he was sacked just 6 times. Dan Cole (6-3 205 Sr) had 7 games experience heading into last year but got his first start in the opener. He was 2-2 as a starter, threw for 532 yards (51.7%) with a 4-3 ratio. Cole opted to forgo his final year of eligibility. Keon Frazier (6-1 190 rFr) was PS#93QB last year and redshirted. He mirrors Bolden in that he is mobile, rushing for 721 yards as a senior in high school and also throwing for 1,838. This unit is much more experienced than last year, and if Bolden continues to improve as he did in 99, this could be one of the better units in the MAC.

**RUNNING BACKS** - This was a very effective unit last year as Toledo finished 10th in the NCAA in rushing and led the NCAA in ypc, averaging 5.35 in a super year. Chester Taylor, who averaged 5.5 ypc in 98 when forced into action as a 3rd stringer, showed outstanding improvement in 99. He had 9 starts but missed most of 3 games with injury. Despite a lingering ankle injury, he rushed for 1,176 yards with a super 6.5 ypc and was rightfully voted 1st team MAC. William Bratton (5-11 220 Jr) had 486 yards rushing (3.9) and is a powerful straight ahead runner. Taylor and Bratton are the 4th leading returning rushing tandem in the country. Antwon McCray (6-0 205 Jr) had 424 yards with one start and a solid 5.9 ypc. Both Taylor and Bratton have 4.4 speed. With everyone back, this should be an improved group, but it will be tough to top last year's ypc.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year this group was hit hard by graduation, losing 3 of the top 5 rec's and having just one WR back with NCAA experience. They did have TE Mike Bilik who was 2nd team MAC in 98 but he missed 3 games last year due to injury and had just 18 rec's. This year's group is much more experienced and deep. I list the starters and backups below, and there are even some HT's in the group with both TE's at that level as well as Miquel Irvin who got in 3 rec's as a true frosh. WR Mel Long has caught a pass in each of the last 35 games, which is the longest active streak in the NCAA. Pinkel lists both the R-back and the H-back as starters (12 positions) but I combined them in the two deep below. This unit is much more experienced than last year and I like the talent level. With more experience and consistency at QB and WR, I expect the passing production to increase this year.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Last year's offensive line was clearly a strong point. In 11 games, Toledo QB's were sacked just 8 times which was the best in the MAC and they also paved the way for the highest ypc rushing in the NCAA. They do lose their top OL in LT Colin Westrich who was 1st team MAC in each of the last 2 seasons. Also gone are RG Greg Peters (5 sts) and LT Mike Lenix who actually began his career in 93 and participated in 10 games last year, his 7th year at the school. With basically four starters back this year, this is a good sized group (296 lb avg) that should continue to be among the best in the MAC.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Rockets always have a top notch defense and last year allowed just 107 ypg rushing and 3.1 ypc with a veteran defensive line that returned 3 starters. This year all four starters return with the lone loss being DT Jonathan Cunningham (4 sts, 2 tfl). No less than six players listed below have starting experience. The star is DeJuan Goulde who along with LB Rollins who was one of the MAC leaders in sacks with 10 last year and also had 17 tfl. They have good size inside and good pass rushers on the outside, and this could be the MAC's best defensive line.

**LINEBACKERS** - Toledo runs a 4-4 defense but I list the Rover at SS and the WHIP LB in this unit. Last year they had to replace two starters but had 3 starters returning at the four positions. This year they lose ILB Jason Lamar (9 sts, 1st team MAC 2 straight yrs) who was #1 tackler with 103 and also added 9 tfl and 9 pbu. They also lose WLB Keith Travis (9 sts, 57 tkls) as well as backup WLB Antjuan Savage (3 sts, 34 tkls). Two players return with starting experience at the ILB positions and they are backed by a pair of HT's that will contend for time. WLB is occupied by a VHT so the unit looks pretty solid, but is not as experienced as last year and I'll call it weaker in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Rockets ranked 47th in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and only had to replace one starter last year but dropped to #71, allowing 240 ypg and 62% completions with a 14-14 ratio. This year they must replace CB Jameel Turner (11 sts, 2 int's, 4 pbu) but everyone else returns and four players have starting experience. They have good speed in this unit and should improve upon last year's unusually low finish in the pass defense rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Toledo finished just #74 in my special teams rankings in 1998 despite returning almost everyone. Last year they had to replace their top P, KR and PR and slipped to #88. The strength of their special teams is not reflected in my rankings as K Todd France hit 18 of 26 FG's and was one of 20 Lou Groza semifinalists. He had a long of 51. Pinkel was displeased that no gamebreakers had emerged on returns last year. Despite extra emphasis on blocking punts last year, the Rockets blocked just one. Their PK, P, PR and KR all return this year and now have experience, so I look for a pretty significant improvement in the special teams rankings.

# TOLEDO (6-5)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** WEST

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 9*** **Returning: 42 (19,21,2)**

**DEFENSE: 8** **Lost: 13 (8,5,0)**

TOLEDO

## TOLEDO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS -DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 26.6 | 21 | 239 | 5.3 | 171 | 52.9 | 15.4 | +8 | 1999 | 7 | 20.8 | 19 | 107 | 3.1 | 240 | 62.0 | 16.7 |
| 10* | 19.1 | 18 | 120 | 3.3 | 208 | 55.0 | 17.2 | +2 | 1998 | 5 | 18.0 | 18 | 163 | 3.8 | 196 | 56.9 | 19.9 |
| 5 | 29.7 | 23 | 171 | 4.2 | 248 | 53.7 | 14.1 | +8 | 1997 | 8 | 22.3 | 18 | 128 | 3.5 | 223 | 52.5 | 15.7 |
| 6* | 18.2 | 19 | 122 | 3.2 | 189 | 54.1 | 17.1 | +5 | 1996 | 7 | 23.5 | 18 | 160 | 3.8 | 203 | 54.7 | 15.5 |
| 8 | 34.3 | 23 | 251 | 5.0 | 179 | 56.8 | 12.6 | +16 | 1995 | 10 | 22.0 | 16 | 134 | 3.7 | 220 | 57.2 | 15.8 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Syracuse | 12 | 28-66 | 2.4 | 18-41 | 158 | 1 | | 18 | 49-275 | 5.6 | 10-17 | 126 | 0 | +3 |
| at Ball St | 18 | 50-257 | 5.1 | 14-20 | 99 | 0 | | 16 | 29-68 | 2.3 | 15-33 | 207 | 6 | +2 |
| Massachusetts | 20 | 50-242 | 4.8 | 10-25 | 65 | 0 | | 14 | 39-132 | 3.4 | 14-32 | 112 | 1 | -2 |
| at Bowling Green | 16 | 34-224 | 6.6 | 16-31 | 162 | 0 | | 24 | 51-145 | 2.8 | 20-30 | 302 | 4 | -3 |
| Kent | 25 | 39-189 | 4.8 | 19-26 | 259 | 0 | | 13 | 39-69 | 1.8 | 17-24 | 130 | 3 | +2 |
| at Marshall | 25 | 44-132 | 3.0 | 28-54 | 349 | 1 | | 26 | 26-84 | 3.2 | 27-37 | 393 | 2 | 0 |
| E Michigan | 16 | 35-157 | 4.5 | 15-37 | 130 | 3 | | 17 | 35-58 | 1.7 | 20-29 | 210 | 2 | -1 |
| Louisiana Tech | 20 | 40-179 | 4.5 | 22-38 | 200 | 2 | | 27 | 20-38 | 1.9 | 44-66 | 508 | 2 | -1 |
| at C Michigan | 26 | 54-472 | 8.7 | 9-20 | 92 | 0 | | 20 | 43-162 | 3.8 | 16-28 | 177 | 4 | +1 |
| N Illinois | 26 | 55-322 | 5.9 | 16-31 | 149 | 1 | | 18 | 34-149 | 4.4 | 17-29 | 135 | 4 | +2 |
| W Michigan | 32 | 63-391 | 6.2 | 17-25 | 223 | 0 | | 18 | 16-(-7) | -0.4 | 27-41 | 342 | 4 | +5 |
| TOTALS | 236 | 492-2631 | 5.3 | 184-348 | 1886 | 8 | | 211 | 381-1173 | 3.1 | 227-366 | 2642 | 32 | +8 |
| AVERAGES | 21.4 | 45-239 | 5.3 | 17-32 | 171 | 0.7 | | 19.2 | 35-107 | 3.1 | 21 33 | 240 | 2.9 | 0.7 |

## STADIUM: GLASS BOWL (26,248)
## PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 4-7 | 6-4-1 | 10-0-1 | 7-4 | 9-3 | 7-5 | 6-5 | 49-28-2 |
| ATS | 3-6 | 5-4 | 8-3 | 6-4 | 7-5 | 4-6-2 | 5-5 | 38-33-2 |
| Home Fav | 1-3 | 1-0 | 1-3 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-2-1 | 3-1 | 12-12-1 |
| Home Dog | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 5-7 |
| Away Fav | 1-0 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 1-1-1 | 2-1 | 14-5-1 |
| Away Dog | 1-2 | 0-2 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 7-9 |
| Favorite | 2-3 | 3-1 | 4-3 | 4-2 | 5-3 | 3-3-2 | 5-2 | 26-17-2 |
| Dog | 1-3 | 2-3 | 4-0 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 1-3 | 0-3 | 12-16 |
| Grass | 2-0 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 10-8 |
| Artificial | 1-6 | 4-2 | 5-3 | 4-3 | 6-3 | 4-4-2 | 4-4 | 28-25-2 |
| vs MAC | 3-4 | 5-3 | 5-3 | 6-2 | 5-4 | 4-4-1 | 5-3 | 33-23-1 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-2 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 0-2-1 | 0-2 | 5-10-1 |

## GARY PINKEL (Career 63-36-3)

**Pinkel's records at Toledo**

| | |
|---|---|
| 10th | Year at Toledo |
| 63-36-3 | Straight Up |
| 52-40-3 | Vs The Spread |
| 21-8 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 44-27 | Vs MAC |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| WR | Corterris Reese 6-3 185 PS#109 |
| QB | Travis Atwell 6-2 195 PS#101 |
| LB | Marcus Hairston 6-4 220 PS#167 |
| RB | Webster Jackson 5-10 185 PS#262 |
| DL | R.J. Cameron 6-4 260 PS#233 |
| WR | Terrance Hudson 6-0 180 PS#285 |
| TE | Qunnen Burdine 6-1 215 PS#145 |
| TE | Don Gaines 6-4 230 PS#145 |
| OL | Nic Kaczur 6-6 330 PS#435 |
| OL | John Polczak 6-5 280 PS#435 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chester Taylor** | 182 | 1188 | 12 | 1176 | 12 | 6.5 |
| **Will Bratton** | 126 | 507 | 21 | 486 | 4 | 3.9 |
| **Antwon McCray** | 72 | 430 | 6 | 424 | 4 | 5.9 |
| **Tavares Bolden** | 65 | 442 | 77 | 365 | 1 | 5.6 |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| **Tavares Bolden** | 229 | 123 | 53.7 | 1354 | 8 | 7 |
| Dan Cole | 118 | 61 | 51.7 | 532 | 4 | 3 |
| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG | |
| **Mel Long** | 47 | 599 | 12.7 | 4 | 87 | |
| **Lyle Green** | 35 | 312 | 8.9 | 3 | 34 | |
| **Donta Greene** | 30 | 349 | 11.6 | 1 | 29 | |
| Mike Bilik | 18 | 132 | 7.3 | 1 | 22 | |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **John Manly** | 51 | 1814 | 35.6 | - | 34.5 | 0 | 14 |
| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| **Todd France** | 6-7 | 7-8 | 4-9 | 1-2 | 18-26 | 51 | |
| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT | | |
| Jason Lamar | 103 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 1 | | |
| **Kevin Rollins** | 95 | 11 | 18 | 3 | 0 | | |
| **DeJuan Goulde** | 84 | 10 | 17 | 1 | 0 | | |
| **Ira Singleton** | 72 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 0 | | |
| **Andy Boyd** | 61 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | | |
| **David Gardner** | 59 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 1 | | |
| Keith Travis | 57 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | |
| Jameel Turner | 56 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | | |
| **Jake McLean** | 51 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 1 | | |
| **Jehu Anderson** | 48 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 3 | | |
| **Leo Frierson** | 48 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Antjuan Savage | 34 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | |
| **Corey Morris** | 29 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | | | |
| Jameel Turner | 27 | 189 | 7.0 | 0 | | | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | | | |
| **Carl Ford** | 13 | 260 | 20.0 | 0 | | | |

## PHIL'S FORECAST

After winning a pair of MAC West Titles and getting to the MAC Title Game, the Rockets took a slight step back last year but still recorded their 6th straight winning season under Coach Pinkel. Optimism abounds for 2000. They lose just 6 starters and return an amazing 52 of 60 members from last year's travelling squad. The offense surprisingly took a step backwards in 98, avg'g just 19.1 ppg and after 4 games in 99 avg'd just 20.2. The switch to QB Tavares Bolden sparked the unit and over the last 3 games of the season they avg'd 40.3 ppg and 549.7 ypg. They finish ranked #1 in Div IA football in ypc and overall were 10th in the NCAA in ypg in rushing at 239.2. RB Chester Taylor was #2 in the NCAA in ypc at 6.5 and he returns as does Bolden. Last year on offense Toledo had 8 frosh as starters or 2nd string. Toledo destroyed MAC West Champ W Michigan 45-21 last year and have beaten them 6 straight years. Their 54 MAC wins in the '90's was tops in the conference and their 39-15-1 record over the last 5 years is 11th best in the NCAA. While the Rockets open up with a loss at Penn St this year, they are capable of sweeping the rest of their schedule including a visit by Marshall. They must face Western Mich on the road but have 6 home games and one of their most talented teams yet. They will probably have to beat Marshall twice to win the MAC overall but have the talent to do so.

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB TAVARES BOLDEN JR.** 6-1 205 *PS#103 in 97. #3 in 98. Started L/7 LY, 1354 yds (54%), 9-7 ratio, 442 rush, 11 gms. Keon Frazier (6-1 190 rFr) PS#93.*
**RB CHESTER TAYLOR SR.** 5-11 199 *PS#284. 2 sts as rFr, 570 yds (5.5). 9 sts in 99, 1176 yds, super 6.5 ypc;* ***1st team MAC****. Antwon McCray (6-0 205 Jr) 1 st, 424 yds.*
**HB LYLE GREEN SR.** 6-1 216 *1 st at TB in 97, 180 yds rush (4.9). 12 sts at FB in 98, 62 yds rush, 10 rec (11.0). 11 sts at HB in 99, 35 rec (8.9), top WR award.*
**WR MIQUEL IRVIN SO.** 6-2 185 *PS#83 & 3 rec (8.3) as true. Manny Johnson (5-8 151 So) 4.39 speed. 5 sts in 99 as rFr (miss 4), 13 rec (11.0).*
**WR MEL LONG SR.** 6-2 192 *12 sts in 97, 47 rec (11.8). 12 sts in 98, 31 rec (14.4). 11 sts in 99, 47 rec (12.7). Carl Ford (6-0 169 So) 6 sts, 15 rec (11.5).*
**TE Jason Spiece So.** 6-3 230 *PS#41. 2 sts, 8 gms as rFr, 6 rec (4.0). Greg Grothous (6-7 245 So) PS#34 in 98. 6 gms & 1 rec, 38 yds as rFr.*
**C NICK OTTERBACHER JR.** 6-1 280 *9 sts as rFr. 10 sts in 99, 375 lb bench. Chris Tuminello (6-3 288 So) was PS#211 in 98, 1 st, 7 gms in 99.*
**RG MATT COMER JR.** 6-3 285 *400 bench. 2 gms as rFr, lettered. 6 sts in 99. Darric Randolph (6-5 290 rFr) was PS#449, miss spring w/inj.*
**LG MICHAEL SCHAEFER SR.** 6-6 305 *PS#196. 12 gms, 1 st as rFr. 8 sts at G in 98. 10 sts in 99, miss spring inj. Jovan Ilich (6-2 285 Sr) 1 st, 2 letters.*
**RT JIM HARDING SR.** 6-7 305 *PS#235, 12 sts as rFr. 12 sts in 98, 11 sts in 99, 3 letters. Erik Faasen (6-8 336 rFr) added 15 lbs in spring.*
**LT Noah Swartz So.** 6-6 305 *2nd string in 11 gms in 99, lettered. Archie Godfrey (6-5 285 So) 2nd string in 99. Eric Gaskins (6-5 270 rFr).*
**K TODD FRANCE JR.** 6-3 185 *Hit 11 of 19 FG's with long of 49 as true. HM MAC. 2nd tm MAC in 99. 18 of 26 FG's including UT record 51 yd FG.*

**DE DAVID BOCKMORE SO.** 6-4 245 *PS#291RB. 2 sts as true, 25 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 pbu.* ***Leo Frierson*** *(6-2 245 Jr) 9 sts in 99. 48 tkls, 5 sks, 10 tfl, +20 lbs.*
**DT SAMEER HAMOOD JR.** 6-3 270 *12 sts in 98, 55 tkls, 6 tfl. 5 sts ly, 24 tkls, 2 tfl. Phil Gibson (6-2 275 Jr). 2 sts, 24 tkls, 4 tfl ly. Jim Barker has 4 sts, 42 tkls L/2Y.*
**DT JAKE McLEAN JR.** 6-4 275 *PS#268, 4 sts as true, 17 tkls. 10 sts ly, 51 tkls, 4 sks, 10 tfl. Didier Ormejuste (6-3 255 rFr). Antwan Demery was PS#246.*
**DE DEJUAN GOULDE SR.** 6-1 250 *7 sts in 98, 43 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl, 2nd tm MAC. 11 sts in 99, 84 tkls,* ***10 sks****, 17 tfl,* ***1st tm MAC****. Torrance Craddieth (6-3 246 Jr) PS#74.*
**ILB KEVIN ROLLINS SR.** 6-2 225 *2 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 4 tfl. 4 sts in 98, 68 tkls, 5 tfl. 9 sts in 99, 95 tkls,* ***11 sks****, 18 tfl,* ***2nd tm MAC****. Tom Ward was PS#40TE.*
**ILB David Gardner So.** 6-3 237 *PS#186RB. 4 sts as rFr, 59 tkls, 7 tfl, 1 int, 6 pbu. Jason Manson (6-2 225 Jr) PS#47 in 97. 13 tkls, 14 gms, 2 yrs.*
**WLB Corey Morris Jr.** 6-0 200 *PS#32. 5 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. 1 st, 11 gms, 29 tkls, 3 pbu in 99. Sid Daniels (5-11 200 Jr) 24 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu in 99.*
**CB JEHU ANDERSON SO.** 6-1 188 *4,45 speed. 8 sts as rFr, 48 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. Brandon Hefflin (6-1 181 rFr) PS#240 WR. Fabian Burke was 17 tkls, 3 yrs.*
**CB Marcus Hill Sr.** 5-10 180 *2 tkls, 4 gms in 97 & 98. 3 sts in 99, 22 tkls, 1 pbu. James Stanley (6-0 185 Jr) PS#235. 15 tkls, 2 tfl, 8 gms in 99.*
**ROV IRA SINGLETON SR.** 6-1 205 *11 tkls as rFr. 4 sts in 98, 28 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. 10 sts in 99, 72 tkls, 7 tfl, 9 pbu. Olanzo Jarrett (6-2 200 So) from Canada.*
**FS ANDY BOYD JR.** 6-1 200 *8 sts as rFr, 76 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. 10 sts in 99, 61 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu, miss spring. Demetris Simms (6-2 200 Jr) 5 tkls ly.*
**P JOHN MANLY SO.** 6-2 180 *PS#57K in 99. 51 punts as true frosh, 35.6 average & net of 34.5. 14 inside the 20 & 14 fair catches.*

# UCF KNIGHTS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Victor Penn was in the unenviable position of replacing a legend in Daunte Culpepper who was the 1st round DC of the Minnesota Vikings. Penn ended up setting a UCF single season record for passing attempts at 455. Penn was PS#72 in 97 and had 3 starts at S Carolina. In 98 he threw for over 2,000 yards at JUCO. He did a fine job starting all 11 games last year throwing for 3,078 yards (57.6%) with a 16-11 ratio. Although Kruczek is reluctant to let him run, as he weighs just 180 lbs, he did set the UCF QB single game rush record with 122 yards rushing versus Mid Tenn St in Week 10 and finished the season with 481 yards on the ground. Penn was not in for the spring last year, so will be much better prepared for the 2000 season. Ryan Schneider (6-2 215 rFr) was PS#48, and was the surprise of spring, throwing for 329 yards & 3 TD's in the spring game which means that Kruczek could have a QB controversy on his hands. UCF's QB of the future is Brian Miller (6-5 225 rFr) who is PS#73 and has excellent size. He may start to see some playing time as Kruczek builds for the future. Backup QB Kelvin Robinson (4 games, 114 total yards) decided to transfer. This is a talented, deep and now experienced group of QB's that should show solid improvement this season.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Last year UCF had to replace its top rusher but brought in PS#1JC Terrance Williams. Williams did not have quite the impact expected, rushing for just 369 yards (3.9) with 4 starts. Unfortunately Williams is planning to redshirt this year while recovering from ankle surgery. This leaves Edward Mack as the primary ball carrier for the fall. He proved to be a serviceable RB, leading the team in rushing with 461 yards and has over 1,000 career yards with a nifty 5.3 ypc and 919 career KR yards. He has 4.4 speed, and won the starting TB job in spring. Cory Baker (5-10 185 rFr) was PS#434. I list the top 2 FB's below and Howard is an HT who rushed for 327 yards (5.0) last year and could even end up as the starting TB. Sean Gaudion (6-2 240 rFr) adds depth. Even with unexpected loss of Williams, they could still top last year's numbers.

**RECEIVERS** - Last year UCF had to replace its top 2 WR's. They could have had everyone back this year but Charles Lee (#7 DC of GB) decided to opt for the NFL instead of playing his last season in the NCAA. Lee led the team with 87 rec's (13.0). Starting TE Joey Hubbard also departs after grabbing 7 rec's last year. Three of the top 4 receivers do return. Hinshaw and Davis compiled 88 receptions despite not starting. Kenny Clark (PS#37) is the top WR here and has 99 career receptions. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed is Ellis Debrow (6-3 205 rFr) who was PS#145 and has good size & speed and could easily get into the rotation. Kruczek thought he scored a major coup when he lured TE Michael Gaines to Orlando. He was PS#18TE and originally signed with Alabama, but was ineligible last year. He went through spring practice as the #1 TE, but ran into eligibility problems in May and now is doubtful for the season. This unit is more experienced than last year and will be improved (more so if Gaines somehow makes it back).

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - This unit was disappointing last season but did have just two returning starters. This year four starters return and Kruczek has a VHT backup and 3 huge JUCO's coming in to compete for time. Overall six players return with starting experience and the only losses are LT David Wilson (9 sts) and RT Frank Haynes (2 sts). I am a little concerned because Kruczek said that the offensive line was the most disappointing part of spring and that they need to get stronger. Since UCF holds spring practice so early, they do have six months to bulk up in the weight room and there are some large players here (starters avg 312 lbs!). This unit clearly should be more productive than last year and Kruczek hopes to run the ball more behind a solid offensive front. They also added Robert McFarland as the OL coach and he had several players move on to the NFL from the IAA school he previously coached.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - UCF returned all four starters and all four backups last year and allowed 23 ypg less rushing and cut the ypc allowed by almost half a yard. This year they lose DE Marv Richardson (10 sts, 5 tfl) and DT Justen Moore (11 sts, 13.5 tfl, 1st team Independent) as well as DE Raheem Pontiflet (3 sts, 4.5 tfl). This group has a generous amount of HT's (see Projected Starting Lineup) but might be down a notch with less experience.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Knights had to replace two starting LB's last year and do so once again this year as they lose OLB Edwin Ferguson (9 sts, 5 tfl), MLB Deaubrey Devine (8 sts, 67 tkls, 8 tfl), MLB Chris Gunn (1 st, 5 tfl) and OLB Mike Spencer (12 tkls) also depart. Four players do return with starting experience and they have three HT frosh added to the mix (one a rFr). This is not an overwhelming group, and did lose perhaps its top two LB's so I'll call the unit down a notch.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - UCF ranked #70 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 and last year had to replace two starters including an NFL draft choice and finished #72, allowing 58.6% with 24 TD's and just 11 int's. This year the lone loss is CB Jeff Fye (2 int, 11 pbu, 8 tfl). This year six players return with starting experience. I like the depth of the secondary including both starting CB's who have excellent speed. I look for a steady climb in the pass defense rankings this year even with what looks to be a weaker front 7.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - UCF was #10 in my special teams rankings in 1998 thanks to their KR defense and their super KR/PR Paul Miranda. Unfortunately they lost both of their solid returnmen and their K and dropped off last year, but not as far as some would expect as they still finished at #50 overall. I look for the kicking game to be improved. Javier Beorlegui was PS#37K and handled both kicking and punting duties in 99. Last year Kruczek really wanted to redshirt Gabe Leavitt (PS#16) who is a solid K and P. Leavitt will have to work hard to win the PK job. Beorlegui handled both jobs in spring in addition to handling KOs. The top KR and PR are both back and should only improve. FS Ricot Joseph had 4 of UCF's five kick blocks last year. UCF did have some trouble defending kicks as they allowed 3 blocked punts. This should be another solid UCF special teams unit and could rank in the top 25.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

UCF began football in 1979 as a Division III program and moved to Division II in 1982, Division IAA in 1990, then finally IA ball in '96. Daunte Culpepper brought them into IA ball and after a pair of 5-6 seasons guided them to a 9-2 finish in 98, his senior year. Last year just 3 starters returned on offense and UCF faced a killer schedule with 6 bowl caliber teams including a brutal opening with #22 Purdue, #4 Florida, #12 Georgia Tech and #9 Georgia. They played extremely well in their first 4 games, and in fact, led each game and came within inches of upsetting Georgia. Last year's 4-7 finish was their worst record since 1985. The 1999 team had to replace 20 seniors. This year 15 depart. UCF plays three IAA teams this year and only one can count towards a bowl bid so in reality they have to win 8 games to make it to a bowl. They only averaged 25.2 ppg on offense last year but should easily top 30 ppg this year led by emerging QB Victor Penn who should have a big year especially vs a softer schedule. They have just 3 major conference schools on this year's slate and GT and VT are not as strong as their '99 editions. While the O-line struggled in the spring, I see a solid offense. The secondary is top notch, but Kruczek must come up with the proper replacements in the front 7 to make the stop unit stronger. With Louisiana Tech in a rebuilding year it is possible that UCF could win as many as 8, but they would need to upset one of the big boys to entertain bowl hopes.

# UCF (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **INDEPENDENT**

RETURNING STARTERS: **OFFENSE: 7*** **DEFENSE: 6**

LETTERMEN: **Returning: 43 (21,20,2)** **Lost: 15 (5,10,0)**

## CENTRAL FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 25.2 | 23 | 130 | 3.9 | 287 | 56.8 | 16.6 | -2 | 1999 | 7 | 28.9 | 20 | 119 | 3.5 | 255 | 58.6 | 12.9 |
| 10* | 35.7 | 25 | 145 | 4.2 | 343 | 73.5 | 13.7 | -6 | 1998 | 5 | 19.0 | 19 | 142 | 3.9 | 180 | 54.7 | 17.0 |
| 9* | 34.0 | 20 | 127 | 3.9 | 290 | 61.7 | 12.3 | +3 | 1997 | 7 | 27.5 | 21 | 131 | 3.5 | 262 | 57.7 | 14.3 |
| 6* | 25.2 | 19 | 91 | 2.9 | 273 | 50.6 | 10.8 | -28 | 1996 | 7 | 23.7 | 20 | 151 | 3.6 | 237 | 57.4 | 10.0 |
| 5 | 26.0 | 21 | 181 | 4.0 | 200 | 57.0 | 14.7 | X | 1995 | 4 | 25.0 | 18 | 190 | 4.7 | 170 | 53.0 | 14.4 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Purdue | 21 | 38-121 | 3.2 | 24-46 | 250 | 4 | 20 | 26-81 | 3.1 | 27-45 | 277 | 0 | -3 |
| at Florida | 23 | 23-68 | 3.0 | 34-55 | 379 | 3 | 28 | 42-117 | 2.8 | 25-42 | 384 | 3 | -1 |
| at Georgia Tech | 22 | 29-92 | 3.2 | 28-49 | 253 | 2 | 24 | 45-318 | 7.1 | 13-24 | 176 | 0 | 0 |
| at Georgia | 30 | 38-154 | 4.1 | 27-48 | 287 | 2 | 21 | 26-164 | 6.3 | 20-36 | 219 | 0 | -1 |
| E Illinois | 24 | 42-192 | 4.6 | 18-35 | 254 | 2 | 19 | 34-117 | 3.4 | 12-28 | 186 | 5 | -2 |
| Nicholls St | 20 | 41-185 | 4.5 | 19-36 | 261 | 5 | 12 | 40-149 | 3.7 | 10-20 | 49 | 6 | +3 |
| Louisiana Tech | 27 | 27-155 | 5.7 | 27-49 | 336 | 1 | 30 | 17-(-7) | -0.4 | 47-63 | 597 | 1 | 0 |
| E Michigan | 18 | 40-112 | 2.8 | 20-27 | 233 | 6 | 11 | 29-55 | 1.9 | 13-28 | 152 | 4 | 0 |
| at Auburn | 19 | 30-(-27) | -0.9 | 29-52 | 374 | 8 | 17 | 37-98 | 2.6 | 19-31 | 270 | 3 | +1 |
| at Mid Tenn St | 29 | 44-323 | 7.3 | 20-36 | 208 | 2 | 20 | 27-48 | 1.8 | 30-48 | 319 | 4 | 0 |
| Bowling Green | 18 | 25-50 | 2.0 | 26-38 | 374 | 3 | 21 | 53-166 | 3.1 | 12-24 | 176 | 2 | +1 |
| TOTALS | 251 | 371-1430 | 3.9 | 268-472 | 3159 | 38 | 223 | 376-1306 | 3.5 | 228-389 | 2805 | 28 | -2 |
| AVERAGES | 22.8 | 34-130 | 3.9 | 24-43 | 287 | 3.5 | 20.3 | 34-119 | 3.5 | 21-35 | 255 | 2.5 | -0.2 |

## STADIUM: CITRUS BOWL (70,188)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-3 | 7-4 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 9-2 | 4-7 | 45-33 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 5-4 | 5-4 | 4-5 | 14-13 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 4-3 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 3-3 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 7-5 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 3-3 | 2-1 | 7-6 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 2-4 | 7-7 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 11-13 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 3-0 |
| vs INDEP | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 3-2 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 5-3 | 3-4 | 3-4 | 11-11 |

## MIKE KRUCZEK (Career 13-9)

**Kruczek's records at UCF**

3rd Year at UCF

| | |
|---|---|
| 13-9 | Straight Up |
| 9-9 | Vs The Spread |
| 4-3 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 3-1 | Vs. Indep |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| RB | Alex Haynes 5-11 205 PS#50 |
| QB | Tracy Thorpe 6-4 240 PS#41 |
| RB | Andreal Curry 6-2 240 PS#88 |
| RB | Gerard Jackson 5-8 210 PS#93 |
| LB | John Andrews 6-0 230 PS#83 |
| QB | Jon Rivera 6-3 185 PS#60 |
| OL | Steve Edwards 6-5 345 PS#59JC |
| OL | Travis Muse 6-6 320 PS#131 |
| DL | Ben Brinson 6-5 255 PS#131 |
| OL | Alex Hernandez 6-5 300 PS#119JC |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Edward Mack** | 86 | 475 | 14 | 461 | 5 | 5.4 |
| **Terrance Williams** | 95 | 407 | 38 | 369 | 2 | 3.9 |
| **Omari Howard** | 65 | 333 | 6 | 327 | 5 | 5.0 |
| **Victor Penn** | 100 | 481 | 313 | 168 | 4 | 1.7 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Victor Penn** | 455 | 262 | 57.6 | 3078 | 16 | 11 |
| Kelvin Robinson | 12 | 6 | 50.0 | 81 | 0 | 0 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Lee | 87 | 1133 | 13.0 | 5 | 83 |
| **Tyson Hinshaw** | 57 | 731 | 12.8 | 3 | 53 |
| **Kenny Clark** | 54 | 655 | 12.1 | 6 | 53 |
| **Tavirus Davis** | 31 | 280 | 9.0 | 1 | 19 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Javier Beorlegui** | 49 | 1975 | 40.3 | - | 35.5 | 3 | 13 |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Javier Beorlegui** | 6-7 | 3-5 | 1-7 | 0-1 | 10-20 | 45 |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Damian Demps** | 72 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| **Josh McKibben** | 70 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Deaubrey Devine | 67 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Justen Moore | 55 | 1.5 | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| Jeff Fye | 54 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 2 |
| **Tony Hardman** | 47 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| **Tommy Shavers** | 40 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| **Davin Bush** | 39 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| **Ricot Joseph** | 35 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Marv Richardson | 35 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Jake McKibben** | 35 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| **Tito Rodriguez** | 34 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Travis Fisher** | 32 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Britt McGriff** | 10 | 82 | 8.2 | 0 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Edward Mack** | 24 | 513 | 21.4 | 0 |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB VICTOR PENN SR.** 6-1 180 *PS#72. 3 sts at SCar as true, 555 yds (46%), 3-4 ratio. 2010 yds, 15 TD's at JC in 98. 11 sts here ly, 3078 yds (58%) 16-11 ratio, 481 rush.*
**TB EDWARD MACK SR.** 5-9 185 *4 sts as true, 164 total yds. RS in 97, 2 sts in 98, 471 yds (6.2). 7 sts in 99, 461 yds (5.4). Alex Haynes is PS#50.*
**FB Omari Howard Jr.** 5-8 215 *PS#65. 148 yds (3.7) as true. 327 yds (5.0) in 99. 375 bench. Dwight Collins (5-10 230 Sr) has 290 career rush yds.*
**WR Tyson Hinshaw Sr.** 6-0 165 *QB in 98, 87 total yds. 11 gms at WR in 99, 57 rec (12.8). Tavirus Davis (6-2 190 Jr) was PS#113WR, 31 rec (9.0) in 99.*
**WR KENNY CLARK SR.** 6-1 210 *PS#37. 5 rec in 96 & 97. 40 rec (12.0) in 98. 11 sts in 99, 54 rec (12.1), 6 TD's. Jimmy Fryzel (5-11 175 So) was PS#255.*
**TE Mario Jackson So.** 6-2 230 *PS#59. 11 gms as true, 4 rec (9.8). Michael Gaines (6-3 265 Fr) PS#18. Orig signed w/Alabama, but DNQ.*
**C CHRIS LORENTI SR.** 6-5 320 *PS#310. 11 sts in 97. 11 sts in 98, only allowed 2.5 sks. 11 sts ly, 1st tm IND. Chance Hutto (6-4 280 So) lettered in 99.*
**RG GARRETT McCRAY SO.** 6-4 300 *PS#164. 11 sts as rFr, added 10 lbs. Kurt Baumann (6-5 305 Sr) lettered in 97 & 98. 1 st at LT in 99.*
**LG JOHN BEAUCHAMP SR.** 6-4 295 *21 gms, 1 st, lettered in 97 & 98. 11 sts in 99.* ***Willie Comerford*** *(6-4 320 Jr) PS#20, Mich St trans, 11 gms in 99.*
**RT Alex Hernandez So.** 6-5 300 *PS#119JC.* ***Patrick Jenrette (6-3 380 Jr)*** *PS#243JC. John Wimberly (6-6 300 So) 1 st at LT as true.*
**LT STEVE EDWARDS JR.** 6-5 345 *PS#59JC.* ***Brian Huff*** *(6-6 285 So) 9 sts at RT in 99 as rFr. Chris Decker (6-7 270 rFr) PS#119TE.*
**K JAVIER BEORLEGUI JR.** 6-1 225 *PS#37K in 98. 6 sts as true at P. 10 of 20 FG's in 99, long of 45.* ***Gabe Leavitt*** *(6-0 175 rFr) was PS#16K & reds in 99.*

**DE Don Page rFr.** 6-3 260 *PS#73LB, orig sign w/Auburn. Ben Brinson is PS#131. Thomas Andrews (6-4 250 So) 6 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr, 4.8 speed.*
**DT JOSH McKIBBEN JR.** 6-2 265 *18 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. 11 sts in 99, 70 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl. 565 squat. Jake McKibben (6-1 285 So) 35 tkls, 4 tfl as true.*
**DT Jeff Mauldin Jr.** 6-3 255 *PS#174DL. 27 tkls as rFr. 11 sts, 46 tkls, 8 tfl in 98. 29 tkls, 3 tfl in 99. Derrick Crawford (6-5 270 So) PS#128.*
**DE FRED HARLEY SR.** 6-2 260 *PS#136. 11 sts DT, 47 tkls in 97. 11 sts at DE. 5 sks in 98. 9 sts ly, 30 tkls, 3 tfl. Elton Patterson (6-2 255) 5 tfl as true.*
**OLB Willie Davis Jr.** 5-11 215 *2 tkls as true. 7 tkls in 98. 1 st in 99 tfl inj, 3 tkls. John Andrews is PS#83. Antoine Poe is PS#89 in for spring.*
**MLB Tito Rodriquez Jr.** 6-2 235 *4.6 speed. 2 sts in 98, 23 tkls, 1 sk. 4 sts in 99, 34 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Dwight Perkins (6-2 220 rFr) was PS#122.*
**OLB TONY HARDMAN JR.** 6-2 220 *PS#326DB. 3 sts in 98, 20 tkls, 1 sk. 6 sts in 99 (inj) 47 tkls, 11 tfl. Rachaud Smith (6-0 215 Sr) 4 sts, 19 tkls, 2 tfl in 99.*
**CB DAVIN BUSH SR.** 5-8 160 *8 sts as true, 9 pbu. 5 sts in 98, 3 pbu. 11 sts in 99, 6 pbu, 4.3 speed. Thad Ward (5-9 195) PS#180JC, 3 tkls & 5 KR ly.*
**CB Travis Fisher Jr.** 5-10 175 *PS#81JC. 4.3 speed, 1 st here in 99, 11 pbu. Asante Samuel (5-11 190 So) PS#149, 1 st, 12 tkls, 4 pbu, 10 gms ly.*
**SS DAMIAN DEMPS SR.** 6-1 185 *28 tkls as true. 11 sts in 98, 92 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu. 9 sts in 99, 72 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. 1st tm IND. Elliot Shorter 2 sts, 27 tkls in 99.*
**FS RICOT JOSEPH JR.** 6-0 190 *4.4 speed. 10 sts in 99, 35 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int, 3 pbu, 4 blk'd kicks. Tommy Shavers (5-11 180 Sr) 40 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu in 99.*
**P JAVIER BEORLEGUI JR.** 6-1 225 *PS#37K. 6 sts at P as true, 11 punts (39.2). 49 punts in 99 (40.3).* ***Gabe Leavitt*** *was PS#16K in 99, avg'd 41.4 in HS.*

# UL MONROE INDIANS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - Former Super Bowl QB Stan Humphries returned to his alma mater as the QB coach last year. He inherited a returning starter in Andre Vige who threw for 1,967 yards (47.9%) with a 17-9 ratio in 98. In last year's magazine I called for rFr Andy Chance (PS#85) to beat out Vige for the starting job and he did just that. Twice last year Chance rushed and passed for over 100 yards in the same game. He clearly improved as the season went on. After the first six games he had a 0-4 TD/Int ratio but over the last 5 had a 5-4 ratio. Chance's best passing effort of the season came vs Tulsa where he hit 25 of 35 for 258 yards. He finished the year hitting a solid 57.3% for 1,327 yards (5-8 ratio), while also rushing for 641 yards. The 2nd half of the year was when they moved to the more wide open spread offense. Chance looked solid running the offense this spring. Ben Beach (6-2 199 Jr) was PS#222 and was the backup the last two years throwing for 561 yds (49.5%) with a 2-6 ratio while rushing for 94 yds in 12 games. He decided to transfer to Northwestern St. Vige (6-4 205 Jr) does return but was dropped to 3rd string last year and had no stats. Ryan Corcoran (6-0 187 rFr) was PS#226. I expect Chance to improve as much as he did during the season last year, and this position continues to get stronger.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The running game is one area where ULM has struggled. Last year they had their best effort in the last 5 years but it was just 129 ypg (3.2). They had to replace their top 2 rushers from 98, but the leader that year had just 383 yds. Mike Mitchell stepped to the forefront with a solid combination of size & speed. He rushed for 683 yds (4.3), hauled in 31 rec's (7.9) and was the Offensive MVP. I expected Mark Henderson, an Arkansas transfer, to step into the starter's role but he had just 274 total yds for the year. Henderson should be the feature back this season. Tim Lyons (6-0 235 Sr) had 390 yds at JUCO as a FB in 98 and 72 yds and 6 starts here last year. Bryant Jacobs (5-8 180 So) is a transfer from Southern Arkansas who is said to be similar to Mitchell but a little faster. De'Andre Booth (5-11 225 Jr) has 5 yds rushing in 2 years. Mike Bartlett (5-10 250 rFr, PS #343) is also in the mix along with Keith Thomas (6-0 200 So) who was impressive in the spring. This is one area where some newcomers could see immediate action like Trey Patterson (PS#395). With the loss of their top man, I'll call this unit down a notch in 2000 even with Henderson on hand.

**RECEIVERS** - As I mentioned in the QB outlook, at midseason ULM switched to a 3 WR set and had a much stronger offense down the stretch. This year they lost 2 of their top 3 WR's in Derrick Bridges (11 sts, 34 rec, 12.0) and Kond Allen (3 sts, 18 rec, 10.0). Also gone is TE Chris Spencer (9 sts, 5 rec, 12.2). Last year they had to overcome the loss of Kevin Stevenson, a starting WR, who tore his ACL after just 4 games, and he returns. Sean Brown took over for him and in 7 starts became the top receiver. Darryl Carter (6-3 230 Sr) is a promising talent who originally signed with S Miss and was PS#52DB. He overcame an injury in 98 and had 15 receptions in 99, and should have a much more important role this season. Keasler talked about bringing in new talent and this is another area where you can expect newcomers to see immediate action. Overall with the newcomers and this being the first full year with the new 3 WR sets, I do look for improved numbers.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - ULM had 7 of 8 lettermen returning last year and did improve their ypc rushing, going from 2.6 in 98 to 3.2 last year. They allowed 38 sacks on 308 pass attempts in 99. This year they lose 2 starters in OG Harvey Goins (10 sts) and C Shane Pittard (3 yr st'r, 11 sts, 1st tm All Ind). A pair of backup OL's also depart. Three starters are back and they add some quality rFr from last year and a JUCO prospect. I look for continued improvement.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year ULM switched from a 3-4 to a 4-2-5 and had to replace 2 starters so basically had just 1 starter back on this unit and none of the backups had any experience. This year they must replace DE Jonathan Foster who led the team with 12 sacks (11 sts, 47 tkls) and was Def MVP as well as DE Eric Jones (2 sts), DT Trey Thomas (11 tkls, 2 tfl), DT Mike Turner (11 tkls, 2 tfl) and DE Jonathan Williams (1 tkl). Three players return with starting experience and Keasler signed some top notch frosh who I already list in the two deep. Even with the loss of their top player, this unit is more experienced coming into 2000 and has some added talent.

**LINEBACKERS** - Last year ULM had to replace 2 starters including the leading tackler. They play a 4-2-5 and really their RSS is more like a DB than an LB but I list that position here making them a 3 man group. At the start of last year JUCO transfer Dedrick Buckels won the RSS job but was injured in the 2nd game and was lost for the season. This year 2 starters depart. Gone are LB Desmond Beckwith (11 sts, 6 tfl, #2 tkl'r) and LB/SS Nate Jones (9 sts, 68 tkls, 6 tfl). Keasler calls this unit the strength of the defense and while Otis Robinson and Carey Johnson both could be classified as returning starters, they will have to battle to hold onto their starting jobs. Buckels is back to man the RSS spot and despite the losses, I'll call this unit improved.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - ULM returned 3 starters to the secondary in 99 and after finishing a solid #64 in my pass efficiency defense rankings in 98 they improved to #48, allowing a measly 49.8% completions with a 15-10 ratio. This year they must replace FS Travis Singleton (9 sts, 72 tkls) and their star, CB Pat Dennis (3 int, 10 pbu, 40 tkls), who left early to enter the NFL draft (#5 DC of KC). I list the 2 deep below and 4 players return with starting experience plus they bring in a JUCO and 2 HT true frosh. This looks like another solid secondary but with the loss of an NFL caliber player, I'll call it weaker in 2000.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In the last 5 years in my special teams rankings, ULM has not ranked higher than 80. In 98 they had both kickers and all the top returnmen back but still finished #90. Last year they had to replace their top returnmen and K and slipped even further to #107. They must replace their starting P John White who had a solid 42.6 avg but the team only had a net of 33.7 as White had 3 blocks. QB Andy Chance may handle those duties. Both returnmen are gone, although KR Nick Hall saw almost the same amount of time as Allen and had a slightly better avg. Justin Mink returns to handle the PK duties. As long as a new P emerges, this group can only improve in 2000.

# PHIL'S FORECAST

ULM made the move to Div IA ball in 1994 when they were still called NE Louisiana. They made solid strides under Coach Ed Zaunbrecher with 5 wins in each of the years from 96-98. They had finished #1 and #4 in IAA in '92 & '93. They beat Kentucky in 94, Mississippi St in 95 and Hawaii in 97. Last year they took on the least amount of IAA opponents ever at two but still managed a 5-6 record under new Head Coach Bobby Keasler, who had spent 9 years at McNeese St, leading them to the IAA national title game in 97. ULM's biggest accomplishment last year was the season finale win at Tulsa. ULM will begin playing in the Sun Belt football conference in 2001. Injuries actually sparked ULM's offense last year. After six games they faced four Div IA opponents and were shutout three times scoring just 6 points vs Arkansas in the other. They moved to a 3 WR set due to backfield injuries and in the final 5 games all vs IA opponents, they avg'd 23 ppg & 385.4 ypg. In the first six they managed just 211.2 ypg & 11.8 ppg. QB Andy Chance is back and has a good grip on what will be an improved offense. The defense suffered some big losses but with 6 starters back could be stronger. Last year they had 29 Iron Indians but have 40 this year as the team continues to work hard in the weight room. All six road games are tough this year and there are just three IAA teams on this year's slate. Could be a 5th straight 5 win season which means they should flirt with a winning record.

# UL MONROE (5-6) CONFERENCE: INDEPENDENT

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RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 6*** **Returning: 38 (15,21,2)**

**DEFENSE: 6** **Lost: 20 (12,7,1)**

## UL MONROE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7* | 16.9 | 16 | 129 | 3.2 | 152 | 56.8 | 16.6 | -5 | 1999 | 6 | 29.3 | 16 | 149 | 4.0 | 185 | 49.8 | 11.4 |
| 8 | 20.6 | 14 | 87 | 2.6 | 210 | 46.7 | 14.4 | +16 | 1998 | 10 | 29.3 | 23 | 184 | 4.3 | 259 | 56.6 | 15.1 |
| 9 | 18.8 | 16 | 126 | 3.4 | 186 | 52.8 | 16.6 | -2 | 1997 | 6 | 26.6 | 20 | 147 | 3.7 | 227 | 59.8 | 14.1 |
| 4* | 17.5 | 17 | 101 | 2.7 | 230 | 48.2 | 19.0 | -5 | 1996 | 9 | 32.1 | 20 | 246 | 5.4 | 169 | 55.6 | 12.9 |
| 8* | 21.2 | 18 | 105 | 3.3 | 263 | 51.0 | 17.2 | +6 | 1995 | 4 | 37.6 | 25 | 273 | 5.6 | 223 | 60.7 | 20.6 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| Nicholls St | 15 | 42-126 | 3.0 | 12-20 | 138 | 4 | 10 | 37-117 | 3.2 | 6-18 | 41 | 2 | +1 |
| at Minnesota | 9 | 38-70 | 1.8 | 9-25 | 52 | 7 | 17 | 46-239 | 5.2 | 5-17 | 41 | 0 | +2 |
| at Arkansas | 13 | 40-51 | 1.3 | 16-25 | 146 | 5 | 12 | 34-117 | 3.4 | 12-22 | 207 | 1 | -2 |
| Northwestern St | 10 | 43-194 | 4.5 | 3-12 | 49 | 5 | 22 | 38-106 | 2.8 | 20-50 | 281 | 3 | +3 |
| at Alabama-Birm | 16 | 37-77 | 2.1 | 19-31 | 145 | 3 | 17 | 43-317 | 7.4 | 11-15 | 111 | 2 | -2 |
| at Utah | 11 | 28-42 | 1.5 | 17-34 | 177 | 2 | 21 | 42-181 | 4.3 | 15-30 | 277 | 4 | -2 |
| Wyoming | 20 | 40-213 | 5.3 | 16-28 | 196 | 3 | 19 | 39-138 | 3.5 | 14-26 | 218 | 2 | -2 |
| at Louisiana-Lft | 18 | 48-242 | 5.0 | 12-22 | 113 | 3 | 8 | 39-87 | 2.2 | 5-21 | 33 | 5 | -2 |
| Mid Tenn St | 19 | 43-133 | 3.1 | 23-37 | 164 | 1 | 14 | 36-87 | 2.4 | 17-33 | 158 | 4 | +1 |
| at Louisiana Tech | 21 | 29-61 | 2.1 | 23-39 | 232 | 3 | 24 | 24-23 | 1.0 | 38-52 | 437 | 5 | -4 |
| at Tulsa | 28 | 54-215 | 4.0 | 25-35 | 258 | 1 | 16 | 29-232 | 8.0 | 12-27 | 219 | 0 | +2 |
| TOTALS | 180 | 442-1424 | 3.2 | 175-308 | 1670 | 38 | 180 | 407-1644 | 4.0 | 155-311 | 2033 | 29 | -5 |
| AVERAGES | 16.4 | 40-129 | 3.2 | 16-28 | 152 | 3.5 | 16.4 | 37-149 | 4.0 | 14-28 | 185 | 2.6 | -0.5 |

## STADIUM: MALONE STADIUM (30,427)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 9-2 | 3-8 | 2-9 | 5-6 | 5-7 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 34-44 |
| ATS | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-6 | 2-3-1 | 6-4 | 2-6 | 4-5 | 18-24-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-5 |
| Home Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Away Fav | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Away Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-3 | 2-2-1 | 4-3 | 1-3 | 2-5 | 13-16-1 |
| Favorite | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 3-3 |
| Dog | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-6 | 2-3-1 | 5-3 | 1-4 | 3-5 | 15-21-1 |
| Grass | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 2-3 | 5-3 | 2-5 | 3-4 | 16-19 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 2-5-1 |
| vs Indep | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 6-5 |
| vs Non-Conf | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 2-3-1 | 3-4 | 1-4 | 2-4 | 12-19-1 |

**BOBBY KEASLER (Career 83-40-2)**

**Keasler's records at UL Monroe**

2nd Year at UL Monroe

| | |
|---|---|
| 5-6 | Straight Up |
| 4-5 | Vs The Spread |
| 3-2 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 2-1 | Vs INDEP |

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Calvin Hall 6-1 190 PS#106 |
| DL | Tyler Satterthwaite 6-2 220 PS#132 |
| QB | Adam Gatlin 6-3 200 PS#127 |
| LB | David Higgins 6-2 215 PS#193 |
| DB | Travin Moore 6-0 188 PS#191 |
| WR | Richie Zimmerman 6-2 185 PS#208 |
| DB | Kamal Broadway 6-3 205 PS#255 |
| QB | John Winchester 6-4 205 PS#174 |
| DB | Damien Richard 6-1 180 PS#270 |
| K | Daniel Francis 6-0 170 PS#54 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mike Mitchell | 158 | 727 | 44 | 683 | 7 | 4.3 |
| **Andy Chance** | **130** | **641** | **203** | **438** | **3** | **3.4** |
| **Mark Henderson** | **72** | **255** | **23** | **232** | **1** | **3.2** |
| Kond Allen | 29 | 135 | 6 | 129 | 1 | 4.4 |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Andy Chance** | **246** | **141** | **57.3** | **1327** | **5** | **8** |
| Ben Beach | 62 | 34 | 54.8 | 343 | 1 | 4 |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TDS | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sean Brown** | **37** | **304** | **8.2** | **1** | **24** |
| Derrick Bridges | 34 | 409 | 12.0 | 1 | 66 |
| Mike Mitchell | 31 | 245 | 7.9 | 1 | 19 |
| Kond Allen | 18 | 180 | 10.0 | 3 | 30 |
| **Darryl Carter** | **15** | **162** | **10.8** | **0** | **25** |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John White | 65 | 2771 | 42.6 | - | - | 3 | 10 |

| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Justin Mink** | **3-4** | **1-2** | **3-5** | **0-0** | **7-11** | **44** |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cedric Robinson** | **94** | **4** | **5** | **3** | **1** |
| Desmond Beckwith | 78 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Travis Singleton | 72 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| **Carey Johnson** | **70** | **4** | **0** | **2** | **0** |
| Nate Jones | 68 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| **Otis Robinson** | **68** | **7** | **8** | **0** | **1** |
| Jonathan Foster | 47 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Pat Dennis | 40 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3 |
| **Donald Malveaux** | **39** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| **Mike DeHorney** | **34** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| **Bartholomew Butcher** | **33** | **0** | **2** | **3** | **0** |
| **Karlton Washington** | **29** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **3** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pat Dennis | 14 | 102 | 7.3 | 1 |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kond Allen | 18 | 323 | 17.9 | 0 |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB ANDY CHANCE SO.** 6-2 200 *PS#85 in 98. 11 sts in 99 as rFr, 1327 yds pass (57.3%), 5-8 ratio, 641 yds rush. Andre Vige (6-4 205 Jr) 11 sts in 98, 1967 yds.*
**RB Mark Henderson Sr.** 6-0 215 *PS#164. 8 gms as true at Ark in 97, 36 yds. Trans in 98. 10 gms in 99, 232 yds (3.2), 8 rec. Tim Lyons had 6 sts at FB.*
**WR Kevin Stevenson Sr.** 5-11 195 *4.43 speed. 6 rec as true. 4 rec in 98. 4 sts til inj in 99, 8 rec (10.9), was #1 when inj. HJ Adams (5-10 180 rFr) 325 bench.*
**WR Darryl Carter Sr.** 6-2 230 *PS#52DB & orig signed at S Miss. JC in 97 & 98. Miss spg ly & 15 rec (10.8) in 99. Shed 15 lbs this year to add speed.*
**WR SEAN BROWN SO.** 5-9 165 *Started L/7 as rFr in 99 & #1 with 37 rec (8.2). Thomas Harris (5-10 195 Jr) was PS#383DB, 2 rec (7.5) in 2 gms ly.*
**TE Camaron Wynn Sr.** 6-2 235 *1 rec in 97. 4 sts in 98, 3 rec (9.3). 9 gms in 99, 6 rec (8.9), +20 lbs. Ben Wright (6-3 250 So), 4 rec in 10 gms ly.*
**C Jon Bellot rFr.** 6-3 265 *PS#206OL in 99. Team record power clean, 405 lb bench. Robert Aguirre (6-3 280 rFr) PS#410OL.*
**RG Juan Parra Jr.** 6-5 290 *JC in for spg. Shane Luna (6-1 294 rFr) 1 gm as true. Sean Henderson (6-2 310 So) backup OG in 99.*
**LG LARRY PINK JR.** 6-3 260 *7 gms as true & lettered. 11 sts in 99. 2 letters. Ben Zapata (6-3 287 rFr) was PS#371OL in 99. Redshirted.*
**RT PADRAIC McGINNIS SR.** 6-5 330 *Huge. 190 snaps as rFr. 7 sts in 98, 503 snaps (496 in L/7). 11 sts in 99, 3 letters. Josh Wade (6-3 270 rFr).*
**LT RODERICK DANIEL SR.** 6-2 295 *PS#415. 11 sts as rFr, 520 snaps. 11 sts in 98, 546 snaps, 11 sts in 99. Kenny Ordeneaux (6-4 270 rFr) PS#210.*
**K JUSTIN MINK JR.** 5-9 155 *Had 48 yd FG in HS, Handled some KO's here in 98. Hit 7 of 11 FG's in 99 with long of 44. 3-5 from 40+, 21-23 xp's.*

**DE RON PHENIX SR.** 6-2 270 *JUCO in 98. 11 sts here, 20 tkls, 1 tfl. Tyler Satterthwaite (6-2 220) is PS#132DL. Brennan Bertrand (6-4 220 So) PS#301.*
**DT Donald Malveaux Jr.** 6-2 280 *PS#213LB. 4 sts as true, 34 tkls, 8 tfl. +42 lbs ly, 39 tkls, 2 tfl. Michael Anthony (6-2 255 rFr) PS#415DL.*
**DT BARTHOLOMEW BUTCHER SR.** 6-1 280 *PS#315DL in 96. JC in 98. 11 sts here in 99, 33 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 pbu. Jamma Williams (6-0 240 So), 1 tkl in 99.*
**DE MIKE DeHORNEY SR.** 6-1 246 *PS#325LB in 96. JC trans ly. 9 sts here, 34 tkls, 2 tfl. Justin Ebersole (6-4 255 rFr) PS#236. David Higgins PS#193LB.*
**MLB OTIS ROBINSON JR.** 5-11 210 *PS#105LB. 2 sts in 98, 69 tkls, 3 tfl. 6 sts in 99, 66 tkls, **7 sks**, 8 tfl! Darwin Roberts (6-2 210 So) 4 tkls in 98, RS in 99.*
**WLB CAREY JOHNSON SR.** 6-1 215 *PS#370DB. 30 tkls, 6 tfl as rFr. 7 sts in 99, 70 tkls, 4 sks. Otis Drew (6-0 235 Sr) **9 career sts**, 107 tkls, 4 sks, 12 tfl.*
**RSS Dedrick Buckels Jr.** 5-11 205 *JC. 2 sts in 99 til inj. 7 tkls. Dominique Gladney (5-10 180 Sr) 22 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 st. Courtney Joiner (5-10 186 rFr) PS#203.*
**CB KARLTON WASHINGTON SO.** 5-8 175 *6 sts as rFr, 29 tkls, 3 int, 1 pbu. Nick Hall (5-8 160 So) PS#348RB. 14 tkls, 1 st in 99. **Calvin Hall** is PS#106DB.*
**CB Henry Whitehead Sr.** 5-11 190 *11 sts in 97, 1 int, 7 pbu. 10 sts in 98, 42 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu. 2 sts in 99 (inj) 12 tkls. Mark Potter (5-10 190 Jr) in for spg.*
**SS CEDRIC ROBINSON SR.** 6-0 200 *12 tkls as true. 4 sts in 98, 15 tkls. 9 sts ly, #1 w/94 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. Derrick McGill (5-9 200 So) PS#175, 23 tkls as true.*
**FS Seneca Lee rFr.** 5-10 165 *PS#340WR. Michael Davis (6-1 210 Sr) backup QB in 97 & 98. 27 tkls at FS ly. Travin Moore is PS#191DB.*
**P Daniel Francis Fr.** 6-0 170 *PS#54 this year. Steve Hunnicutt (6-4 195 Fr) PS#75 this year. Andy Chance (QB) is also a contender.*

# UTAH ST AGGIES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - This unit looked to be in good hands last year as Jeff Crosbie (6-5 198 Jr) returned as starter. He had started the final four games of 1998 and threw for over 1,000 yds with an 8-4 ratio. Crosbie suffered through an erratic season. He only completed 45% of his passes in 98 and he improved that to just 46.6% in 1999. While he threw for over 2,000 yds he had just 10 TD's and 17 int's. Crosbie does have good mobility and rushed for 333 yds but simply made some bad decisions during the course of the year. Jose Fuentes (6-3 188 So) was PS#115. He was the 2nd string QB the first half of the year getting in 4 games and throwing 11 passes. Steve Mullins (6-4 226 So, PS#142) was a punter last year but also took over as the #2 QB and got in 2 passes, but is now playing at WR. Logan Galli (6-2 207 Jr) was PS#208 and had 2 pass attempts in 99 after hitting 6 of 17 for 28 yds in 1998 with 1 start. Galli left the team in spring. Also in the mix is Travis Cox (6-1 189 Fr), who signed last fall but delayed enrollment until spring and could contend for the starting spot. Cox was PS#186 in 99 after throwing for 1900 yards & a 16-6 ratio as a senior in high school. No matter who wins the job, there will be a significant level of improvement, and it looks to be quite solid for the future.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Injury prone DeMario Brown, who rushed for just 846 yards in 1998, finally stayed healthy for the majority of 1999 and broke the USU record for single season rushing with 1,536 yards. The record was set in 1974 by Louie Giammona. He also became the Aggies' all-time leading rusher and just the third Big West player with over 4,000 career yards, finishing with 4,053. Three times last year Brown topped 200 yds rushing. He will be tough to replace. Emmett White (5-11 199 Jr) was PS#175 and is the heir apparent. White had 9 carries for 53 yards and started one game at WR in 99 with 3 rec's for 44 yds, and played both RB and WR in spring. John Roberts (5-9 195 Jr) was #2 on the team with 141 yds (4.7) in 99 and looks to play a bigger role this season. One of last year's HT recruits was David Fiefia (5-8 189, PS#167) but he delayed enrollment until this year. He could see action as a true frosh and will probably end up at WR. Travelle Gaines (6-0 216 So) was the scout team MVP last year. With the loss of Brown and the lack of experience available this unit is naturally weaker in 2000.

**RECEIVERS** - The previous 2 years USU has had to replace their top 2 receivers. This year 3 of the top 4 are gone but their leading receiver is back in Aaron Jones. Jones appeared on his way to a fantastic year with 42 rec's after just 5 games but did little down the stretch with just 12 rec's the rest of the year. He has solid size & speed and should be in for another good year. They do lose TE Bucky Orton (10 sts, 2nd tm BW, 38 rec, 11.2), WR Adrion Pierson (11 sts, 17 rec, 12.2) and TE Dan Connelly (1 sl, 13 rec). Dennehy used 4 WR sets at Montana and you can expect to see variations on the Aggies' offense next year. New coaches like their own recruits so it's very possible that some of the top newcomers could easily work their way into the 2 deep. QB Mullins also moves in. Dropped passes were a problem at times last year. Dennehy was so unhappy with the unit after spring that he CUT EIGHT PLAYERS and moved in others from different positions. With all the changes to the WR corps for 2000, I'll have to wait and see what type of production Dennehy can get out of this totally rebuilt group.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 98 USU had only 2 returning starters with no other lettermen and the inexperienced group struggled, ranking #102 in the NCAA in rushing. Last year 3 starters returned but 2 were lost after 7 weeks to season ending injuries. USU played 6 different centers last year due to injuries. This year they must replace 3 starters. Gone are LT Ben Holbrook (11 sts, 1st tm BW, 2 yr st'r), RT Matt Lance (8 sts), RG Mike Lindsay (11 sts, 2nd tm BW, 3 yr st'r), C Vince Gargalikis (4 sts), and C Brian Shaffer (1 st). Thanks to last year's injuries no less than 6 players return with starting experience and Dennehy also has 3 JUCO's to add to the mix, two of whom were in for the spring. This unit has a good deal of experience and the projected starters average a hefty 301 lbs. This group should have better health in 2000 and despite losing 3 starters they should come close to matching last year's unit which paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing and only allowed 25 sacks. Keep in mind, however, that they must learn drastically different blocking schemes.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Aggies had a solid rush defense in both 97 and 98, allowing just 3.0 ypc. Last year they had to replace 2 all conference starters and slipped some, allowing 3.9 ypc. This year the losses are far greater as the 4 players who started all 11 games together depart. Gone are DE Lance Sopoaga (11 sts, 60 tkls, 10 tfl), DT Doug Madoski (11 sts, 81 tkls, 14 tfl), DT Vaea Fiefia (11 sts, 79 tkls, 15 tfl, 2nd tm BW) and DE Caleb Smith (11 sts, 53 tkls, 15 tfl). That's 54 tfl that must be replaced from a very productive defensive line. This year Dennehy brings in 4 JUCO's, most of whom I list in the 2 deep below. Basically this unit is starting from scratch and clearly looks weaker overall, however they did look good in the spring.

**LINEBACKERS** - The difference between the front 4 and the LB corps is like night and day. While the D-line is inexperienced, the Aggies have probably the most experienced LB corps in the Big West. Last year the Aggies had to replace just one starter but it was Big West Defensive POY MLB Tony D'Amato. This year there are only 4 starters back on the defensive side of the football, but all 3 starting LB's are back led by #1 tackler Brent Passey. Not only do they have 3 talented returning starters, all of whom were either 1st or 2nd team All Big West last year, they also add a top notch JUCO, who redshirted last year, and a couple of HT rFr. The only loss this year is WLB Josh Manning (2 sts, 71 tkls, 7 tfl). This is clearly the Big West's best LB corps.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - The Aggies finished #24 in my pass defense rankings in 98 but last year had to replace 2 starters including a fourth round DC in the NFL. They had 5 players returning with starting experience but dropped drastically to #75 in my rankings, allowing 53.5% with 21 TD's and only 10 int's. This year the losses are even heavier as 3 players depart and two were all conference honorees. Gone are FS Donald Dicko (11 sts, 108 tkls, 1st tm BW), CB Vashon Garmon (11 sts, 2nd tm BW, 2 int's, 8 pbu) and CB Eddie Badibanga (10 sts, 59 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu) as well as 2 backups who combined for 2 starts, 20 tackles and 5 pbu. Tony Walker is the star of this group and is a top notch CB as well as an explosive returnman. There are a couple of HT's in the mix and some new JC transfers. This group is even less experienced than last year's and probably will not climb much in the rankings.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In 98 this unit ranked at the bottom of the NCAA, finishing #111. That team allowed 4 TD's on returns and 5 blocked punts. They made significant improvements in 99 rising all the way up to #18 thanks to the super punting of Mullins who was #29 in the NCAA in gross punting (42.3) with a net of 37.6. Their leading KR/PR from 1998 was Tony Walker who avg'd 25.4 and 8.3 respectively. Last year the leading KR/PR was Emmett White who avg'd 23.9 and 15.0. Both are back to contend for the top spots. Steve Mullins is back for his sophomore year and could be one of the best P's in the nation. He also doubles as a backup WR. Much was expected of FG K Brad Bohn last year after hitting 24 of 28 FG's in 98 with a long of 51. He suffered an unexpected slump hitting just 12 of 26 with a long of 55. Look for Bohn to rebound to his 1998 form. This looks to be the best special teams in the Big West and could be a top 20 unit this season.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Mick Dennehy, who was 39-12 in four seasons coaching Montana, is the new chief. His teams won the Big Sky conference in 96, 98 & 99 with a 2nd place finish in 97 and reached the IAA championship game in his first year with the Grizzlies. He was also 40-22 at W Montana. He is USU's third head coach in 4 years. In 1997 Utah St went to the Humanitarian Bowl, but then lost coach John L. Smith to Louisville. It was not the first time one of their head coaches moved on to greener pastures as Charlie Weatherbie, Bruce Snyder and John Ralston all previously coached here before moving up. Dave Arslanian was a successful head coach at Weber St but was not given much of a chance and was surprisingly fired after 3-8 and 4-7 seasons. Dennehy will benefit from a much softer schedule as last year Utah St faced 5 bowl bound opponents and this year take on just three 1999 bowl squads and add two IAA opponents to the schedule. Last year Utah St went to OT vs BYU and narrowly lost to Big West Champ Boise St at home. The Aggies must replace 22 seniors and then following spring practice Dennehy took away 18 scholarships from players. That leaves them low on numbers this year. They look weak at RB, WR, OL, and on the defensive front and must learn new schemes on both sides of the ball. That bloodbath signals a rebuilding year and their one winnable Big West game (North Texas) is on the road. Matching last year's 4 win total would be an accomplishment in Dennehy's inaugural season.

# UTAH ST (4-7)

CONFERENCE: **BIG WEST**

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:
**OFFENSE: 5*** **Returning: 40 (17,21,2)**
**DEFENSE: 4** **Lost: 20 (10,10,0)**

## UTAH STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
### *OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS -DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 21.3 | 20 | 176 | 5.0 | 196 | 46.5 | 17.5 | -11 | 1999 | 7 | 27.4 | 21 | 160 | 3.9 | 230 | 53.5 | 14.2 |
| 4 | 21.5 | 17 | 103 | 2.7 | 215 | 46.0 | 14.8 | -3 | 1998 | 7 | 28.1 | 17 | 123 | 3.0 | 197 | 50.3 | 11.4 |
| 8* | 32.4 | 24 | 162 | 4.2 | 278 | 49.6 | 13.6 | +1 | 1997 | 6 | 24.7 | 22 | 125 | 3.0 | 246 | 53.7 | 15.0 |
| 4* | 26.6 | 25 | 149 | 3.7 | 318 | 55.3 | 17.5 | -6 | 1996 | 8 | 30.8 | 22 | 168 | 3.9 | 226 | 52.4 | 12.8 |
| 7 | 12.8 | 15 | 95 | 2.4 | 169 | 47.9 | 20.2 | -15 | 1995 | 8 | 38.9 | 22 | 252 | 5.2 | 181 | 59.5 | 11.1 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| | OFFENSE | | | | | | DEFENSE | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OPPONENT | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
| at Georgia | 22 | 24-153 | 6.4 | 22-49 | 260 | 0 | 29 | 47-198 | 4.2 | 27-40 | 397 | 1 | -2 |
| SF Austin | 31 | 46-245 | 5.3 | 19-30 | 299 | 1 | 10 | 25-92 | 3.7 | 15-33 | 80 | 6 | 0 |
| at Utah | 25 | 34-167 | 4.9 | 23-44 | 202 | 2 | 17 | 41-137 | 3.3 | 12-24 | 179 | 1 | -1 |
| BYU | 19 | 28-108 | 3.9 | 19-42 | 311 | 1 | 30 | 47-208 | 4.4 | 23-36 | 289 | 4 | 0 |
| Arkansas St | 22 | 44-213 | 4.8 | 17-32 | 166 | 2 | 16 | 26-82 | 3.2 | 16-31 | 192 | 2 | -3 |
| at Kansas St | 8 | 18-(-7) | -0.4 | 12-43 | 162 | 2 | 25 | 59-277 | 4.7 | 9-29 | 163 | 2 | 0 |
| at Idaho | 11 | 29-74 | 2.6 | 9-28 | 97 | 8 | 20 | 51-112 | 2.2 | 14-31 | 215 | 1 | -2 |
| Boise St | 15 | 38-224 | 5.9 | 13-22 | 118 | 3 | 26 | 42-193 | 4.6 | 22-41 | 292 | 6 | -1 |
| New Mexico St | 16 | 23-85 | 3.7 | 19-45 | 194 | 4 | 22 | 62-220 | 3.6 | 12-23 | 195 | 0 | -3 |
| at Nevada | 22 | 53-388 | 7.3 | 8-23 | 141 | 1 | 22 | 24-193 | 8.0 | 25-42 | 353 | 3 | 1 |
| at N Texas | 25 | 55-285 | 5.2 | 16-22 | 208 | 1 | 10 | 25-47 | 1.9 | 15-25 | 171 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 216 | 392-1941 | 5.0 | 177-380 | 2158 | 25 | 227 | 449-1759 | 3.9 | 190-355 | 2526 | 29 | -11 |
| AVERAGES | 19.6 | 36-176 | 5.0 | 16-35 | 196 | 2.3 | 20.6 | 41-160 | 3.9 | 17-32 | 230 | 2.6 | -1.0 |

## STADIUM: ROMNEY STADIUM (30,257)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 8-3 | 3-8 | 5-6 | 6-5 | 6-5 | 3-8 | 4-7 | 35-42 |
| ATS | 5-4 | 4-3 | 3-5 | 5-4 | 7-3-1 | 4-6 | 3-7 | 31-32-1 |
| Home Fav | 0-2 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 5-7 |
| Home Dog | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 8-9 |
| Away Fav | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 5-3 |
| Away Dog | 2-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 3-0-1 | 3-2 | 1-4 | 13-13-1 |
| Favorite | 1-3 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 3-2 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 10-11 |
| Dog | 4-1 | 2-3 | 2-4 | 3-3 | 4-1-1 | 4-5 | 2-4 | 21-21-1 |
| Grass | 5-4 | 4-3 | 3-5 | 4-2 | 6-2 | 3-4 | 3-5 | 28-25 |
| Artificial | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-1-1 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 3-7-1 |
| vs BIG WEST | 2-2 | 3-1 | 3-2 | 3-0 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 2-4 | 18-14 |
| vs Non-Conf | 3-2 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 2-4 | 4-1-1 | 2-3 | 1-3 | 13-18-1 |

**Mick Dennehy (Career 39-12)**
**Dennehy's records at Utah St**

1st Year at Utah St
0-0 Straight Up
0-0 Vs The Spread
0-0 Off A S/U Loss
0-0 Vs BIG WEST

### TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000

WR Michael Brignac 6-2 190 PS#136
DL Ronald Tupea 6-3 245 PS#238
LB Nathan Barber 6-2 220 PS#296JC
LB Kelly Poppinga 6-2 215 PS#294
QB Robert Fockaert 6-1 185 PS#189
DB Derrek Shank 5-10 182 PS#353
DL Faafetai Mareko 6-0 245 PS#443JC
OL Ed Powell 6-3 300 PS#445JC
LB Robert Watts 6-4 210 PS#372
WR Marshall Sanders 5-8 175 PS#450JC

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Demario Brown | 279 | 1599 | 63 | 1536 | 14 | 5.5 |
| **John Roberts** | **30** | **147** | **6** | **141** | **0** | **4.7** |
| **Jeff Crosbie** | **61** | **333** | **218** | **115** | **1** | **1.9** |

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jeff Crosbie** | **361** | **169** | **46.8** | **2007** | **10** | **17** |
| **Jose Fuentes** | **11** | **4** | **36.4** | **91** | **0** | **2** |

| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Aaron Jones** | **54** | **653** | **12.1** | **4** | **87** |
| Bucky Orton | 38 | 424 | 11.2 | 0 | 27 |
| Demario Brown | 26 | 282 | 10.8 | 1 | 65 |
| Adrion Pierson | 17 | 207 | 12.2 | 4 | 32 |
| Dan Connelly | 13 | 202 | 15.5 | 1 | 41 |

| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Steve Mullins** | **51** | **2155** | **42.3** | **17** | **37.6** | **0** | **9** |

| KICKING | 1-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brad Bohn** | **2-6** | **3-4** | **5-11** | **2-5** | **12-26** | **55** |

| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brent Passey** | **142** | **2** | **8** | **5** | **2** |
| **Blake Eagal** | **109** | **1** | **7** | **1** | **0** |
| Donald Dicko | 108 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| **Tony Newson** | **95** | **2** | **3** | **1** | **0** |
| Doug Madoski | 81 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Vaea Fiefia | 79 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Josh Manning | 71 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 |
| Lance Sopoaga | 60 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Eddie Badibanga | 59 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Caleb Smith | 53 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| **Cade Smith** | **50** | **0** | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| **Nick Onaindia** | **47** | **3** | **6** | **1** | **0** |
| **Jesse Busta** | **47** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **0** |

| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Emmett White** | **24** | **361** | **15.0** | **0** |

| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Emmett White** | **17** | **407** | **23.9** | **0** |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB JEFF CROSBIE JR.** 6-5 198 *PS#161 in 98. Started L/4 as true, 111 yds (45%), 8-4 ratio, 11 sts in 99, 2007 yds (47%), 10-17 ratio, 333 rush.*
**RB Emmett White Jr.** 5-11 199 *PS#175. 7 gms as true. 53 yds (5.9) in 99. John Roberts (5-9 195). 2 sts in 98, 313 yds (3.6). #2 LY with 141 yds (4.7).*
**WR Jerron Tatum Jr.** 6-0 169 *48 rec (18.0) at JC ly. Ryan Felix (6-2 197 Sr) 5 rec ly. Steve Mullins PS#142. Michael Brignac (6-2 190) is PS#136WR.*
**WR AARON JONES SR.** 5-11 180 *PS#70 in 96. 6 rec (29.7) as rFr. 9 sts in 98, 22 rec (15.6). 9 sts in 99, 54 rec (12.1), 42 rec after 5 gms, only 12 rest yr.*
**WR KY ODAY SR.** 6-2 183 *7 sts here in 99, 3 rec (11.0), 50 rec (15.1) in 98 at JC. David Fiefia (5-8 189 Fr) was PS#164RB in 99. Joined team in spring.*
**TE Casey Poppinga So.** 6-5 247 *PS#93 in 96, lettered at Wyoming. Mission in 97 & 98. Scott Collins (6-6 243 Jr) PS#214JC, 2 rec here til inj ly.*
**C JUNIOR PUTUTAU SR.** 6-1 300 *11 gms, 2 sts at Weber St in 95. 11 sts here in 98. 5 sts in 99 til inj. Matt Jenkins (6-3 306 Sr) 1 st til inj ly.*
**RG Louis Trujillo So.** 6-2 310 *PS#276 in 98. 2nd string in 99. Gerald Sykes (6-2 316 rFr). Ed Powell (6-3 300 Jr) is PS#452 JUCO this year.*
**LG Eric Gwilliam Jr.** 6-5 257 *Switched to OL in 99 at JC, good size. In for spg. Jim Newton (6-10 294 So) PS#192OL, lettered as true in 99.*
**RT Steve Canidate Sr.** 6-4 333 *PS#249OL in 96. PS#220JC in 98. 2 sts here in 99. Jeff Long (6-9 264 Sr) 1 st in 99. Barry McLaughlin is PS#450JC.*
**LT JESS SCHUCK JR.** 6-2 305 *PS#390. 8 gms in 98. 11 sts at LG in 99. Jimmy Walker (6-3 293 Jr) PS#241JC in 99, 1 st here at TE.*
**K BRAD BOHN SR.** 5-7 178 *Hit 9 of 15 FG's as rFr, long 47, 1st tm BW in 98, 24 of 28 FG's, long 51. Hit 12 of 26 FG's in 99, long of 55, 7 from 40+.*

**DE Ryan Duncan Jr.** 6-3 245 *1 tkl in 98. 9 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl in 99. Travis LaBoy (6-4 247 rFr) +17 lbs. Tyler Olsen (6-1 220 Sr) 1 tkl in 99.*
**DT Nate Larsen Sr.** 6-3 265 *Orig at S Utah. 6 tkls, 3 tfl in 97 & 98. 23 tkls here ly, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Jorge Tapia (6-2 277 rFr)+22 lbs. Ryan Dequilettes (6-2 281 Fr).*
**DT Jason Moore Jr.** 6-2 306 *61 tkls, 6 sks at JC ly, in for spg. Liua Fonua (6-1 306 So). Jared Solosabal (6-1 246 rFr) & spent 2 yrs on mission.*
**DE Nick Onaindia Sr.** 6-3 243 *PS#173JC in 99. 47 tkls here, 3 sks, 6 tfl. Faafetai Mareko (6-0 245 Jr) PS#448JC. Ronald Tupea (6-3 245 Fr) is PS#238.*
**WLB BLAKE EAGAL SR.** 6-1 231 *10 sts in 98, 72 tkls. 10 sts in 99, 2nd tm BW, 109 tkls, 8 tfl. Keith Connors (6-1 222 Jr) PS#264 in 97, PS#220JC ly, RS.*
**MLB TONY NEWSON SR.** 6-1 221 *40 tkls, 4 tfl in 98, 9 sts in 99. 2nd tm BW, 95 tkls, 5 tfl. Jesse Busta (6-2 232 So) 47 tkls, 2 tfl ly. Scott Hunt (6-4 217) PS#137.*
**SLB BRENT PASSEY SR.** 6-1 227 *11 sts in 98, 107 tkls. 11 sts in 99, 1st tm BW, 142 tkls, 10 tfl. Cade Smith (6-4 232 Sr) 50 tkls ly. Ryan Solomona (6-0 226 So) PS#143.*
**CB Terrance Arnold Jr.** 5-11 188 *Part qual in 98. Shaun Healy (5-7 167 Sr) PS#147JC in 99, 3 tkls here. Missed L/4 inj. Codie Smith-Robinson (6-1 175 rFr).*
**CB TONY WALKER JR.** 5-11 183 *PS#117DB in 98, 5 sts, 28 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. 9 sts in 99, 37 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu, 1 tfl. Adebola Jimoh (6-1 185 So) 4 tkls ly.*
**SS Aminifu Johnson Jr.** 5-8 191 *48 tkls, 2 pbu total L2Y. Maurice Caraway (5-11 199 So) PS#171. 7 tkls ly. Nathan Barber (6-2 220) PS#296JC.*
**FS Scott Goss Jr.** 6-2 195 *PS#291 in 98. 2 tkls at Idaho. JUCO trans in for spg. Jamar Glaspar (6-0 189 So) PS#118DB, 10 tkls in 99 as rFr.*
**P STEVE MULLINS SO.** 6-4 226 *PS#142QB. 51 punts as rFr in 99, 42.3 avg (#29 in NCAA) & super net of 37.6. 17 from 50+. Also backup QB/WR.*

# W MICHIGAN BRONCOS

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2000

**QUARTERBACKS** - The long storied career of Tim Lester is finally over and he leaves WM with 17 school records and is fourth in the NCAA in career passing yds. There is some talent at this position but naturally it is much less experienced. Jeff Welsh has been the backup QB in 2 of the last 3 years and has thrown for over 600 yds with a solid 4-2 career ratio while completing over 60% of his passes. Welsh led WM to victories over Bowling Green and E Michigan in 97 including one start. JUCO transfer Ryan Harris is 23 years old, having spent time on a 2 year Mormon mission. He outplayed Welsh in the spring game and Darnell said they were in a dead heat after the spring. Jonathan Drach (6-5 205 rFr) was PS#61 and only threw for 1,099 yds and 12 TD's as a senior in HS but was 1st team Illinois. He has outstanding size. Joshua Nycz is another big QB (6-5 220 rFr). He was raw out of high school, having played QB just 1.5 years and has the tools to be a solid QB. I like the talent at this position but the numbers will be down greatly this season with the loss of a star 4 year starter.

**RUNNING BACKS** - RB Robert Sanford became just the 2nd Bronco runner in school history to rush for over 1,000 yds twice in a career. The only year he did not top 1,000 was an injury plagued 98 in which he played FB. Sanford's best game last year was his 163 yard performance against Marshall in the MAC Championship Game. His backup last year was Charles Woods (5-10 191 Jr) who had 138 yds (2.9) in 9 games. Benny Clark (5-8 182 Jr) was PS#174RB and has 207 yds in 2 years. K.T. Robinson (5-11 200 So) was PS#175RB and has yet to see action. I list the top 2 FB's below. Naturally with Sanford back as well as almost everyone else, this unit should be improved and will probably see more action because of the lack of experience at QB.

**RECEIVERS** - WR Steve Neal would have been an HT but was inj'd his senior year in HS and teams like Michigan and Michigan St who had recruited him backed off. WM was the beneficiary. In just 3 seasons, he has already earned 1st Tm MAC twice and the speedster is already WM's all time leader in receiving yds. He is an NFL prospect. FL Corey Alston returns and he had 32 rec's with a super 22.5 ypc and 8 TD's last year. Joshua Bush (5-9 143 Jr) is small in size but has a huge heart and loves catching balls over the middle. He had 48 rec's to rank #2 on the team and an 11.7 ypc. Micah Zuhl (6-0 183 Jr) had 26 rec's (16.7). Kendrick Mosley (6-2 170 So) was PS#280 and had 19 rec's (10.1) as a true frosh. Marco Wolverton (5-11 182 Jr) had 7 rec's (5.3) and one start. Brandon Johnson (6-4 200 rFr) has intriguing size and was a 100 meter dash champ in high school and could find his way into the WR rotation. Antonio Thomas (6-5 203 rFr) was PS#217. They lose star TE Jake Moreland who received All MAC honors in his last 2 years and leaves with 143 rec's in 4 years. He was voted outstanding offensive player following the 99 season. Those are big shoes to fill and I list the top 2 TE's below. As long as a capable TE emerges, this unit should be at least equal to last year, and possibly improved, but expect the numbers to be down some breaking in a new QB.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 98 WM had to replace 2 starters but still allowed just 30 sacks and paved the way for 4.1 ypc. Last year they only had to replace one starter and all 5 positions were occupied by players with starting experience. They cut the sack total to 23 even though Lester threw 470 passes, but the team averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing. This year it is a veteran group once again. The only losses are G Gary Niklasch (6 sts), LT Charlie Knapp (9 sts, 2nd tm MAC, 4 yr st'r) and G Steve Wark (3 sts). If you notice the 2 deep below you will see that 4 players who started 8 or more games last year are returning. The 2nd string has 3 HT's in it and a couple of 300 lb rFr. This is a very experienced line once again and looks even stronger in 2000.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Broncos defensive line had to replace 2 starters last year and then lost starting DE Tom Rozema to injury in the second week. WM alternated their DL in 99, using 8 to 9 per game to keep them fresh. This year they must replace NG John Deming (3 sts, 25 tkls, 3 sks), DE Eric Bettys (12 sts, 65 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl) and DT Jeremy Johnson (12 sts, 51 tkls, 6 tfl, HM MAC). Three players return with starting experience and there are 4 seniors in this year's group, much like last year. Experience wise this unit is very similar to last year's group but since Darnell is talking about an improved defense in the spring, I'll call this unit a little stronger in 2000.

**LINEBACKERS** - The Broncos had a veteran LB corps last year and do so once again this season. The only loss is ILB Scott Niles (12 sts, 137 tkls, 1st tm MAC). While he is a big loss, three players do return with starting experience. Soldano was the #1 tackler in 98 but missed some time last year due to injury. Jason Mailloy also had a solid spring and will work his way into more playing time. This is a very experienced group and even with the losses, I'll look for a stronger showing by the defense this season.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In 98 WM ranked #110 in my pass efficiency defense rankings, allowing 57% with a 25-12 ratio. Last year they returned 3 starters and improved somewhat to #95, allowing 58.8% with a 20-10 ratio. This year they must replace CB Eric Nunlee (12 sts, 55 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu) and SS William Reed (6 sts, 57 tkls, 3 tfl). Five players return with starting experience and Darnell feels they've gotten bigger and faster with newcomers like FS Jermaine Lewis (6-5 200 So) who is also a member of the track team. They have great size at FS and Carlos Smith started one game as a true frosh and 5 more last year. They also get a solid JUCO transfer in Mike Hopping (6-2 220 Jr, PS#110JC). I look for continued improvement in the pass defense rankings this year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - WM has some of the top special teams players in the MAC. They ranked #94 in my special teams rankings in 98 and despite breaking in a new punter in 99 rose all the way up to #26. Super returnman Steve Neal, who avg'd 14.6 and 13.3 on PR's in 97 & 98, slipped a little last year down to 9.9. Joshua Bush avg'd 11.3 and may see more action. Both their main KR's were solid, led by Rashad McDade who avg'd a nifty 24.3 with 1 TD. McDade returns. For the 1st time in 4 years they have a returning starter at the P position in Matt Steffen and he had a solid year in 99. Brad Selent is one of the top K's in the MAC, booting 56 & 53 yd FG's in each of the last 2 years and connecting on a high percentage of kicks. This should be a top 20 group and may even have a shot at the top 10 in my rankings.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

WM came very close to making it to a bowl game last season as they almost upset Marshall in the MAC Title Game. Coach Gary Darnell inherited a team that went 2-9 in 1996 but has gone 8-3, 7-4 and 7-5 in his 3 seasons. This will be his first season as Head Coach here without star QB Tim Lester at the helm. Also, OC Bill Cubit and OL Coach Sam Pittman departed for Missouri. WM has been drawing some big crowds including a MAC record crowd of 36,102 last year for the CM game. They also set a new total home attendance mark with 134,368. Darnell was very pleased with the defense in the spring and said that "the physical level of the defense is as high as it's been since we've been here." That may have had something to do with the fact Lester was not on the other side, but I agree that they are more athletic and will be stronger. The offense is a veteran group with the exception of the QB position. Overall they will not be as potent as recent years but if a new QB proves adequate, they will be close. They are one of the most talented teams in the MAC and get their toughest 3 division opponents all at home. They do draw Marshall from the East but are a home upset of Toledo away from winning the West for a second straight year and should have another solid winning season.

# W MICHIGAN (7-5)

CONFERENCE: **MAC** WEST

RETURNING STARTERS: LETTERMEN:

**OFFENSE: 8** **Returning: 39 (18,19,2)**

**DEFENSE: 6** **Lost: 20 (11,8,1)**

## W MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

### *OFFENSE* - LAST 5 YEARS -*DEFENSE*

| RET STS | OFF PTS | OFF FD | OFF RUSH | OFF YPC | OFF PASS | PASS % | OFF YPP | TOTAL TURN | | RET STS | DEF PTS | DEF FD | DEF RUSH | DEF YPC | DEF PASS | PASS % | DEF YPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9* | 31.1 | 22 | 102 | 3.4 | 312 | 59.9 | 13.3 | -9 | 1999 | 8 | 28.5 | 23 | 181 | 4.2 | 228 | 58.8 | 14.4 |
| 9* | 32.7 | 25 | 158 | 4.1 | 310 | 58.2 | 14.3 | -5 | 1998 | 6 | 28.4 | 21 | 146 | 3.4 | 236 | 57.4 | 13.4 |
| 6* | 27.4 | 19 | 139 | 0.8 | 254 | 58.3 | 14.4 | -5 | 1997 | 7 | 24.1 | 21 | 153 | 3.7 | 201 | 49.2 | 14.7 |
| 5 | 18.9 | 19 | 99 | 2.7 | 235 | 53.7 | 17.0 | -8 | 1996 | 4 | 27.6 | 19 | 175 | 4.1 | 215 | 57.0 | 14.5 |
| 4 | 23.0 | 21 | 175 | 3.9 | 185 | 57.1 | 15.6 | +8 | 1995 | 7 | 17.3 | 15 | 113 | 3.2 | 168 | 50.5 | 16.3 |

### 1999 STATS BY GAME

| OPPONENT | OFFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS VS | DEFENSE FD | Rush-YDS | AVG | CO-ATT | YDS | SKS BY | TURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| at Florida | 16 | 23-13 | 0.6 | 24-38 | 405 | 6 | 37 | 41-289 | 7.0 | 26-46 | 340 | 0 | 1 |
| Youngstown St | 23 | 33-149 | 4.5 | 21-40 | 316 | 1 | 22 | 44-134 | 3.0 | 24-37 | 253 | 1 | -2 |
| at Missouri | 22 | 21-103 | 4.9 | 26-40 | 320 | 2 | 33 | 60-375 | 6.3 | 15-23 | 185 | 1 | 1 |
| at N Illinois | 19 | 40-133 | 3.3 | 16-35 | 165 | 3 | 15 | 44-186 | 4.2 | 7-15 | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| C Michigan | 18 | 29-79 | 2.7 | 22-39 | 297 | 2 | 16 | 34-111 | 3.3 | 18-33 | 231 | 1 | 0 |
| at E Michigan | 24 | 38-133 | 3.5 | 19-30 | 303 | 2 | 24 | 29-97 | 3.3 | 29-51 | 312 | 2 | -1 |
| Buffalo | 31 | 33-153 | 4.6 | 24-40 | 435 | 3 | 22 | 49-130 | 2.7 | 18-35 | 191 | 1 | -1 |
| Ball St | 25 | 27-107 | 4.0 | 27-42 | 311 | 1 | 15 | 40-68 | 1.7 | 18-28 | 141 | 7 | 0 |
| at Akron | 26 | 31-130 | 4.2 | 29-48 | 373 | 1 | 15 | 47-144 | 3.1 | 8-22 | 182 | 5 | 0 |
| Marshall | 16 | 24-54 | 2.3 | 24-43 | 193 | 5 | 25 | 37-130 | 3.5 | 27-40 | 339 | 0 | -2 |
| at Toledo | 18 | 16-(-7) | -0.4 | 27-41 | 342 | 0 | 32 | 63-391 | 6.2 | 17-25 | 223 | 4 | -5 |
| at Marshall (Cnf Chmp) | 30 | 45-171 | 3.8 | 27-41 | 282 | 2 | 19 | 26-114 | 4.4 | 20-31 | 284 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 268 | 360-1218 | 3.4 | 286-477 | 3742 | 28 | 274 | 514-2169 | 4.2 | 227-386 | 2741 | 23 | -9 |
| AVERAGES | 22.3 | 30-102 | 3.4 | 24-40 | 312 | 2.3 | 22.8 | 43-181 | 4.2 | 19-32 | 228 | 1.9 | -0.8 |

## STADIUM: WALDO STADIUM (30,200)
## PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 7 Yr Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight Up | 7-3-1 | 9-4 | 7-4 | 2-9 | 8-3 | 7-4 | 7-5 | 47-32-1 |
| ATS | 6-4 | 2-8 | 7-4 | 6-4 | 6-5 | 5-6 | 5-6 | 37-37 |
| Home Fav | 2-1 | 0-3 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 10-12 |
| Home Dog | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 4-5 |
| Away Fav | 0-3 | 0-4 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 6-13 |
| Away Dog | 3-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 4-1 | 3-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 17-7 |
| Favorite | 2-4 | 0-7 | 5-4 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-4 | 3-3 | 16-25 |
| Dog | 4-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 4-3 | 4-3 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 21-12 |
| Grass | 5-2 | 1-6 | 5-4 | 3-3 | 5-3 | 3-4 | 3-3 | 25-25 |
| Artificial | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 12-12 |
| vs MAC | 4-4 | 0-8 | 5-3 | 4-4 | 4-4 | 3-5 | 4-5 | 24-33 |
| vs Non-Conf | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 13-4 |

**GARY DARNELL (Career 26-16)**

**Darnell's records at W Michigan**

4th Year at W Michigan

| | |
|---|---|
| 22-12 | Straight Up |
| 16-17 | Vs The Spread |
| 5-5 | Off A S/U Loss |
| 11-14 | Vs. MAC |

**TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2000**

| | |
|---|---|
| DB | Mike Hopping 6-2 220 PS#110JC |
| LB | Jamie White 6-3 225 PS#194 |
| LB | Erik Oleson 6-3 240 PS#196 |
| QB | Ryan Harris 6-1 200 PS#229JC |
| K | Robert Menchinger 5-10 150 PS#39 |
| WR | Tyrone Walker 6-3 190 PS#196 |
| OL | Kyle Ras 6-6 270 PS#317 |
| DL | Lee Robinson 6-4 240 PS#278 |
| DB | Clay Powell 6-2 193 PS#298 |
| OL | Dustin Zawacki 6-4 264 PS#375 |

## 1999 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| RUSHING | ATT | GAIN | LOST | NET | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Robert Sanford** | **221** | **1137** | **45** | **1092** | **8** | **4.9** |
| **Charles Woods** | **47** | **153** | **15** | **138** | **2** | **2.9** |
| Tim Lester | 55 | 154 | 189 | -35 | 1 | -0.6 |
| **Benny Clark** | **5** | **19** | **1** | **18** | **0** | **3.6** |
| PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Tim Lester | 470 | 282 | 60.0 | 3639 | 34 | 13 |
| RECEIVING | REC | YDS | AVG | TD | LONG | |
| **Steve Neal** | **74** | **1113** | **15.0** | **11** | **66** | |
| **Joshua Bush** | **48** | **562** | **11.7** | **5** | **37** | |
| Jake Moreland | 35 | 345 | 9.9 | 3 | 21 | |
| **Corey Alston** | **32** | **720** | **22.5** | **8** | **82** | |
| **Michah Zuhl** | **26** | **434** | **16.7** | **1** | **60** | |
| **Robert Sanford** | **21** | **145** | **6.9** | **2** | **17** | |
| PUNTING | NO | YDS | AVG | 50+ | NET | BLK | In20 |
| **Matt Steffen** | **46** | **1857** | **40.4** | **-** | **36.7** | **1** | **10** |
| KICKING | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | TOTAL | LONG | |
| **Brad Selent** | **3-4** | **9-12** | **1-1** | **1-2** | **14-19** | **53** | |
| DEFENSE STATS | TKL | SCK | TFL | PBU | INT | | |
| Scott Niles | 137 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| **Mario Evans** | **107** | **4** | **4** | **0** | **0** | | |
| **Ronald Rogers** | **70** | **0** | **2** | **12** | **4** | | |
| Eric Bettys | 65 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 1 | | |
| **Terrence Moore** | **58** | **0** | **2** | **1** | **1** | | |
| **Scott Karstens** | **57** | **1** | **6** | **1** | **0** | | |
| William Reed | 57 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | |
| **Marty Harig** | **56** | **4** | **2** | **1** | **0** | | |
| Eric Nunlee | 55 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | | |
| Jeremy Johnson | 51 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | | |
| **Garrett Soldano** | **50** | **2** | **2** | **0** | **0** | | |
| **Rashad McDade** | **45** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | | |
| PUNT RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | | | |
| **Steve Neal** | **15** | **149** | **9.9** | **0** | | | |
| KICK RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | | | |
| **Rashad McDade** | **37** | **898** | **24.3** | **1** | | | |

## OFFENSE 2000 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

**QB Jeff Welsh Jr.** 6-3 208 *PS#90. 567 yds (62%) as true, 51 yds ly. Ryan Harris PS#229JC. 3075 yds, 31 TD's ly. Jonathan Drach (6-5 205 rFr) PS#61.*

**RB ROBERT SANFORD SR.** 5-11 223 *2nd Tm MAC as true, 1033 yds (4.8). FB in 98, 10 sts, 523 yds (4.8). 10 sts at TB ly, 1092 yds (4.9), 21 rec (6.9). **2nd Tm MAC.***

**FB SCOTT SELZER SR.** 6-0 245 *9 tkls at LB in 97. 2 rec in 98 at FB. 6 sts in 99, 12 gms, 7 yds rush, 3 rec (13.7). Phillip Reed (5-11 195 rFr) was PS#217.*

**WR COREY ALSTON SR.** 6-1 212 *32 rec, 23.8 ypc as true. 9 sts in 98, 21 rec (21.9). 11 sts ly, 32 rec, super 22.5, 20 career TD's. Joshua Bush had 48 rec (11.7).*

**WR STEVE NEAL SR.** 6-0 187 *31 rec (15.4), 14 PR's (14.6) as true. **1st Tm MAC L2Y!** 83 rec (17.8), 12 PR (13.3) in 98. 12 sts ly, 74 rec (15.0), 15 PR (9.9).*

**TE Mobolaji Afariogun So.** 6-3 228 *4 sts in 99 as rFr, 10 rec (6.9), 12 gms. Frank Bosworth (6-4 228 Sr) had 11 rec (9.4) in 97. 7 rec (11.9) in 98. 1 st, 4 rec ly.*

**C COLIN GRECZEK SR.** 6-4 285 *PS#415OL in 96. 11 sts at C as rFr. 12 sts at C in 99. Kevin Kramer (6-3 287 So) was PS#119OL, 4 gms as rFr.*

**RG Jake Gasaway So.** 6-3 256 *PS#465DL in 98. 3 tkls in 12 gms in 99, also long snapper. Adam Cones (6-5 260 Jr) PS#78TE. 6 gms at OT in 99.*

**LG JEFF HINSON JR.** 6-2 263 *PS#79 in 97. 8 gms as backup as rFr. 12 sts in 99 at G & T. Ed Boness (6-5 290 rFr) was PS#112OL in 99.*

**RT MATT STOVER JR.** 6-3 274 *8 gms as 2nd string C as rFr. Moved to RG in 99, 11 sts. Charles-Robert Moultry (6-6 310 rFr) good size.*

**LT PAUL LAMBERT SR.** 6-3 287 *8 sts at LT in 97. 2 sts in 98, lettered. 8 sts in 99, 12 gms at LG. Jon Garcia (6-6 320 rFr) PS#575OL.*

**K BRAD SELENT SR.** 5-11 184 *Hit 10 of 17 FG's in 97, long of 37. 1st Tm MAC in 98, 18 of 26 FG's, long of 56! Hit 14 of 19 in 99, long of 53.*

**DE SCOTT KARSTENS SR.** 6-3 245 *23 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 pbu as rFr. 10 sts in 99, 57 tkls, 1 sk, 6 tfl, 6 hurries. Chris Browning (6-2 235 So) PS#244, 11 tkls as rFr.*

**DT Larry King Jr.** 6-3 273 *PS#119. 6 tkls, 1 sk in 98. 9 tkls in 99. Larry Charleston (6-5 265 Sr) 5 tkls in 3 yrs. Brian Pinder was PS#260, 18 tkls in 99.*

**NG MARTY HARIG SR.** 6-3 270 *PS#258. 7 tkls, 1 tfl 97-98. 9 sts ly, 56 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. Chad Wangerin (6-5 300 rFr) PS#369. Jeff Westgale (6-5 255 So).*

**DE Jared Pike Sr.** 6-0 235 *26 tkls, 3 sks in 97. 57 tkls, 6 tfl in 98. 2 sts, 27 tkls, 5 tfl ly. Anthony Allsbury (6-2 250 So) 41 tkls as rFr, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Solid pass rusher.*

**ILB Garrett Soldano Sr.** 6-0 235 *PS#163, 38 tkls, 1 tfl in 97. 11 sts in 98, 106 tkls (#1), 5 tfl. 3 sts, 50 tkls, 4 tfl. Jason Malloy (6-0 228 So) 6 tkls in 99. PS#209.*

**ILB MARIO EVANS SR.** 6-1 230 *PS#147. 16 tkls as rFr. 11 sts, 78 tkls, 9 tfl in 98. 9 sts ly, #2 tkl'r 107 tkls, 9 tfl. Bryan Lape (6-2 210) Scout Tm POY ly.*

**OLB TERRENCE MOORE SR.** 6-3 205 *PS#178. 4 tkls in 97. 14 tkls in 98. 10 sts ly, 58 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu. Jermaine Foreste (6-0 200 So) 4 tkls ly. +20 lbs.*

**CB RONALD ROGERS SR.** 5-9 175 *2 pbu as true. 11 sts in 98, 42 tkls, 4 int, 4 pbu. 12 sts in 99, 70 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu, **HM MAC**. Mike Johnson (5-8 157) 6 tkls ly.*

**CB Rashad McDade Jr.** 5-10 175 *Sprinter on track tm. WR as true. Started L/3 at CB in 99, 45 tkls. Joe Ballard (6-0 185 Jr) 17 tkls as true. 13 tkls in 99.*

**SS WES DODSON JR.** 5-10 178 *PS#215QB. 7 tkls in 98. 4 sts in 99, 43 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Brandon Brown (5-10 185 Jr) 28 tkls as true. 6 sts in 99, 44 tkls, 2 pbu.*

**FS Jermaine Lewis Jr.** 6-5 200 *Trans from Wisc Oshkosh. Big & fast. Carlos Smith (6-5 210 Jr) PS#181, 24 tkls, 1 tfl in 98. 5 sts in 99, 24 tkls, 2 pbu.*

**P MATT STEFFEN SO.** 6-0 235 *Avg 43.7 per punt in HS. 46 punts here as true in 99. Solid 40.4 avg & net of 36.7 with 10 inside 20.*

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| ❑ Colorado State | $1,285,000 | ❑ Miami-Florida | $1,700,000 | ❑ Rice | $460,000 | ❑ Western Michigan | $825,000 |
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Purdue's Drew Brees, leads a strong group of Big 10 QB's.

Anthony Thomas was PS#12 & makes this year's 1st Team.

OSU's Rambo is another in a long line of fine Buckeye wideouts.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 BIG 10 TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Drew Brees, Purdue | Antwaan Randle El, IND | Rashard Casey, PSU |
| RB | Anthony Thomas, Mich | Levron Williams, IND | Eric McCoo, PSU |
| RB | T.J. Duckett, MSU | Ladell Betts, Iowa | Damien Anderson, N'West |
| WR | Ken-Yon Rambo, OSU | Chris Chambers, Wisc | Marquise Walker, Mich |
| WR | David Terrell, Mich | Reggie Germany, OSU | Vinny Sutherland, Purdue |
| TE | Tim Stratton, Purdue | Tony Stewart, PSU | Chris Baker, MSU |
| C | Ben Hamilton, Minn | Casey Rabach, Wisc | Chukky Okobi, Purdue |
| G | Steve Hutchinson, Mich | Ray Redziniak, Illinois | Shaun Mason, MSU |
| G | Bill Ferrario, Wisc | Jordan Caruso, PSU | Derek Burns, Minn |
| T | Kareem McKenzie, PSU | Jeff Backus, Mich | Mike Souza, N'West |
| T | Marques Sullivan, Illinois | Matt Light, Purdue | Tyson Walter, OSU |
| DL | Aaron Kampman, Iowa | Karon Riley, Minn | Anthony Herron, Iowa |
| DL | Wendell Bryant, Wisc | Ryan Pickett, OSU | Jimmy Kennedy, PSU |
| DL | John Schlecht, Minn | Ross Kolodziej, Wisc | John Favret, Wisc |
| DL | Justin Kurpeikis, PSU | Akin Ayodele, Purdue | Dwayne Missouri, N'West |
| LB | Victor Hobson, Mich | Ron Graham, PSU | Ben Mezera, Minn |
| LB | T.J. Turner, MSU | Napolean Harris, N'West | Michael Young, Illinois |
| LB | Courtland Bullard, OSU | Curtese Poole, Minn | Josh Thornhill, MSU |
| CB | Jamar Fletcher, Wisc | Todd Howard, Mich | Ashante Woodyard, Purdue |
| CB | Nate Clements, OSU | Willie Middlebrooks, Minn | Renaldo Hill, MSU |
| SS | Michael Doss, OSU | Bobby Jackson, Illinois | Mycal Jones, N'West |
| FS | Cato June, Mich | James Boyd, PSU | Jason Doering, Wisc |
| K | Vitaly Pisetsky, Wisc | Dan Nystrom, Minn | Travis Dorsch, Purdue |
| P | Craig Jarrett, MSU | Kevin Stemke, Wisc | Jason Baker, Iowa |
| KR | Nick Davis, Wisc | Sam Simmons, N'West | Tim Dodge, Iowa |
| PR | Vinny Sutherland, Purdue | Kahlil Hill, Iowa | Nick Davis, Wisc |

**Big 10 Notes:** The Big Ten has been the best conference in the NCAA the last two years as their 10-2 bowl record attests. I do not rate any of this year's Big 10 teams as National Title contenders because it will be extremely difficult to get thru league play without a loss. Of the top 26 teams this year in terms of talent, I have 8 of them listed as coming from this powerful league. Wisconsin lands the most players on my all Big 10 list with five 1st teamers, 4 on the 2nd team and 3 on the 3rd.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ron Dayne, Wisc | 11 | 303 | 1834 | 6.1 | 19 | 166.7 |
| Thomas Hamner, Minn | 11 | 288 | 1362 | 4.7 | 10 | 123.8 |
| **Anthony Thomas, Mich** | **11** | **283** | **1257** | **4.4** | **16** | **114.3** |
| **Damien Anderson, N'west** | **11** | **306** | **1128** | **3.7** | **3** | **102.6** |
| Michael Wiley, OSU | 12 | 183 | 952 | 5.2 | 10 | 79.3 |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rashard Casey, PSU** | **94** | **59** | **62.8** | **3** | **856** | **9.11** | **6** | **153.9** |
| **Brooks Bollinger, Wisc** | **126** | **75** | **59.5** | **2** | **1028** | **8.16** | **8** | **145.8** |
| Tom Brady, Mich | 295 | 180 | 61.0 | 6 | 2217 | 7.52 | 16 | 138.0 |
| **Antwaan Randle El, Ind** | **279** | **150** | **53.8** | **7** | **2277** | **8.16** | **17** | **137.4** |
| Kevin Thompson, PSU | 242 | 133 | 55.0 | 9 | 1916 | 7.92 | 13 | 131.8 |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| **Drew Brees, Pur** | **11** | **70** | **181** | **494** | **3531** | **3712** | **337.5** |
| **Antwaan Randle El, Ind** | **11** | **224** | **788** | **279** | **2277** | **3065** | **278.6** |
| Billy Cockerham, Minn | 11 | 156 | 805 | 239 | 1834 | 2639 | 239.9 |
| **Kurt Kittner, Illinois** | **11** | **63** | **72** | **372** | **2448** | **2520** | **229.1** |
| Tom Brady, Mich | 11 | 34 | -31 | 295 | 2217 | 2186 | 198.7 |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Drew Hagan, Ind | 11 | 44 | 44.8 | 1971 |
| **Craig Jarrett, MSU** | **11** | **59** | **43.5** | **2569** |
| **Jason Baker, Iowa** | **11** | **70** | **42.3** | **2962** |
| **Steve Fitts, Illinois** | **11** | **65** | **42.3** | **2749** |
| Danny Rogers, Pur | 11 | 43 | 41.6 | 1790 |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chris Daniels, Pur | 11 | 109 | 1133 | 5 | 103.0 | 9.91 | 10.4 |
| Plaxico Burress, MSU | 11 | 53 | 957 | 9 | 87.0 | 4.82 | 18.1 |
| **David Terrell, Mich** | **11** | **61** | **888** | **4** | **80.7** | **5.55** | **14.6** |
| Marcus Knight, Mich | 11 | 36 | 766 | 6 | 69.64 | 3.27 | 21.3 |
| **Ken-Yon Rambo, OSU** | **12** | **41** | **833** | **6** | **69.4** | **3.42** | **20.3** |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nick Davis, Wisc** | **15** | **394** | **2** | **26.3** |
| **Kenny Watson, PSU** | **22** | **522** | **0** | **23.7** |
| **Tim Dodge, Iowa** | **26** | **582** | **0** | **22.4** |
| **Derin Graham, Ind** | **25** | **548** | **1** | **21.9** |
| **Ken-Yon Rambo, OSU** | **31** | **653** | **0** | **21.1** |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Vinny Sutherland, Pur** | **17** | **295** | **2** | **17.4** |
| **Nick Davis, Wisc** | **18** | **249** | **1** | **13.8** |
| Gari Scott, MSU | 36 | 475 | 1 | 13.2 |
| Tyrone Carter, Minn | 30 | 356 | 0 | 11.9 |
| DiAllo Johnson, Mich | 20 | 219 | 0 | 11.0 |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 BIG 10 FORECAST

**1. MICHIGAN** - It will be tough for any team to get thru this rugged conference without a loss. The Wolves' one question mark is their defensive front 7, but when have they ever not been strong up front? They get most of their tough Big 10 games at home with road trips to Purdue and OSU as their big tests. A 3 way tie for the Big 10 crown would not surprise me.

**2. WISCONSIN** - Two straight Rose Bowl championships, the best defense in the Big 10 and only two conference losses in 2 years. Like Michigan they will host most of the toughest teams in the league and avoid Penn St. However that road trip to Ann Arbor will be tough as they have not played well vs the Wolves lately. With Ohio St and Michigan I will rate them as a co-favorite.

**3. OHIO ST** - From 1995-98 the Buckeyes lost just 1 Big 10 game to a team not named Penn St or Michigan and had just 5 Big 10 losses in the 4 years. In '98 versus a similar schedule where they drew both of these teams at home, I considered them national title contenders. Then came last year's stunning 6 loss season. This year both teams again must travel to Columbus but wins over the rest of the Big 10 foes no longer look automatic. This is one of the 3 most improved teams in the Big 10 and if Cooper can get them playing anywhere near '98's level, they must be considered a co-favorite.

**4. PENN ST** - They lose defensive coordinator Sandusky and 9 starters from the stop unit this year. Before you think this will be a rebuilding year, keep in mind that Joe Paterno is still the head coach and he has had some great recruiting classes as of late. They must face both Michigan and Ohio St on the road but should have another successful year.

**5. PURDUE** - Drew Brees is a Heisman contender and Tiller has his best defense yet. They should also be more potent in the red zone this year. There are 7 teams of the Big 10 that I rank in the top 25 in the country in terms of talent. Purdue and Ohio St are the only teams that have to face all 6 of the other powers. They have a tough schedule but still a big year is possible.

**6. MINNESOTA** - A couple of years ago Purdue took advantage of not facing Ohio St and Michigan in Big 10 play and vaulted up the standings. This year Minnesota avoids Michigan and Mich St. A strong running game and defense help make them a dark horse contender. They will need an upset or two to move into the top group however.

**7. MICHIGAN ST** - The Spartans were loaded with returning starters last year and had most of the big boys of the Big 10 coming into East Lansing. This year they must travel to Michigan, Ohio St and Penn St and replace a large amount of seniors. This is still a Top 25 caliber team and should be bowl bound in Williams' first year at the helm.

**8. ILLINOIS** - This is even a stronger team than the '99 version which beat Ohio St and Michigan on the road and destroyed Virginia 63-21 in their bowl game. I do rank them #26 in terms of talent coming into the year but keep in mind the top 7 all rank in the Top 25 (this is a TOUGH league). They face Minny, Penn St and Mich St on the road and while they host Ohio St and Michigan, those two teams will be angry and still have a talent edge. It will be tough to match last year's 4 league wins but the Illini could pull out another winning year overall.

**9. NORTHWESTERN** - If not for the 8 powerhouses that reside ahead of them in the Big 10, I would have these Cats pegged higher as they are one of my surprise teams this year. I rate their defense 7th best in the league and they avoid both Ohio St and Penn St. I won't call for the Purple to get to Pasadena but they could bag as many as 3 or 4 Big 10 wins which could make them a surprise bowl team.

**10. INDIANA** - I felt last year was the Hoosiers' year to possibly breakout of the lower half of the conference. This year most of the winnable games are on the road and while they avoid both Ohio St and Mich St in league play, it will be very hard to top last year's 3 conference wins. A stronger team this year but not in the standings.

**11. IOWA** - Put these Hawkeyes in a lot of other conferences and they are a bowl contender. Their games will be exciting with a much stronger offense but the defense is questionable. Most of the winnable games are on the road as league home games are vs the likes of Mich St, Ohio St and Wisky. This is a young team with just 6 projected senior starters.

## 1999 BIG 10 STANDINGS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| Wisconsin | 7 | 1 | 281 | 108 | 9 | 2 | 392 | 145 |
| Michigan | 6 | 2 | 245 | 175 | 9 | 2 | 326 | 213 |
| Michigan St | 6 | 2 | 240 | 171 | 9 | 2 | 341 | 211 |
| Penn St | 5 | 3 | 235 | 163 | 9 | 3 | 393 | 234 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 3 | 225 | 158 | 8 | 3 | 348 | 172 |
| Illinois | 4 | 4 | 205 | 205 | 7 | 4 | 325 | 254 |
| Purdue | 4 | 4 | 226 | 225 | 7 | 4 | 359 | 277 |
| Ohio St | 3 | 5 | 157 | 208 | 6 | 6 | 285 | 287 |
| Indiana | 3 | 5 | 205 | 291 | 4 | 7 | 291 | 386 |
| Northwestern | 1 | 7 | 106 | 254 | 3 | 8 | 141 | 301 |
| Iowa | 0 | 8 | 121 | 288 | 1 | 10 | 162 | 347 |

Gopher CB Middlebrooks had 4.45 speed & 18 PBU's in '99.

Indy QB Randle El is a versatile performer!!

OSU's Clement anchors a very strong secondary.

VT QB Michael Vick is an awesome talent & is only a sophomore!!

Miami Hurricane RB James Jackson looks to eclipse the century mark in 2000.

Hokie WR André Davis averaged 27 yds for every catch in 1999.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 BIG EAST TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Michael Vick, VT | Ken Dorsey, Miami | Mike McMahon, Rutgers |
| RB | James Jackson, Miami | Nick Goings, Pitt | Dee Brown, Syracuse |
| RB | Cedric Washington, BC | Andre Kendrick, VT | Avon Cobourne, WV |
| WR | Santana Moss, Miami | Latef Grim, Pitt | Andrae Harrison, VT |
| WR | André Davis, VT | Reggie Wayne, Miami | Khori Ivy, WV |
| TE | Derek Carter, VT | Ivan Mercer, Miami | LJ Smith, Rutgers |
| C | Rick Gilliam, WV | Jeff McCurley, Pitt | PJ Alexander, Syracuse |
| G | Paul Zukauskas, BC | Jason Brooks, WV | Joshua Redding, VT |
| G | Matt Lehr, VT | Vernon Carey, Miami | Terry Dixon, WV |
| T | Bryant McKinnie, Miami | Dave Kadela, VT | Tanner Russell, WV |
| T | Mike Cook, BC | Joaquin Gonzalez, Miami | Anthony Lambo, VT |
| DL | Duke Pettijohn, Syracuse | Derrius Monroe, VT | Quincy Hipps, Miami |
| DL | Damione Lewis, Miami | David Pugh, VT | Keith Leavitt, BC |
| DL | Rickie Simpkins, Syracuse | Dan Klecko, Temple | Adrian Wilson, Miami |
| DL | William Joseph, Miami | Raheem Brock, Temple | Derric Rossy, BC |
| LB | Dan Morgan, Miami | Chris Edmonds, WV | Ryan Gonsales, Pitt |
| LB | Clifton Smith, Syracuse | Jake Houseright, VT | DJ Williams, Miami |
| LB | Ben Taylor, VT | Amir Purifoy, Pitt | Chris Campbell, Miami |
| CB | Ronyell Whitaker, VT | Leonard Myers, Miami | Tony Berry, Rutgers |
| CB | Mike Rumph, Miami | Will Allen, Syracuse | Lew Daniels, WV |
| SS | Corey Bird, VT | Edward Reed, Miami | Willie Ford, Syracuse |
| FS | Al Blades, Miami | Quentin Harris, Syracuse | Ramon Walker, Pitt |
| K | Nick Lotz, Pitt | Steve Barone, Rutgers | Todd Sievers, Miami |
| P | Mark Fazzolari, WV | Freddie Capshaw, Miami | Mike Shafer, Syracuse |
| KR | William Green, BC | Santana Moss, Miami | Dennis Thomas, Rutgers |
| PR | Santana Moss, Miami | Antonio Brown, WV | Sean Carty, Rutgers |

**Big East Notes:** That was quite a year for Virginia Tech last year as they went to the National Title game and gave FSU quite a scare. Can they stay at the top even though they must replace 8 starters on defense? They do have 7 players that make my 1st team preseason Big East. Miami (Fla) looks like this conference's national title hopeful but they must face Florida St DURING the season. Miami has 9 players on my 1st team Big East and 9 on the 2nd team. West Virginia has 10 players on the top 3 teams.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Avon Cobourne, W Virg** | **10** | **224** | **1139** | **5.1** | **10** | **113.9** |
| **Cedric Washington, BC** | **11** | **222** | **1122** | **5.1** | **7** | **102.0** |
| Shyrone Stith, Virg Tech | 11 | 226 | 1119 | 5.0 | 13 | 101.7 |
| **Clinton Portis, Miami** | **10** | **143** | **838** | **5.9** | **8** | **83.8** |
| **James Jackson, Miami** | **9** | **169** | **782** | **4.6** | **9** | **86.9** |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CM | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Michael Vick, Virg Tech** | **152** | **90** | **59.2** | **5** | **1840** | **12.11** | **12** | **180.4** |
| **Ken Dorsey, Miami** | **120** | **74** | **61.7** | **2** | **807** | **6.72** | **10** | **142.3** |
| **David Priestley, Pitt** | **158** | **92** | **58.2** | **3** | **1305** | **8.26** | **6** | **136.3** |
| **Troy Nunes, Syr** | **161** | **95** | **59.0** | **5** | **1141** | **7.09** | **11** | **134.9** |
| **Brad Lewis, WVirg** | **112** | **67** | **59.8** | **3** | **726** | **6.48** | **8** | **132.5** |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| **Michael Vick, Virg Tech** | **10** | **110** | **580** | **152** | **1840** | **2420** | **242.0** |
| Kenny Kelly, Miami | 9 | 49 | 44 | 259 | 1913 | 1957 | 217.4 |
| **Tim Hasselbeck, BC** | **11** | **92** | **198** | **260** | **1940** | **2138** | **194.4** |
| Marc Bulger, WVirg | 10 | 19 | 124 | 239 | 1729 | 1605 | 160.5 |
| **Devin Scott, Temple** | **11** | **55** | **-66** | **368** | **1815** | **1749** | **159.0** |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mark Fazzolari, W Virg** | **10** | **51** | **41.5** | **2116** |
| Greg DeBolt, Pitt | 10 | 57 | 40.9 | 2329 |
| Charlie Titus, Rut | 10 | 68 | 40.8 | 2776 |
| **Freddie Capshaw, Miami** | **10** | **47** | **39.7** | **1865** |
| **Mike Shafer, Syr** | **10** | **52** | **38.4** | **1998** |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Latef Grim, Pitt** | **11** | **75** | **1106** | **4** | **100.6** | **6.8** | **14.8** |
| **André Davis, Virg Tech** | **11** | **35** | **962** | **9** | **87.5** | **3.2** | **27.5** |
| **Antonio Bryant, Pitt** | **11** | **51** | **844** | **6** | **76.7** | **4.6** | **16.6** |
| **Santana Moss, Miami** | **12** | **54** | **899** | **6** | **74.9** | **4.5** | **16.7** |
| **Khori Ivy, W Virg** | **11** | **53** | **666** | **5** | **60.6** | **4.8** | **12.6** |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **William Green, BC** | **13** | **342** | **0** | **26.3** |
| Shyrone Stith, Virg Tech | 15 | 387 | 0 | 25.8 |
| Nate Terry, WVirg | 19 | 472 | 1 | 24.8 |
| Hank Poteat, Pitt | 17 | 401 | 0 | 23.6 |
| **Pat Woodcock, Syr** | **16** | **342** | **0** | **21.4** |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hank Poteat, Pitt | 19 | 307 | 1 | 16.2 |
| **Santana Moss, Miami** | **33** | **467** | **2** | **14.2** |
| Ricky Hall, Virg Tech | 40 | 510 | 1 | 12.8 |
| Quinton Spotwood, Syr | 23 | 227 | 0 | 9.9 |
| **Dedrick Dewalt, BC** | **19** | **136** | **0** | **7.2** |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 BIG EAST FORECAST

**1. Miami (Fla)** - Not many of the other major conferences have a probable favorite for the title with the exception of the ACC which has Florida St. Last year I called for VT to win the Big East and be a national title contender. Miami has been dealing with the effects of probation during the latter half of the '90's and were not the same dominating team they were in the early part of the decade. This year they are LOADED on both sides of the ball and they get most of their key tussles at home. I cannot foresee anything less than an undefeated Big East season for them and if they can beat FSU in their October showdown, this team has national title potential.

**2. Syracuse** - The Orangemen are off their first 5 loss season since 1986 and it was mainly due to poor QB play. They have 4 capable candidates this year and one should emerge at that important position. Their defensive front is among the best in the country and I rate their defense this year as equal to or better than the Hokies. This should be a solid rebound year for the Orangemen who have 4 Big East home games including VT and they almost always handle Tech well in the dome.

**3. Virginia Tech** - No one had the Hokies ranked higher than I did last preseason as they possessed the talent and schedule for a special season and had just that. Their offense, led by Heisman contender Michael Vick, will be among the nation's best. The defense will be solid but having to replace 8 starters from last year's outstanding unit will be tough. Talentwise, I have them as the 2nd best team in the Big East and among the Top 15 teams in the country this year. Why do I peg them 3rd? They have always had trouble on trips to the Carrier Dome, which is where they face the Orangemen this year.

**4. Pitt** - The Panthers are playing their home games at Three Rivers Stadium this year. Teams #4 thru #6 in the Big East all look about even talentwise and therefore my placement will come down to schedule. They get both WV and BC at home and even though WV has beaten them by an average of 34.5 ppg in the last two years and the visitor usually fares well in the Backyard Brawl, I will give the slightest of edges to Pitt and that means 4th place.

**5. West Virginia** - This will be a much stronger team than the '99 version which had a rare dip to 4-7. I like the skill position players and their talented O-line. If the young secondary can come together quickly they could be back to the type of stop unit you have come to expect under Nehlen. They do have 4 Big East road games this year and if they can win the aforementioned battle on the road vs Pitt they would move up. I look for a return to the plus side of the ledger.

**6. Boston College** - I really like the pair of RB's that the Eagles have and they are much more experienced on offense than last season. The rebuilt defensive line is my concern as the losses were substantial from that unit. Throw in the fact they must face both of their peers (WV and Pitt) on the road and that they may have been fortunate to grab 8 wins last year as they were outgained by opponents on the year. I look for them to drop some in the Big East standings.

**7. Rutgers** - In 1998 the Knights were 5-6 and coach Shea was Big East coach of the year. Last year the team was ravaged by injuries and barely avoided a winless season. Most of those injured players are back and they proved capable of an upset last year when they stunned Syracuse. The conference schedule is tough with 4 Big East road games including BC and Pitt. Nonetheless, if there is a team that can really surprise in this league then Rutgers is it.

**8. Temple** - I have a feeling that I will be pretty high on the Owls in 2001. They have a very young team this year especially on the lines. The Owls have just 3 projected senior starters overall, so the team will essentially return intact. They are a much stronger team than last year but the Big East as a whole looks stronger. They have avoided last place finishes in 4 of the last 5 years and do get Rutgers at home. Owls fans be patient, 2001 could be the big breakthrough year.

SS Cory Bird is a key member of a stout VT stop unit.

#44 LB Dan Morgan of Miami is a hard nosed competitor & made my "1st Team."

Space doesn't permit us to list them, but Temple LB Taylor Suman is on my 4th Team.

## 1999 BIG EAST STANDINGS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| Virginia Tech | 7 | 0 | 315 | 88 | 11 | 0 | 455 | 116 |
| Miami (Fla) | 6 | 1 | 257 | 107 | 8 | 4 | 404 | 207 |
| Boston College | 4 | 3 | 161 | 156 | 8 | 3 | 269 | 246 |
| Syracuse | 3 | 4 | 138 | 189 | 6 | 5 | 280 | 243 |
| W Virginia | 3 | 4 | 198 | 168 | 4 | 7 | 292 | 289 |
| Temple | 2 | 4 | 138 | 206 | 2 | 8 | 153 | 311 |
| Pittsburgh | 2 | 5 | 167 | 198 | 5 | 6 | 281 | 278 |
| Rutgers | 1 | 6 | 110 | 317 | 1 | 10 | 155 | 427 |

QB Carson Palmer of USC has NFL type talent & should lead a strong Trojan offense.

Ken Simonton's 1,705 total yards spurred OSU to the Oahu Bowl in 1999.

UCLA's DeShaun Foster is one of a bevy of talented PAC 10 RB's.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 PAC 10 TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Carson Palmer, USC | Marques Tuiasosopo, Wash | Ortege Jenkins, Ariz |
| RB | Paul Arnold, Wash | Sultan McCullough, USC | Ken Simonton, OSU |
| RB | DeShaun Foster, UCLA | Maurice Morris, Oreg | Deon Burnett, WSU |
| WR | Kareem Kelly, USC | Freddie Mitchell, UCLA | DeRonnie Pitts, Stan |
| WR | Bobby Wade, Ariz | TJ Houshmandzadeh, OSU | Keenan Howry, Oreg |
| TE | Todd Heap, ASU | Jerramy Stevens, Wash | Antoine Harris, USC |
| C | Bruce Wiggins, Ariz | Eric Denmon, USC | Kyle Benn, Wash |
| G | Brian Polak, UCLA | Kevin Barry, Ariz | Keith DiDomenico, OSU |
| G | Eric Heitmann, Stan | Zach Wilson, USC | Scott Peters, ASU |
| T | Mike Saffer, UCLA | Greg Schindler, Stan | Victor Leyva, ASU |
| T | Chad Ward, Wash | Langstron Walker, Cal | Makoa Freitas, Ariz |
| DL | Andre Carter, Cal | Saul Patu, Oreg | DeLawrence Grant, OSU |
| DL | Willie Howard, Stan | Jeremiah Pharms, Wash | Larry Tripplett, Wash |
| DL | Ennis Davis, USC | Jacob Waasdorp, Cal | Anthony Aguilar, ASU |
| DL | Kenyon Coleman, UCLA | Sultan Abdul-Malik, USC | Austin Lee, Stan |
| LB | Riall Johnson, Stan | Derrell Daniels, Wash | Raonall Smith, WSU |
| LB | Zeke Moreno, USC | Curtis Holden, WSU | Adam Archuleta, ASU |
| LB | Markus Steele, USC | Solomon Bates, ASU | Matt Smith, Oreg |
| CB | Anthony Vontoure, Wash | Dennis Weathersby, OSU | Chris Martin, WSU |
| CB | Kris Richard, USC | Antuan Simmons, USC | Ricky Manning, UCLA |
| SS | Hakim Akbar, Wash | Ifeanyi Ohalete, USC | Brandon Nash, Ariz |
| FS | Lamont Thompson, WSU | Curtis Williams, Wash | Nnamdi Asomugha, Cal |
| K | John Anderson, Wash | Mike Biselli, Stan | Chris Griffith, UCLA |
| P | Nick Harris, Cal | Kurtis Doerr, Oreg | Nathan Fikse, UCLA |
| KR | Ryan Wells, Stan | Sonny Cook, Oreg | Lovell Houston, UCLA |
| PR | TJ Houshmandzadeh, OSU | Ricky Manning, UCLA | Davaren Hightower, ASU |

**PAC 10 Notes:** There have been 6 different PAC 10 Champions the last six seasons. Not only is that an interesting trend but did you know that not only have the last 6 PAC 10 champs failed to repeat but FOUR of those teams followed up a Rose Bowl appearance with a losing season!! Last year the 5 teams picked by the media to finish in the upper half of PAC 10 play lost a combined 21 games while the 5 projected lower half teams lost 19. The PAC 10 has been very poor in bowls and outside the conference as of late but should fare better this year.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trung Canidate, Ariz | 12 | 253 | 1602 | 6.3 | 11 | 133.5 |
| **Ken Simonton, OSU** | **11** | **276** | **1329** | **4.8** | **17** | **120.8** |
| Reuben Droughns, Oreg | 10 | 256 | 1139 | 4.4 | 9 | 113.9 |
| JR Redmond, ASU | 10 | 224 | 1085 | 4.8 | 12 | 108.5 |
| Chad Morton, USC | 12 | 262 | 1141 | 4.4 | 15 | 95.1 |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Joe Borchard, Stan** | **71** | **42** | **59.2** | **1** | **747** | **10.52** | **7** | **177.3** |
| **Ortege Jenkins, Ariz** | **131** | **79** | **60.3** | **5** | **1082** | **8.26** | **9** | **144.7** |
| Todd Husak, Stan | 308 | 176 | 57.1 | 11 | 2688 | 8.73 | 18 | 142.6 |
| Keith Smith, Ariz | 228 | 131 | 57.5 | 8 | 1903 | 8.35 | 10 | 135.0 |
| **A. J. Feeley, Oreg** | **259** | **136** | **52.5** | **6** | **1951** | **7.53** | **14** | **129.0** |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| Todd Husak, Stan | 10 | 30 | 3 | 308 | 2688 | 2691 | 269.1 |
| **M. Tuiasosopo, Wash** | **11** | **138** | **541** | **295** | **2221** | **2762** | **251.1** |
| **Jonathan Smith, OSU** | **11** | **55** | **-89** | **385** | **2784** | **2695** | **245.0** |
| **AJ Feeley, Oreg** | **10** | **31** | **-5** | **259** | **1951** | **1946** | **194.6** |
| Keith Smith, Ariz | 11 | 52 | 143 | 228 | 1903 | 2046 | 186.0 |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nick Harris, Cal** | **11** | **85** | **44.7** | **3795** |
| **Nate Fikse, UCLA** | **11** | **68** | **42.0** | **2857** |
| **Kurtis Doerr, Oreg** | **11** | **51** | **41.9** | **2135** |
| **Mike MacGillivray, USC** | **12** | **74** | **41.5** | **3067** |
| Kareem Anderson, Wash St | 12 | 82 | 41.3 | 3384 |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Troy Walters, Stan | 11 | 74 | 1456 | 10 | 132.4 | 6.7 | 19.7 |
| Dennis Northcutt, Ariz | 12 | 88 | 1422 | 8 | 118.5 | 7.3 | 16.2 |
| **DeRonnie Pitts, Stan** | **11** | **58** | **853** | **8** | **77.6** | **5.3** | **14.7** |
| **Kareem Kelly, USC** | **12** | **54** | **902** | **4** | **75.2** | **4.5** | **16.7** |
| **Todd Heap, ASU** | **11** | **50** | **793** | **3** | **72.1** | **4.6** | **15.9** |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deltha O'Neal, Cal | 19 | 555 | 1 | 29.2 |
| **Sonny Cook, Oreg** | **14** | **402** | **0** | **28.7** |
| **Ryan Wells, Stan** | **15** | **412** | **0** | **27.5** |
| **Paul Arnold, Wash** | **14** | **348** | **1** | **24.9** |
| **Robert Prescott, OSU** | **20** | **494** | **0** | **24.7** |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dennis Northcutt, Ariz | 23 | 436 | 2 | 19.0 |
| R. Jay Soward, USC | 18 | 218 | 1 | 12.1 |
| Deltha O'Neal, Cal | 42 | 428 | 1 | 10.2 |
| **T.J. Houshmandzadeh, OSU** | **18** | **179** | **0** | **9.9** |
| Michael Fletcher, Oreg | 36 | 350 | 1 | 9.7 |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 PAC 10 FORECAST

**1. USC** - A coach usually has a big year in his third year with a program. I picked USC to win the title in each of the last 2 years and have been wrong each time (not many have been right in this wacky conference) but I will go with them again thanks to one of the most powerful defenses in the country, and an NFL caliber QB. They avoid Washington in PAC 10 play which is a plus. I am concerned about whether the head coach is capable of taking this team to the top but he has the talent to do so and must get it done in his 3rd season.

**2. Washington** - The Huskies have a powerful offense led by QB Marques Tuiasosopo, a top notch O-line and an emerging RB in Paul Arnold. They took some time to hit their stride in Neuheisel's first year and will be explosive in his 2nd. The defensive line losses concern me, but an exceptional back 7 should have the unit stronger overall. They avoid USC in conference play which could set the table for a tie with the Trojans. Must be considered a co-favorite.

**3. UCLA** - The Bruins caught all the breaks in '97 & '98 and had great seasons. They had some tough luck last year and plummeted to 4-7. This year they are loaded with VHT's and only have to replace 6 seniors from last year's young squad. One of their home games is versus crosstown rival USC. The PAC 10 road slate is tough as is their non-conf agenda but they could easily be home in Pasadena on New Year's Day if some breaks go their way.

**4. Oregon** - There is no doubt in my mind that the Ducks with a healthy RB Droughns were the best team in the PAC 10 last year and they were the only one to win a bowl. They must replace 8 starters on defense and that is tough to do but they should still be a main contender for the PAC 10 title. This is an extremely strong team at home and if they can bag a win on the road vs Ariz St or USC they have a shot at a 7-1 PAC 10 record and that could mean a run for the Roses.

**5. Arizona St** - The Sun Devils could win the PAC 10 if QB Kealy stays healthy all year and is 100%. They will finish in the lower half if he gets hurt. Let's figure that he misses a couple of games due to injury. That means the finish would be somewhere between those two extremes. This is a very talented Sun Devil group but Kealy's health is the key to their season.

**6. Arizona** - I am putting the Cats in the 2H of the PAC 10 as a favor to coach Tomey whose teams usually do better when little is expected. Bobby Wade looks to be this year's playmaker on offense but they must replace Canidate and Northcutt and will be less explosive. The defense will be stronger and a bowl probably will ride on whether they knock off rival ASU at home in the season finale.

**7. California** - Cal's freshmen dominated the offense last year and were, well... horrible. This year's unit will be much more potent. They do lose some key players from their #1 ranked defense, and while still solid, will be a little weaker on that side of the ball. Cal gets all 3 of the teams that I peg below them in the standings at Berkeley and with all 4 fairly equal in talent I will call for Cal to take advantage of the schedule and have a shot at moving up in the standings.

**8. Oregon St** - It made me very happy to see this downtrodden program bag their first winning season since 1970 and get to a bowl. With an improved offense, they can repeat that feat this year. I like the talent level here but they do face Cal on the road which has me calling for the Bears to finish a notch ahead. They are not yet on the level of the USC & UCLA's of the PAC 10 but this is a solidly improved squad.

**9. Wash St** - Price has put a lot of pressure on himself for a winning season and if all his players stay eligible that is a possibility. They do get the new "Field Turf" surface and Oregon St used a softer home surface for less injuries last year which catapaulted them to a rare winning year. Normally some key players depart over the summer from WSU and that keeps me from calling for a higher finish.

**10. Stanford** - Two years ago I caught a lot of preseason flak from Wash St fans when I called for their Rose Bowl team to finish in the cellar of the PAC 10. That is precisely where they ended up. OK Card fans, let me have it, as I am doing the same for this contingent. The only scary part of picking them here is that Willingham has great years when little is expected and poor years when great things are expected. Using that philosophy they would have a good year. The facts are they look to have the weakest defense in the PAC 10, have to replace 4 1st team PAC 10 players on offense including their QB and they also face Wash St on the road early which is a plus for the Cougars.

## 1999 PAC 10 STANDINGS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| Stanford | 7 | 1 | 313 | 197 | 8 | 3 | 409 | 347 |
| Oregon | 6 | 2 | 247 | 199 | 8 | 3 | 386 | 264 |
| Washington | 6 | 2 | 231 | 188 | 7 | 4 | 311 | 278 |
| Arizona St | 5 | 3 | 227 | 192 | 6 | 5 | 282 | 288 |
| Oregon St | 4 | 4 | 208 | 177 | 7 | 4 | 330 | 254 |
| Arizona | 3 | 5 | 229 | 252 | 6 | 6 | 339 | 364 |
| USC | 3 | 5 | 193 | 206 | 6 | 6 | 348 | 278 |
| California | 3 | 5 | 131 | 164 | 4 | 7 | 180 | 254 |
| UCLA | 2 | 6 | 137 | 241 | 4 | 7 | 230 | 311 |
| Washington St | 1 | 7 | 158 | 258 | 3 | 9 | 248 | 327 |

LB Zeke Moreno of USC was voted HM in 99, but makes my first team in 2000.

The PAC10 is very deep at SS and Terrance Carroll (Oreg St) is on my 4th team.

If QB Ryan Kealy (Ariz St) can stay healhty, he will contend for PAC 10 honors.

Oklahoma QB Josh Heupel gets 4★'s in my book & makes my Big 12 first team.

Husker QB Eric Crouch just may pilot the nation's most explosive offense.

Major Applewhite of Texas completes the Big 12's terrific trio of QB's.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 BIG 12 TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Josh Heupel, Okla | Eric Crouch, Neb | Major Applewhite, Tex |
| RB | Dan Alexander, Neb | Joe Weber, A&M | Hodges Mitchell, Tex |
| RB | Darrell Bush, Baylor | Ricky Williams, TT | Marcus Houston, Colo |
| WR | Quincy Morgan, KSU | Bethel Johnson, A&M | Javon Green, Colo |
| WR | Montrell Flowers, Tex | Curtis Fagan, Okla | Chris Taylor, A&M |
| TE | Tracey Wistrom, Neb | Matt Anderson, Okla | Marcellus Rivers, OSU |
| C | Dominic Raiola, Neb | Seth McKinney, A&M | Andre Gurode, Colo |
| G | Antwan Kirk-Hughes, Tex | Chris Valletta, A&M | Justin Bates, Colo |
| G | Russ Hochstein, Neb | Al Baysinger, Okla | Derrick Dockery, Tex |
| T | Victor Rogers, Colo | Dave Volk, Neb | Joshua Lind, OSU |
| T | Leonard Davis, Tex | Justin Bland, Missouri | Howard Duncan, Okla |
| DL | Kyle Vanden Bosch, Neb | Reggie Hayward, ISU | Juqua Thomas, OSU |
| DL | Shaun Rogers, Tex | Mario Fatafehi, KSU | Rocky Bernard, A&M |
| DL | Casey Hampton, Tex | Kris Kocurek, TT | Justin Bannan, Colo |
| DL | Justin Smith, Missouri | Cory Redding, Tex | Monty Beisel, KSU |
| LB | Rocky Calmus, Okla | John Norman, TT | Jason Glenn, A&M |
| LB | Carlos Polk, Neb | Brian Gamble, A&M | Sean Doyle, Missouri |
| LB | Jashon Sykes, Colo | Torrence Marshall, Okla | Warren Lott, KSU |
| CB | Gary Baxter, Baylor | Dyshod Carter, KSU | Sammy Davis, A&M |
| CB | Erwin Swiney, Neb | Michael Thompson, Okla | Quentin Jammer, Tex |
| SS | Roy Williams, Okla | Lee Jackson, Tex | Jarrod Cooper, KSU |
| FS | Carl Nesmith, Kansas | Kevin Curtis, TT | Greg Brown, Tex |
| K | Jamie Rheem, KSU | Kris Stockton, Tex | Terence Kitchens, A&M |
| P | Don Hadenfeldt, Neb | Jeff Ferguson, Okla | Carl Gomez, ISU |
| KR | John Norman, TT | Terence Newman, KSU | JJ Moses, ISU |
| PR | David Allen, KSU | Bobby Newcombe, Neb | Henri Childs, Kansas |

**Big 12 Notes:** After a 2 year absence, Nebraska and Oklahoma will play again in one of the best rivalries in the NCAA. The Big 12 has THREE teams that have the potential to go undefeated this year in Nebraska, Kansas St and also Texas (who avoids the first 2 in league play). That could make for a MAJOR Big 12 Title Game. This conference will have a substantial say as to who wins the National Title.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Darren Davis, Iowa St | 11 | 287 | 1388 | 4.8 | 14 | 126.2 |
| **Hodges Mitchell, Texas** | **13** | **255** | **1346** | **5.3** | **9** | **103.5** |
| **Cortlen Johnson, Colo** | **10** | **172** | **835** | **4.9** | **8** | **83.5** |
| **Eric Crouch, Neb** | **12** | **180** | **889** | **4.9** | **16** | **74.1** |
| DeVaughn Black, MO | 10 | 169 | 740 | 4.4 | 2 | 74.0 |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mike Moschetti, Colo | 331 | 204 | 61.6 | 12 | 2693 | 8.14 | 18 | 140.7 |
| **Kliff Kingsbury, Tex Tech** | **57** | **25** | **43.9** | **1** | **492** | **8.63** | **4** | **136.0** |
| **Jonathan Beasley, Kan St** | **203** | **90** | **44.3** | **7** | **1805** | **8.89** | **14** | **134.9** |
| **Josh Heupel, Okla** | **500** | **310** | **62.0** | **15** | **3460** | **6.92** | **30** | **133.9** |
| **Major Applewhite, Texas** | **467** | **271** | **58.0** | **9** | **3349** | **7.17** | **21** | **129.3** |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| **Josh Heupel, Okla** | **11** | **47** | **-98** | **500** | **3460** | **3362** | **305.6** |
| Mike Moschetti, Colo | 10 | 85 | 125 | 331 | 2693 | 2818 | 281.8 |
| **Major Applewhite, Tex** | **13** | **51** | **146** | **467** | **3349** | **3203** | **246.4** |
| Randy McCown, Tex A&M | 11 | 80 | 57 | 295 | 2374 | 2431 | 221.0 |
| **Jonathan Beasley, Kan St** | **11** | **105** | **227** | **203** | **1805** | **2032** | **184.7** |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shane Lechler, Tex A&M | 11 | 60 | 46.5 | 2787 |
| **Dan Hadenfeldt, Neb** | **12** | **65** | **45.0** | **2924** |
| **Joey Pelfanio, Kansas** | **12** | **72** | **43.0** | **3096** |
| **Jeff Ferguson, Okla** | **11** | **54** | **42.4** | **2292** |
| Kyle Atteberry, Baylor | 11 | 77 | 40.8 | 3137 |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Quincy Morgan, Kan St** | **11** | **42** | **1007** | **9** | **91.6** | **3.8** | **24.0** |
| Kwame Cavil, Texas | 13 | 100 | 1188 | 6 | 91.4 | 7.7 | 11.9 |
| Brandon Daniels, Okla | 10 | 51 | 605 | 4 | 60.5 | 5.1 | 11.9 |
| **Javon Green, Colo** | **11** | **40** | **663** | **7** | **60.3** | **3.6** | **16.6** |
| Marcus Stiggers, Colo | 11 | 37 | 625 | 4 | 56.8 | 3.4 | 16.9 |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brandon Daniels, Okla | 16 | 508 | 1 | 31.8 |
| Ben Kelly, Colo | 19 | 547 | 2 | 28.8 |
| **Carl Nesmith, Kansas** | **21** | **484** | **0** | **23.1** |
| **Randy Davis, Baylor** | **14** | **318** | **1** | **22.7** |
| **J.J. Moses, Iowa St** | **22** | **496** | **0** | **22.6** |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bobby Newcombe, Neb** | **16** | **294** | **1** | **18.4** |
| Terance Richardson, Okla St | 40 | 591 | 1 | 14.8 |
| **David Allen, Kan St** | **28** | **390** | **2** | **13.9** |
| **John Norman, Tex Tech** | **29** | **342** | **1** | **11.8** |
| **Henri Childs, Kansas** | **20** | **226** | **1** | **11.3** |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 BIG 12 FORECAST

**BIG 12 NORTH 1. Nebraska** - The Huskers were my pick to win the Big 12 last year. They have an excellent shot at an undefeated season and a National Title this year. There are two other teams in the Big 12 who are Top 10 caliber and one is Kansas St who they must play on the road. The other would be Texas, their likely opponent in the Big 12 Title Game, if the Huskers pass that first big test. The offense will finally resemble Husker offenses of old and they have a great shot at the North title.

**2. Kansas St** - The Wildcats passed their rebuiling test of '99 by almost going undefeated. This year they have 15 starters back and get the mighty Cornhuskers travelling to Manhattan. They do have a couple of tough Big 12 road games (A&M and Colorado) but are loaded on both sides of the ball and like Nebraska have a shot at an undefeated season. The key could be Nov 11th.

**3. Colorado** - There is no doubt that talentwise the Buffs are the third best team in the North but they could actually finish in the lower half of the division due to the nation's toughest schedule. They pull Texas and Texas A&M from the South and must beat both Kansas and Missouri on the road to avoid that fate. With the type of talent they have, they could possibly pull out 4 Big 12 wins but it will not be easy.

**4. Missouri** - The Tigers are making a big change on offense relying more on the pass. Nonetheless they are one of the most improved teams in the Big 12. They pull Baylor and Okla St from the South and get Kansas at home so a 3 or 4 win conference season is possible. They host Colorado on Nov 4 in a game that could vault them into the upper half, but they are just a loss to Kansas away from slipping back further.

**5. Iowa St** - The Cyclones almost broke through last year and have their best defense yet under McCarney. They do need a RB to emerge as they are all out of Davises. The schedule could have them finally pointed towards that breakthough year. They host both Kansas and Missouri and pull Baylor and Okla St from the South. Non-conf games vs Ohio Univ and UNLV should build wins.

**6. Kansas** - Let me start by saying that the Jayhawks are the fourth best team in the Big 12 North in terms of talent. So why do I peg them for the basement? They must play Texas and Oklahoma from the South (while both Missouri and Iowa St face Baylor and Okla St). They are also 0-12 SU on the Big 12 road under Terry Allen and face both Missouri and Iowa St away from home. They could easily move up in the standings, but the tougher schedule has me calling for them to finish here until they prove they can win on the road.

**BIG 12 SOUTH 1. Texas** - The Horns are absolutely loaded on both sides of the ball and do not face either Nebraska or Kansas St from the North. They even get their toughest rival of the South (A&M) at home so the schedule sets up for an undefeated year in Big 12 play. They are my clear favorite to win the South.

**2. Texas A&M** - Slocum has another squad that is cleary top notch but just not quite up to being a National Title contender. The Aggies get most of their toughest Big 12 games at Kyle Field where they are very tough to beat and if they can upset Kansas St, have the potential for a 7-1 Big 12 year. The season finale at Texas looks to be out of reach, but this should be another big year for RC's boys.

**3. Oklahoma** - Last year the Sooners were my surprise team in the Big 12. They lived up to expectations landing a bowl and a big winning season. This year they get the unenviable task of playing both Nebraska and Kansas St from the North and also face both Texas and Texas A&M away from Memorial Stadium where they were unbeatable last year. They are a stronger team on both sides of the ball but the conference record may not indicate that.

**4. Texas Tech** - Tech should get off to a great start under Leach with a perfect 3-0 start and they get both Okla St and Baylor at home. They do play both Neb and Kan St from the North and are going through drastic changes on both sides of the ball. Tech fans may be giddy after that big start but Big 12 play will bring them down to earth; and the top 3 of the South are clearly more talented than the lower half of the division.

**5. Oklahoma St** - OSU loses 20 lettermen including 12 starters from last year and this could be a rebulding year especially in the defensive back 7. They do get a couple of winnable Big 12 games avoiding the big 2 of the North but must win at Texas Tech to move up a spot. I do not feel they have the talent this year to contend with the top 3 in the South but Simmons has been known to surprise.

**6. Baylor** - The Bears are vastly improved this year and will actually have an offense with new QB Cicero at the controls. The gap between Baylor and the rest of the Big 12 last year was like the Grand Canyon as they were outscored 347-61 in conference play and while they have made up ground, not that much. They will be far more competitive and even capable of winning a Big 12 game if things fall into place. However I can't see them escaping the cellar in a tough conference.

## 1999 BIG 12 STANDINGS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Nebraska | 8 | 1 | 304 | 130 | 11 | 1 | 411 | 150 |
| Kansas St | 7 | 1 | 313 | 137 | 10 | 1 | 433 | 144 |
| Colorado | 5 | 3 | 242 | 176 | 6 | 5 | 343 | 283 |
| Kansas | 3 | 5 | 170 | 242 | 5 | 7 | 294 | 354 |
| Iowa St | 1 | 7 | 173 | 255 | 4 | 7 | 247 | 272 |
| Missouri | 1 | 7 | 118 | 292 | 4 | 7 | 224 | 371 |
| **South** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Texas | 6 | 3 | 299 | 194 | 9 | 4 | 444 | 268 |
| Texas A&M | 5 | 3 | 196 | 172 | 8 | 3 | 318 | 208 |
| Oklahoma | 5 | 3 | 284 | 147 | 7 | 4 | 405 | 202 |
| Texas Tech | 5 | 3 | 188 | 213 | 6 | 5 | 253 | 282 |
| Oklahoma St | 3 | 5 | 186 | 229 | 5 | 6 | 267 | 274 |
| Baylor | 0 | 8 | 61 | 347 | 1 | 10 | 137 | 414 |

Colorado Center Andre Gurode stands 6-4 305 but is still quite athletic.

KR JJ Moses of Iowa St averaged a strong 22.6 ypr on kickoff returns in 1999.

LB Jashon Sykes of Colorado hopes to help the Buffs stuff their opponents this season.

FSU's QB Chris Weinke is one of my favorites to win the Heisman.

P Dan Dyke of Georgia Tech boots his way onto my ACC 3rd Team!!

WR Kelly Campbell looks to fill the shoes of Dez White at Georgia Tech.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 ACC TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Chris Weinke, FSU | Dan Ellis, Virg | Ronald Curry, N Car |
| RB | Travis Minor, FSU | Antoine Womack, Virg | Travis Zachery, Clemson |
| RB | Lamont Jordan, MD | Daniel Davis, N Car | Joe Burns, GA Tech |
| WR | Koren Robinson, NC St | Kelly Campbell, GA Tech | Anquan Boldin, FSU |
| WR | Javon Walker, FSU | Rod Gardner, Clemson | Kerry Watkins, GA Tech |
| TE | Alge Crumpler, N Car | Billy Baber, Virg | Pat Cyrgalis, Clemson |
| C | Vince Azzolina, WF | Kyle Young, Clemson | Jarad Moon, FSU |
| G | Jerry Carmichael, FSU | Todd Wike, MD | Alex Rice, NC St |
| G | Evan Routzahn, Virg | John Miller, Duke | Brent Key, GA Tech |
| T | Brett Williams, FSU | Brad Barnes, Virg | Chris Brown, GA Tech |
| T | Tarlos Thomas, FSU | Jarvis Borum, NC St | Michael Collins, WF |
| DL | Julius Peppers, N Car | Bryan Ray, WF | Ljubomir Stamenich, Virg |
| DL | Terry Jolly, Clemson | Greg Gathers, GA Tech | Ryan Sims, N Car |
| DL | David Warren, FSU | Rian Cason, FSU | Jeffrey Fisher, NC St |
| DL | Jamal Reynolds, FSU | Felipe Claybrooks, GA Tech | Terry Bryant, Clemson |
| LB | Tommy Polley, FSU | Yubrenal Isabelle, Virg | Aaron Thompson, MD |
| LB | Keith Adams, Clemson | Brandon Spoon, N Car | Matt Miller, GA Tech |
| LB | Sedric Hodge, N Car | Marlon Moore, MD | Brian Allen, FSU |
| CB | Tay Cody, FSU | Earl Hood, N Car | Brian Mance, Clemson |
| CB | Adrian Duncan, WF | Alex Ardley, Clemson | Ronnie Hamilton, Duke |
| SS | Robert Carswell, Clemson | Derrick Gibson, FSU | Jerton Evans, Virg |
| FS | Billy Dee Greenwood, N Car | Jeremy Muyres, GA Tech | Chris Hope, FSU |
| K | Brian Kopka, MD | Luke Manget, GA Tech | Tyler Ashe, WF |
| P | Keith Cottrell, FSU | Brian Morton, Duke | Dan Dyke, GA Tech |
| KR | John Stone, WF | Kelly Campbell, GA Tech | Talman Gardner, FSU |
| PR | Arlen Harris, Virg | Guilian Gary, MD | Marvious Hester, GA Tech |

**ACC Notes:** Florida St has lost just twice in ACC play since joining the conference. The defending National Champions should go undefeated once again in league play. They dominate my first team ACC list with 11 players, as the next closest contender is North Carolina with just 4. It looks like the battle for second place is a 4 horse race with Clemson, Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia Tech and my darkhorse choice is Maryland. In my mind, the only real question in this conference is whether or not Florida State will win another National Championship.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Jones, Virg | 11 | 334 | 1798 | 5.4 | 16 | 163.5 |
| **Lamont Jordan, MD** | **11** | **266** | **1632** | **6.1** | **16** | **148.4** |
| Morgan Kane, WF | 11 | 275 | 1161 | 4.2 | 10 | 105.6 |
| **Travis Zachery, Clem** | **10** | **184** | **827** | **4.5** | **16** | **82.7** |
| **Sean Gregory, GT** | **11** | **172** | **837** | **4.9** | **13** | **76.1** |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joe Hamilton, GT | 305 | 203 | 66.6 | 11 | 3060 | 10.03 | 29 | 175.0 |
| **Chris Weinke, FSU** | **377** | **232** | **61.5** | **14** | **3103** | **8.23** | **25** | **145.1** |
| **Dan Ellis, Virg** | **258** | **156** | **60.5** | **10** | **2050** | **7.95** | **20** | **145.0** |
| **Woodrow Dantzler, Clem** | **195** | **111** | **56.9** | **5** | **1501** | **7.70** | **9** | **131.7** |
| Ben Sankey, WF | 224 | 133 | 59.4 | 9 | 1496 | 6.68 | 9 | 120.7 |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| Joe Hamilton, GT | 11 | 154 | 738 | 305 | 3060 | 3798 | 345.3 |
| **Chris Weinke, FSU** | **11** | **31** | **109** | **377** | **3103** | **2994** | **272.2** |
| **Woodrow Dantzler, Clem** | **9** | **137** | **580** | **195** | **1501** | **2081** | **231.2** |
| **Dan Ellis, Virg** | **10** | **64** | **31** | **258** | **2050** | **2081** | **208.1** |
| Jamie Barnette, NCST | 12 | 81 | 23 | 338 | 2320 | 2343 | 195.3 |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brian Schmitz, UNC | 11 | 74 | 47.8 | 3538 |
| **Brian Morton, Duke** | **11** | **73** | **42.8** | **3125** |
| **Keith Cottrell, FSU** | **11** | **44** | **42.8** | **1885** |
| **Brooks Barnard, MD** | **11** | **42** | **42.1** | **1767** |
| Donnie Scott, Virg | 11 | 55 | 40.6 | 2233 |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Peter Warrick, FSU | 9 | 71 | 934 | 8 | 103.8 | 7.9 | 13.2 |
| **Kelly Campbell, GT** | **11** | **69** | **1105** | **10** | **100.5** | **6.3** | **16.0** |
| **Rod Gardner, Clem** | **11** | **73** | **1009** | **4** | **91.7** | **6.6** | **13.8** |
| Dez White, GT | 11 | 44 | 860 | 5 | 78.2 | 4.0 | 19.6 |
| Scottie Montgomery, Duke | 11 | 51 | 819 | 5 | 74.5 | 4.6 | 16.1 |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **John Stone, WF** | **13** | **389** | **1** | **29.9** |
| Scottie Montgomery, Duke | 21 | 587 | 1 | 28.0 |
| Lewis Sanders, MD | 18 | 482 | 1 | 26.8 |
| Dez White, GT | 29 | 689 | 0 | 23.8 |
| Brian Wofford, Clem | 16 | 302 | 0 | 18.9 |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Peter Warrick, FSU | 18 | 227 | 1 | 12.6 |
| **Arlen Harris, Virg** | **16** | **198** | **0** | **12.4** |
| Reggie Durden, FSU | 17 | 201 | 0 | 11.8 |
| **Marvious Hester, GT** | **29** | **322** | **0** | **11.1** |
| Reggie Austin, WF | 31 | 329 | 0 | 10.6 |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 ACC FORECAST

**1. FLORIDA ST** - Since joining the ACC in 1992 Florida St has won 6 league titles outright, shared two and stands 62-2 SU in conference play. It appears that it would take a bit of divine intervention for them to drop a conference game this year as they probably have the most talent in the country. Their toughest ACC test is Clemson and they get the Tigers in Tallahassee. This year's FSU squad could be even stronger than the '99 version and they have an excellent shot at repeating as National Champions.

**2. Clemson** - Tommy Bowden did an incredible job last year in his first year at the helm. He took a team hit hard by graduation losses, implemented a new offense and guided the Tigers to a bowl. This year he has all but 6 players back and they are now very familiar with the schemes and also very talented. The real battle in the ACC is for 2nd place this year and this team looks powerful in 2000.

**3. Virginia** - The Cavs were missing 11 players (who are on academic or disciplinary suspension) at the end of the spring. If all 11 return then UVA has the second most talented team in the ACC. The Cavs get Clemson and NC at home and should finish in 2nd place. That is a big IF and won't be known until August. I figure some won't make it back and will call for them to finish 3rd but Welsh will get his 14th straight season of 7 wins or more and will be a contender.

**4. North Carolina** - NC had a streak of NINE straight winning seasons snapped with a poor 3-8 record last year. The question marks are at RB where their top 2 were suspended for the spring and at OL where all 5 starters must be replaced. Everything that could go wrong last year for the Heels, did. They have my #17 rated defense heading into the year and super QB Ronald Curry is back after missing the 2H of '99. A soft non-conf slate will build W's and confidence and they get some key ACC games at home. Curry must stay healthy but they should be back in the postseason.

**5. Georgia Tech** - The Ralph Friedgen offense has been among the nation's best but that was with Joe Hamilton at the controls. In his first year of the offense they averaged just 26 ppg, which is good, but not the 38.4 they avg'd in '99. It will take time for their young QB's to adapt. The defense will, however, be among the most improved in the country. O'Leary is doing a solid job here and even though they need 7 wins to grab a bowl bid and have a tough schedule, they clearly have a shot at one.

**6. Maryland** - The Terps stood at 5-2 last year and a bowl was well within reach but they dropped their last 4 games. They should be improved on both sides of the ball and have a schedule that gives them a shot at their first winning year since 1995. They will open up 0-3 SU in conference play but could win 4 of their last 5 in ACC action and that would give them a winning record. The big question is can Vanderlinden get them over the hump? He has improved the win total from 2 to 3 to 5 and could improve again.

**7. Wake Forest** - Last year I said Wake had a better than good shot at their second bowl bid since '79 and a senior laden veteran team did not disappoint, winning the Aloha Bowl. Now replacing 26 seniors and having just 5 returning starters will tell us how far Caldwell's program has come along. He does have an outstanding QB in CJ Leak from which to build around and has done a good job redshirting most of his freshmen and getting the team in top condition each year. They do not have the Florida St type talent which would have allowed them to reload so instead they will rebuild. The drop-off will not be as big as you might think but a lower half finish seems inevitable.

**8. North Carolina St.** - Chuck Amato inherits a veteran defense from a team that has not had a losing season in 4 years. They get super Offensive Coordinator Norm Chow from BYU and a healthy RB Ray Robinson back from injury. A soft non-conf slate could give them confidence heading into ACC play and they get to host both Duke and Wake who look like lower half teams this year. All that should add up to a higher finish but it usually takes some time to adjust to new schemes and coaches and I'll call this a rebuilding year.

**9. Duke** - The Blue Devils had a veteran squad last year but under-achieved in Franks' first year as the head man. After an 0-4 start they did win 3 of their last 7 to finish in a tie for 5th in the ACC. This year the "Airborne" offense should be much more potent with stability at the QB position and this being the 2nd year of the system. The defense is my concern as they lose 8 starters from perhaps the ACC's weakest stop unit. The schedule is not kind as most of their winnable conference games are on the road. The Devils are still a year away from upward mobility in the conference standings.

## 1999 ACC STANDINGS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| Florida St | 8 | 0 | 310 | 123 | 11 | 0 | 412 | 174 |
| Georgia Tech | 5 | 3 | 307 | 261 | 8 | 3 | 448 | 333 |
| Virginia | 5 | 3 | 222 | 210 | 7 | 4 | 324 | 302 |
| Clemson | 5 | 3 | 263 | 171 | 6 | 5 | 315 | 236 |
| Wake Forest | 3 | 5 | 145 | 178 | 6 | 5 | 243 | 206 |
| NC State | 3 | 5 | 167 | 250 | 6 | 6 | 244 | 302 |
| Duke | 3 | 5 | 182 | 290 | 3 | 8 | 217 | 363 |
| Maryland | 2 | 6 | 202 | 250 | 5 | 6 | 292 | 260 |
| N Carolina | 2 | 6 | 129 | 194 | 3 | 8 | 186 | 272 |

FS Chris Young from Georgia Tech is an Honorable Mention honoree.

North Carolina LB Brandon Spoon celebrates making my 2nd Team.

Elusive Tar Heel Kory Bailey is an ACC Honorable Mention honoree.

Quincy Carter hopes to lead Georgia to the SEC Title in 2000.

Arkansas RB Cedric Cobbs was named to the SEC All Frosh Team.

Kentucky DL Dennis Johnson is a tremendous talent & is an AA Candidate.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 SEC TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Quincy Carter, Georgia | Romaro Miller, Miss | Tyler Watts, Alabama |
| RB | Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas | Earnest Graham, Florida | Jasper Sanks, Georgia |
| RB | Deuce McAllister, Miss | Rudi Johnson, Auburn | Brandon Miree, Alabama |
| WR | Freddie Milons, Alabama | Terrance Edwards, Georgia | Jermale Kelly, S Car |
| WR | Ronney Daniels, Auburn | Reche Caldwell, Florida | Cedrick Wilson, Tenn |
| TE | Derek Smith, Kentucky | Jevaris Johnson, Georgia | Terry Jones, Alabama |
| C | Paul Hogan, Alabama | Josh Melton, Arkansas | Zac Zedalis, Florida |
| G | Fred Weary, Tenn | Kevin Breedlove, Georgia | Keydrick Vincent, Miss |
| G | Will Cuthbert, Alabama | Kip Sixbery, Kentucky | Mike Pucillo, Auburn |
| T | Dante Ellington, Alabama | Kenyetta Walker, Florida | Mike Pearson, Florida |
| T | Jon Stinchcomb, Georgia | Terrence Metcalf, Miss | Pork Chop Womack, MSU |
| DL | Alex Brown, Florida | Kenny King, Alabama | Charles Grant, Georgia |
| DL | Richard Seymour, Georgia | Kenny Smith, Alabama | John Henderson, Tenn |
| DL | Gerard Warren, Florida | Marcus Stroud, Georgia | Kenderick Allen, LSU |
| DL | Kindal Moorehead, Alabama | Dennis Johnson, Kentucky | Cecil Caldwell, S Car |
| LB | Saleem Rasheed, Alabama | Andra Davis, Florida | Boss Bailey, Georgia |
| LB | Eddie Strong, Miss | Treverance Faulk, LSU | Jamie Winborn, Vandy |
| LB | Quenton Caver, Arkansas | Kendrell Bell, Georgia | Bradie James, LSU |
| CB | Fred Smoot, MSU | Milo Lewis, Alabama | Jimmy Williams, Vandy |
| CB | Larry Casher, Auburn | Robert Cromartie, Florida | Eric Kelly, Kentucky |
| SS | Syniker Taylor, Miss | Reggie Myles, Alabama | Rob Pate, Auburn |
| FS | Tony Dixon, Alabama | Stanford Simmons, Auburn | Daryl Dixon, Florida |
| K | Jeff Chandler, Florida | Scott Westerfield, MSU | Les Binkley, Miss |
| P | David Leaverton, Tenn | Damon Duval, Auburn | Jonathan Kilgo, Georgia |
| KR | Leonard Scott, Tenn | Deuce McAllister, Miss | Pig Prather, MSU |
| PR | Kendrick Shanklin, Kentucky | Freddie Milons, Alabama | Bo Carroll, Florida |

**SEC Notes:** Georgia has been trying to break up the Tennessee/Florida stranglehold on the SEC East for years but finally has the talent to actually become a contender. The other 3 teams of the East are all bowl caliber. The West has 6 tough teams which could all make it to the postseason but Bama appears to be a notch above the rest and should make it back to the SEC Title Game. The SEC is tied with the Big 10 in my preseason ratings for toughest conference in the country. If your favorite player is not included on my preseason all conference team, keep in mind that with 12 bowl caliber teams this is the toughest conference to make this page.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDS/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shaun Alexander, Ala | 11 | 302 | 1383 | 4.6 | 19 | 125.7 |
| **Joe Gunn, Miss** | **11** | **182** | **951** | **5.2** | **5** | **86.5** |
| Jamal Lewis, Tenn | 10 | 182 | 816 | 4.5 | 7 | 81.6 |
| **Jasper Sanks, GA** | **11** | **177** | **896** | **5.1** | **6** | **81.5** |
| **Deuce McAllister, Miss** | **10** | **151** | **809** | **5.4** | **12** | **80.9** |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rohan Davey, LSU** | **52** | **31** | **59.6** | **4** | **491** | **9.44** | **4** | **148.9** |
| **Dusty Bonner, KY** | **465** | **303** | **65.2** | **13** | **3266** | **7.02** | **26** | **137.0** |
| **Mikal Goodman, SC** | **65** | **32** | **49.2** | **1** | **572** | **8.80** | **3** | **135.3** |
| Doug Johnson, Fla | 337 | 190 | 56.4 | 13 | 2574 | 7.64 | 20 | 132.4 |
| Clint Stoerner, Ark | 317 | 177 | 55.8 | 10 | 2293 | 7.23 | 19 | 130.1 |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | | RUSHING | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDS/G |
| **Dusty Bonner, KY** | **11** | **111** | **141** | **465** | **3266** | **3125** | **284.1** |
| **Quincy Carter, GA** | **11** | **102** | **255** | **380** | **2713** | **2968** | **269.8** |
| Tee Martin, Tenn | 11 | 81 | 317 | 305 | 2317 | 2634 | 239.5 |
| Doug Johnson, Fla | 11 | 30 | 111 | 337 | 2574 | 2463 | 223.9 |
| Clint Stoerner, Ark | 11 | 27 | -60 | 317 | 2293 | 2233 | 203.0 |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Corey Gibbs, LSU | 11 | 57 | 43.0 | 2452 |
| **Damon Duval, Aub** | **11** | **57** | **42.9** | **2443** |
| Andy Smith, KY | 11 | 47 | 42.7 | 2009 |
| Jeff Walker, Miss St | 11 | 52 | 42.7 | 2221 |
| **David Leaverton, Tenn** | **11** | **57** | **42.6** | **2427** |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDS/G | CT/G | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ronney Daniels, Aub** | **11** | **56** | **1068** | **9** | **97.1** | **5.1** | **19.1** |
| Darrell Jackson, Fla | 12 | 67 | 1156 | 9 | 96.3 | 5.6 | 17.3 |
| James Whalen, KY | 11 | 90 | 1019 | 10 | 92.6 | 8.2 | 11.3 |
| Anthony Lucas, Ark | 10 | 37 | 822 | 5 | 82.2 | 3.7 | 22.2 |
| **Jerel Myers, LSU** | **11** | **64** | **854** | **2** | **77.6** | **5.8** | **13.3** |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Leonard Scott, Tenn** | **20** | **540** | **1** | **27.0** |
| **Deuce McAllister, Miss** | **25** | **652** | **1** | **26.1** |
| **Bo Carroll, Fla** | **23** | **599** | **1** | **26.0** |
| **Domanick Davis, LSU** | **25** | **618** | **0** | **24.7** |
| **Travaris Robinson, Aub** | **14** | **316** | **0** | **22.6** |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kendrick Shanklin, KY** | **16** | **216** | **1** | **13.5** |
| **Ryan Brewer, SC** | **14** | **143** | **0** | **10.2** |
| Markeith Cooper, Aub | 18 | 183 | 0 | 10.2 |
| **Freddie Milons, Ala** | **29** | **282** | **1** | **9.7** |
| **Eric Parker, Tenn** | **41** | **387** | **1** | **9.4** |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 SEC FORECAST

**SEC EAST 1. Florida** - This group was far from the "Mighty Gators" units which Spurrier usually fields as they dropped 4 games in a single season!! Their young defense of last year which had just 1 returning starter is now a veteran group that loses just 6 lettermen and I rate them the 2nd best defense in the country. The offense could use a little love between Spurrier and his QB's which has not been the case the last few years. If one emerges they will be very dangerous and even though they have to face the Vols on the road they have an excellent shot at an undefeated SEC slate with Bama not on the schedule. Talentwise the Gators have the #3 team in the country.

**2. Georgia** - The last few years Donnan has talked about breaking into the monopoly that Tennessee and Florida have had at the top of this division. Each year there has been too large a talent difference to do so. That is not the case this year as a veteran Bulldog contingent welcomes a young Tennessee team at home in early October and he should finally end his winless streak against the Vols. A win there makes them a contender and they could be 7-0 for their showdown vs Florida on Oct 28th. Naturally a win there could mean a huge year. This is the first time since I started the magazine that I will recognize them as a true contender in the SEC East.

**3. Tennessee** - Don't shed too many tears for coach Fulmer even though the Vols have to replace 12 starters including NINE NFL draft picks as this is a team that I rank #13 overall in the country in terms of talent this year. Why don't I have them rated higher in the East? Florida and Georgia are also loaded and this very young team has the misfortune of playing its toughest games on the schedule early in the year while they are still learning. They could win their last 5 but it may not be enough to make up for a slower start.

**4. Kentucky** - How did coach Mumme take a rebuilding UK team back to the postseason last year? It does help that the SEC gets a large amount of automatic bowl berths but they deserve it. This team is stronger on both offense and defense but they are still a few notches below the top 3 in this division which keeps me from calling for a higher finish in the East. Keep in mind they must travel to Tennessee and the Vols are 3-0 vs Mumme's schemes and have won by an average of 33.6 ppg.

**5. South Carolina** - If it could go wrong last year, it did for Lou Holtz and the Gamecocks who have an amazing 21 game losing streak. Their defense was much stronger than it appeared last year as the offense kept setting up opponents for points. SC is even stronger on the stop unit this year. The offense should at least TRIPLE last year's ppg output and has talent at all positions. A few early season wins will have them buying into Holtz's program and they could flirt with a winning record.

**6. Vanderbilt** - Vandy made a lot of strides last year and have a defense that will resemble the unit that was tops in the SEC in 1997. The exciting news is this time they will have an offense to go along with the superior stop unit. They should win all 3 non-conf games which means they are an upset or two away from a winning season. The SEC has no weak spots so all of their wins will be earned but this should be another exciting season for Vandy fans.

**SEC WEST 1. Alabama** - The Tide is loaded this year and not only have my #3 rated defense in the country but should be pretty potent on offense. They appear to be a notch above all other West members and they do not play Florida during the regular season. This could be the year that Bama vaults itself back into the National Title chase and an undefeated SEC slate is possible. They should face Florida in the SEC title game.

**2. Mississippi** - The Rebels have a potent rush attack with the McAllister/Gunn combo and avoid both Tennessee and Florida from the East. They get 3 home games vs their Western rivals hosting my #3, #4 and #5 picks. The teams are very close talentwise but Ole Miss has proven capable of winning some big games and with the scheduling edge over their foes, they rate my call for 2nd place in the toughest division in football top to bottom.

**3. Auburn** - Tuberville's team could easily have had a winning year in '99 if not for a rash of injuries and some tough last second losses. They pull Florida and Georgia from the East again but trade Tennessee for Vandy. They do have 3 road games in the West but will be much more powerful offensively. This is the 2nd year of Tuberville's new schemes and as long as the JUCO infusion on defense can keep them close to last year's standards, they should return to the postseason.

**4. LSU** - Nick Saban takes over a team that was hit hard by injuries and bad breaks the last 2 years, one that has 17 starters back and loses just 14 lettermen. They are the only team that faces both Tennessee and Florida from the East and have 3 road games inside the West or I may have pegged them higher. A soft non-conference slate should give them early wins which will have the team believing in their million dollar coach's schemes.

**5. Miss St** - Joe Lee Dunn suffers some big personnel losses from his outstanding stop unit. They avoid both Tennessee and Georgia from the East and have 3 of the West games at home plus one of their road trips is to nearby Oxford. Jackie Sherrill should have an improved offense at his disposal and even though only 9 starters are back overall, he has a solid team that usually outperforms expectations.

**6. Arkansas** - Houston Nutt is undefeated at home in SEC play but suffers big graduation losses for the first time in his 3 years and has just 8 scholarship seniors on the team. Having to replace 28 lettermen makes this a young team that will probably go through some rebuilding pains. They do get Ole Miss and LSU at home late in the year which gives them a shot at escaping the cellar. This is the STRONGEST team in the country that I project for a last place finish as talentwise they are a top 40 team.

LB Jamie Winborn is one of two Commodores on my All SEC 3rd Team.

DL Gerard Warren of Florida is one of many talented Gator defenders.

CB Fred Smoot of Mississippi St is an All-American Candidate this year.

## 1999 SEC STANDINGS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EAST** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Florida | 7 | 2 | 233 | 152 | 9 | 3 | 369 | 235 |
| Tennessee | 6 | 2 | 251 | 116 | 9 | 2 | 348 | 163 |
| Georgia | 5 | 3 | 198 | 204 | 7 | 4 | 308 | 285 |
| Kentucky | 4 | 4 | 198 | 218 | 6 | 5 | 315 | 323 |
| Vanderbilt | 2 | 6 | 129 | 211 | 5 | 6 | 252 | 256 |
| S Carolina | 0 | 8 | 63 | 216 | 0 | 11 | 87 | 278 |
| **WEST** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Alabama | 8 | 1 | 244 | 177 | 10 | 2 | 344 | 230 |
| Miss St | 6 | 2 | 156 | 121 | 9 | 2 | 238 | 149 |
| Arkansas | 4 | 4 | 198 | 196 | 7 | 4 | 326 | 208 |
| Mississippi | 4 | 4 | 235 | 176 | 7 | 4 | 296 | 203 |
| Auburn | 2 | 6 | 153 | 188 | 5 | 6 | 233 | 236 |
| LSU | 1 | 7 | 135 | 218 | 3 | 8 | 223 | 259 |

RB LaDainian Tomlinson of TCU could break 2,000 yards rushing this year!!

Tulsa LB Ashon Farley will be out to stop Tomlinson on October 21st.

OG Steve Wiedower of Tulsa has earned a spot on my All WAC 1st team.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 WAC TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | David Neill, Nevada | Casey Printers, TCU | Josh Blankenship, Tulsa |
| RB | LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU | Kris Briggs, SMU | Derrick Ward, FSU |
| RB | Deonce Whitaker, SJ St | Leroy Bradley, Rice | Ken Bohanon, Tulsa |
| WR | Ahmed Kabba, TCU | Channon Harris, Hawaii | Corey Brown, Tulsa |
| WR | Lee Mays, UTEP | Chris Cunningham, SMU | Rodney Wright, FSU |
| TE | Brian Natkin, UTEP | Sean Brewer, SJ St | BJ Roberts, TCU |
| C | Carey Clayton, UTEP | Steve Schiller, Tulsa | Jeff Garner, TCU |
| G | Steve Wiedower, Tulsa | Ahmad Bhatti, FSU | Manly Kanoa, Hawaii |
| G | Jeff Millican, TCU | Jeff Seeton, UTEP | Jeremy Dominguez, SJ St |
| T | David Bobo, TCU | Rod Beavan, Rice | Craig Brooks, Nevada |
| T | Chris Fe'esago, SJ St | Mike Keathley, TCU | Sterling Harris, SMU |
| DL | Aaron Schobel, TCU | Menson Holloway, UTEP | Joseph Correia, Hawaii |
| DL | Shawn Worthen, TCU | Thabiti Lockhart, FSU | Warrie Birdwell, SMU |
| DL | Alan Harper, FSU | Lute Croy, SMU | BJ Forguson, Rice |
| DL | Trey Merkens, UTEP | Kevin Aldridge, SMU | Nicholas Burley, FSU |
| LB | Orlando Huff, FSU | Chad Bayer, TCU | Josh Parry, SJ St |
| LB | Ashon Farley, Tulsa | Vic Viloria, SMU | Tim Skipper, FSU |
| LB | Shannon Brazzell, TCU | Dan Dawson, Rice | Anthony Smith, Hawaii |
| CB | Jason Goss, TCU | Kevin Garrett, SMU | Ronald Hardiman, Nevada |
| CB | Shawndel Tucker, Hawaii | Rick Lavender, SJ St | Bo Springfield, TCU |
| SS | Travis Ortega, Rice | Dee Miller, Hawaii | Russell Gary, TCU |
| FS | Anthony Limbrick, FSU | Derek Walker, UTEP | Curtis Fuller, TCU |
| K | Chris Kaylakie, TCU | Ricky Bishop, UTEP | John Wall, SJ St |
| P | Shane Hudnall, TCU | Greg Kleidon, Hawaii | Travis Hale, Rice |
| KR | Chris Cunningham, SMU | Deonce Whitaker, SJ St | Terrance Smalls, Tulsa |
| PR | Waking Bailey, SJ St | Charles Smith, FSU | Chris Cunningham, SMU |

**WAC Notes**: Last year I said the WAC was the closest conference in terms of talent from the top to bottom and it ended in a 3 way tie for the title. This year they have a clear powerhouse in TCU and a clear weakling in newcomer Nevada. The good news for the WAC this year is that TCU could go undefeated, rank high nationally and have a Heisman trophy winner. The bad news is the Frogs will be part of CUSA in the 2001 season. Last year I called Hawaii the most improved team in the country in the preseason and they had the NCAA's biggest turnaround.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU** | **11** | **268** | **1850** | **6.9** | **18** | **168.2** |
| Paul Smith, UTEP | 12 | 272 | 1258 | 4.6 | 12 | 104.8 |
| **Deonce Whitaker, SJ St** | **9** | **137** | **769** | **5.6** | **10** | **85.4** |
| John Mosley, Tulsa | 11 | 160 | 873 | 5.5 | 5 | 79.4 |
| Chad Richardson, Rice | 11 | 203 | 831 | 4.1 | 11 | 75.6 |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Billy Volek, FSU | 355 | 235 | 66.2 | 3 | 2559 | 7.21 | 30 | 152.9 |
| Jay Stuckey, UTEP | 225 | 145 | 64.4 | 13 | 1918 | 8.52 | 15 | 146.5 |
| **Casey Printers, TCU** | **150** | **86** | **57.3** | **7** | **1213** | **8.09** | **8** | **133.5** |
| Dan Robinson, Hawaii | 556 | 288 | 51.8 | 18 | 3853 | 6.93 | 28 | 120.2 |
| **Rocky Perez, UTEP** | **176** | **100** | **56.8** | **4** | **1198** | **6.81** | **4** | **116.9** |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | | RUSHING | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| Dan Robinson, Hawaii | 12 | 60 | -91 | 556 | 3853 | 3762 | 313.5 |
| Chris Kasteler, SJ St | 10 | 66 | -127 | 350 | 2239 | 2112 | 211.2 |
| Billy Volek, FSU | 12 | 42 | -61 | 355 | 2559 | 2498 | 208.2 |
| **LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU** | **11** | **268** | **1850** | **0** | **0** | **1850** | **168.2** |
| Jay Stuckey, UTEP | 12 | 63 | 62 | 225 | 1918 | 1980 | 165.0 |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tim Morgan, SJ St | 10 | 57 | 44.0 | 2510 |
| Chad Shrout, Hawaii | 12 | 62 | 41.5 | 2575 |
| **Travis Hale, Rice** | **10** | **53** | **41.5** | **2198** |
| Joel Comfort, FSU | 11 | 52 | 40.9 | 2125 |
| **Casey Lipscomb, Tulsa** | **11** | **601** | **40.7** | **2482** |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dwight Carter, Hawaii | 12 | 77 | 1253 | 9 | 104.4 | 6.4 | 16.3 |
| **Rodney Wright, FSU** | **12** | **68** | **1007** | **7** | **83.9** | **5.7** | **14.8** |
| **Lee Mays, UTEP** | **12** | **60** | **881** | **9** | **73.4** | **5.0** | **14.7** |
| **Channon Harris, Hawaii** | **12** | **56** | **860** | **6** | **71.7** | **4.7** | **15.4** |
| Steven Pulley, SJ St | 10 | 54 | 772 | 5 | 77.2 | 5.4 | 14.3 |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Deonce Whitaker, SJ St** | **14** | **396** | **1** | **28.3** |
| **Jamal Garland, Hawaii** | **32** | **751** | **0** | **23.5** |
| **Terrance Minor, UTEP** | **15** | **329** | **0** | **21.9** |
| **Rodney Wright, FSU** | **25** | **541** | **0** | **21.6** |
| **Sean White, Rice** | **19** | **400** | **0** | **21.1** |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Royce Huffman, TCU | 15 | 167 | 0 | 11.1 |
| **Waking Bailey, SJ St** | **21** | **222** | **1** | **10.6** |
| **Charles Smith, FSU** | **16** | **165** | **0** | **10.3** |
| **Chris Cunningham, SMU** | **25** | **224** | **0** | **9.0** |
| **LaVar Veale, TCU** | **21** | **184** | **0** | **8.8** |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 WAC FORECAST

**1. TCU** - Last year I called the WAC the most wide open conference in the country and a 3 way tie for the title backed me up. That is not the case this year as TCU is LOADED and faces their toughest opponents in Fort Worth. This team could end up with an undefeated season overall and a Heisman trophy winner. They are clear favorites to walk away with the WAC title before moving on to CUSA in 2001.

**2. Rice** - The Owls will have perhaps their best defense yet under Hatfield and that makes them a prime contender. Keep in mind they have beaten TCU 4 straight years but facing that quality team on the road keeps me from calling for the title. They host Fresno St in another key game and their other 3 WAC road trips are versus the bottom teams and hence winnable. They could have as many as 7 WAC wins.

**3. Fresno St** - After years of JUCO quick fixes, Pat Hill opted for freshmen for the building process. He has done wonders to get 19 wins the last 3 years with very young teams and now has his most veteran and biggest edition yet. There are some questions as to whether all of the RB's and WR's will be available for the fall and they must face the toughest two teams in the WAC on the road, but they will make it back to the postseason and are a contender here.

**4. Hawaii** - I called the Rainbows the most improved team in the country last year and they were just that going from 0-12 to 9-4 and a bowl win. They lose their star QB and 2 OT's to the NFL but will be potent again and the defense looks strong. They must face ALL of the top 3 WAC teams on the road but could match last year's win total.

**5. SMU** - The Mustangs bring back 17 starters from '99 but still must be classified as young with probably only 4 senior starters. They will be one of the preseason favorites for the WAC crown....next year. This year they will be competitive and make some noise in the WAC race.

**6. Tulsa** - When coach Burns took over as defensive coordinator at Arkansas in '98, he inherited a talented and experienced team that had caught a lot of tough breaks the previous year and underperformed. DC Burns & HC Nutt helped turn that team around and they made it to a bowl in '98. He jumped at the Tulsa job because he inherits the same situation here. He will bring a lot of enthusiasm and they get the bottom 3 teams in the league at home which should result in W's. If they can survive 3 tough games to open the year, they should at least double last year's win total.

**7. UTEP** - The Miners deserved better than last year's 5-7 season as they dropped a pair of games that they dominated statistically including a tough OT loss at Fresno St. I am concerned about their RB's and D-line but everything else looks solid for the new head coach. The schedule is not easy which is why I list them here, but they could surprise.

**8. San Jose St** - Speaking of teams that could surprise, this squad with a healthy RB Whitaker upset Stanford (Rose Bowl team) on the road last year with just 5 returning starters. They are a much more veteran squad this season but must have a healthy Whitaker (he missed spring) to move up the ladder. They host the top 3 teams in the league which means they may not get the home edges they need as they are a few notches below those programs this year.

**9. Nevada** - Let's not sugarcoat things here. Nevada has just 5 returning starters, must learn new schemes from a coaching change, take a big step up in the level of competition with their move to the WAC and have a tough non-conf slate. Throw in the fact they were not exactly a powerhouse last year and a winless, rebuilding year would not surprise me. Any W's this year will speak highly of Tormey's coaching ability.

Tulsa RB Ken Bohanon has turned the corner to make my 3rd team.

(#26) LB Robert Kemfort is on my HM team & is part of a swarming Hawaii defense.

UTEP's Ricky Bishop shows off his strong leg.

## 1999 WAC RECORDS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| Fresno St | 5 | 2 | 226 | 141 | 8 | 4 | 397 | 265 |
| Hawaii | 5 | 2 | 214 | 161 | 8 | 4 | 348 | 332 |
| TCU | 5 | 2 | 245 | 123 | 7 | 4 | 334 | 199 |
| Rice | 4 | 3 | 198 | 161 | 5 | 6 | 237 | 261 |
| SMU | 3 | 3 | 107 | 113 | 4 | 6 | 193 | 235 |
| UTEP | 3 | 4 | 183 | 235 | 5 | 7 | 306 | 389 |
| San Jose St | 1 | 5 | 120 | 268 | 3 | 7 | 258 | 402 |
| Tulsa | 1 | 6 | 129 | 220 | 2 | 9 | 230 | 386 |

ECU QB David Garrard looks to follow in the footsteps of Jeff Blake & Marcus Crandall.

LB Kamal Shakir of Memphis was the Tigers' top tackler in '99 & makes my 1st Team in 2000.

FS DeJuan Gossett of Cincinnati has 243 career tackles, and is 1 of 2 Bearcats on my top team.

# PHIL STEELE'S 2000 C-USA TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | David Garrard, E Car | Jeff Kelly, S Miss | Jason McKinley, Houston |
| RB | Derrick Nix, S Miss | Chris Lester, L'ville | Jamie Wilson, E Car |
| RB | Michael Wallace, Army | Ray Jackson, Cincy | Toney Converse, Tulane |
| WR | Arnold Jackson, L'ville | Deion Branch, L'ville | Adrian Burnette, Tulane |
| WR | Orlando Iglesias, Houston | Arnie Powell, E Car | Jerrian James, Houston |
| TE | Rashon Burns, E Car | Buck Miciotto, S Miss | Billy Kendall, Memphis |
| C | Sherwin Lacewell, E Car | Doug Rosfeld, Cincy | Zeb Landers, S Miss |
| G | Josh Lovelady, Houston | Chrys Bullock, Tulane | Joe O'Shaughnessy, L'ville |
| G | Dustin Plumadore, Army | Lou Esposito, Memphis | Andy Weinheimer, Cincy |
| T | Decorye Hampton, Memphis | Jabari Beauford, Houston | Samien Jones, E Car |
| T | Bernard Robertson, Tulane | Mike Love, Cincy | Jeremy Bridges, S Miss |
| DL | Cedric Scott, S Miss | Floyd Dorsey, Tulane | Bryan Thomas, UAB |
| DL | Nikia Adderson, Houston | Daleroy Stewart, S Miss | Donovan Arp, L'ville |
| DL | Marcus Bell, Memphis | Mario Monds, Cincy | Mbayo Ahmadu, E Car |
| DL | Zac Hurst, Army | Kenan Blackmon, Tulane | Derrick Adams, Cincy |
| LB | Wayne Rogers, Houston | Roy Magee, S Miss | Arthur Gissendanner, Houston |
| LB | Pernell Griffin, E Car | Michael Brown, L'ville | Eddie Johnson, Cincy |
| LB | Kamal Shakir, Memphis | Lyle Weaver, Army | Rashad Harris, L'ville |
| CB | Rashad Holman, L'ville | Derick McNally, Army | Tim Carter, Tulane |
| CB | William Pettis, Houston | Michael Stone, Memphis | Antonio Roundtree, L'ville |
| SS | Leo Barnes, S Miss | Sam Knight, Tulane | Idrees Bashir, Memphis |
| FS | DeJuan Gossett, Cincy | Anthony Floyd, L'ville | Chad Williams, S Miss |
| K | Ryan White, Memphis | Seth Marler, Tulane | Kevin Miller, E Car |
| P | Adam Wulfeck, Cincy | Casey Roussel, Tulane | Chris Sivori, L'ville |
| KR | Zek Parker, L'ville | Antonio Chatman, Cincy | Cedric Thatch, UAB |
| PR | Keith Stokes, E Car | Shawn Mills, S Miss | Arnold Jackson, L'ville |

**C-USA Notes:** S Mississippi has a 22-2 SU record in CUSA games and are an outstanding 17-1 over the last three years. Florida St is the only school in the nation with a better conference winning percentage than SM over the past 3 years. Last year all the teams played 6 CUSA games and this year the number is up to 7 with UAB being the only team still at 6. With 7 games some teams get 4 conf home games (an edge) and they are Louisville, EC, Tulane and Cincy.

# 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

## RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Moreau, L'ville | 10 | 233 | 1289 | 5.5 | 17 | 128.9 |
| Robert Cooper, Cincy | 10 | 248 | 1245 | 5.0 | 7 | 124.5 |
| Ketric Sanford, Hou | 11 | 224 | 1199 | 5.4 | 12 | 109.0 |
| **Derrick Nix, S Miss** | **11** | **255** | **1054** | **4.1** | **8** | **95.8** |
| Mike Green, Hou | 10 | 142 | 838 | 5.9 | 8 | 83.8 |

## PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jeff Kelly, S Miss** | **260** | **153** | **58.8** | **11** | **2062** | **7.93** | **21** | **143.7** |
| Chris Redman, L'ville | 489 | 317 | 64.8 | 13 | 3647 | 7.46 | 29 | 141.7 |
| **David Garrard, E Car** | **312** | **181** | **58.0** | **12** | **2359** | **7.56** | **14** | **128.6** |
| **Patrick Ramsey, Tul** | **513** | **310** | **60.4** | **24** | **3410** | **6.65** | **25** | **123.0** |
| **Deontey Kenner, Cincy** | **379** | **208** | **54.9** | **15** | **2430** | **6.41** | **14** | **113.0** |

## TOTAL OFFENSE

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| Chris Redman, L'ville | 11 | 43 | -110 | 489 | 3647 | 3537 | 321.5 |
| **Patrick Ramsey, Tul** | **11** | **64** | **-61** | **513** | **3410** | **3349** | **304.5** |
| **Deontey Kenner, Cincy** | **10** | **54** | **212** | **379** | **2430** | **2642** | **264.2** |
| **David Garrard, E Car** | **11** | **138** | **493** | **312** | **2359** | **2852** | **259.3** |
| **Jeff Kelly, S Miss** | **11** | **50** | **-58** | **260** | **2062** | **2004** | **182.2** |

## PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andrew Bayes, E Car | 11 | 47 | 48.1 | 2259 |
| **Casey Roussel, Tul** | **11** | **55** | **44.2** | **2429** |
| Graham White, Army | 11 | 62 | 43.7 | 2711 |
| **Mike Clark, Hou** | **11** | **32** | **42.9** | **1373** |
| **Adam Wulfeck, Cincy** | **11** | **54** | **42.2** | **2279** |

## RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Arnold Jackson, L'ville** | **11** | **101** | **1209** | **9** | **109.9** | **9.2** | **12.0** |
| JaJuan Dawson, Tul | 10 | 94 | 1036 | 8 | 103.6 | 9.5 | 11.0 |
| **Adrian Burnette, Tul** | **11** | **79** | **1095** | **7** | **99.5** | **7.2** | **13.9** |
| Todd Pinkston, S Miss | 11 | 48 | 977 | 11 | 88.8 | 4.4 | 20.4 |
| Lavell Boyd, L'ville | 11 | 60 | 836 | 9 | 76.0 | 5.5 | 13.9 |

## KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Zek Parker, L'ville** | **35** | **860** | **2** | **24.6** |
| **Cedric Thatch, UAB** | **18** | **424** | **0** | **23.6** |
| JaJuan Dawson, Tul | 14 | 328 | 0 | 23.4 |
| Brandan Rooney, Army | 12 | 280 | 0 | 23.3 |
| **Keith Stokes, E Car** | **27** | **584** | **0** | **21.6** |

## PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rodregis Brooks, UAB | 20 | 350 | 0 | 17.5 |
| **Keith Stokes, E Car** | **26** | **404** | **1** | **15.5** |
| **Shawn Mills, S Miss** | **21** | **304** | **0** | **14.5** |
| **Arnold Jackson, L'ville** | **23** | **261** | **0** | **11.3** |
| Kenny Hill, Hou | 29 | 277 | 0 | 9.6 |

# PHIL STEELE'S 2000 C-USA FORECAST

**1. Southern Mississippi** - The Eagles draw the toughest schedule in CUSA as they have 4 road games and do not face Army. Still there are two teams in the conference that are Top 25 caliber (SM & ECU) and the Eagles host the Pirates so they could go undefeated in CUSA play. SM has lost a grand total of 2 CUSA games in 4 years but amazingly has only 2 outright conference titles. Their rugged non-conf schedule gets them well prepared for CUSA play. Nov 25th looks like it will decide the title and I will go with the Eagles to get the home win and a probable undefeated CUSA season.

**2. East Carolina** - The Pirates had a great year last season overcoming some tough obstacles and at one point were in the Top 10. They look even stronger this year and have the potential for a big season. While they face teams like Syracuse and VT on the non-conf slate (both at home) the key game to their season will be the season finale at SM. This is a powerful group of Purple Pirates and they are a prime contender for the CUSA title.

**3. Cincinnati** - The Bearcats broke a school record for offense last year and return 10 starters to that unit including QB Kenner. They should be CUSA's most potent attack. The defense made large strides last year chopping their ppg allowed from 41.5 to 26.3 and should continue to get better with 8 starters back. They must face BOTH Tulane and Louisville on the road but are capable of winning one of those and get a break by being the only contender that does not have to play East Carolina.

**4. Tulane** - The Greenies are the most improved team in the country this year and have a pair of outstanding QB's, losing almost no one from '99's injury plagued squad. The offense scored almost 20 ppg less than the '98 version last year and should be much more potent. The defense has 11 starters back after having just 3 last year and will be much tougher. They get 4 CUSA games at home and WILL return to a winning season like they had in '97 & '98 and have bowl possibilities.

**5. Louisville** - The Cards offense will still be potent without Redman and Moreau but just not as dominating. The defense will continue to make strides and become respectable. They get SEVEN home games this year which helps in a possible rebuilding year on offense. They do get both Cincy and E Car at home and wins in those two could vault them as high as 3rd place. They have a solid shot at another winning season and a bowl game.

**6. Memphis** - Just the opposite of UAB listed below, Memphis went 5-6 last year despite some tough breaks. They lost 4 games by 3 points or less and this year have 6 home games overall. They do have just 3 of 7 CUSA tilts at home but also possess one of the top stop units in the conference. They have a shot at an upper half CUSA finish and will flirt with a winning record.

**7. Alabama-Birmingham** - Watson Brown is doing a great job with this very young program. 4 wins in CUSA play was almost unthinkable in '99 but they achieved it despite being outgained and outfirstdowned in all 4 (a sign of good coaching). They have 50 upperclassmen returning this year and lose just 13 seniors. They play just 6 CUSA games (only team in conf to do so). If they catch the breaks they did last year they could win as many as 3 conference games but I will call for a slip in the standings.

**8. Houston** - The Cougars have the lowest amount of returning starters in CUSA and must play 4 opponents on the road as part of a 7 game road slate. They must replace the bulk of their O-line and 2 solid RB's and shift schemes back towards the run and shoot offense which was here in the early '90's. Schedule, inexperience and new schemes make for a rebuilding year.

**9. Army** - When teams shift from the option to a pass based offense, there is usually a period of struggle. Vandy went through that in '95 and Temple did last year. What would be a winnable game like Houston takes place on the road early in the year which is not good. They draw 4 road games in conference play and that means this will be a rebuilding year and any CUSA wins would be an accomplishment as this is a very tough and underrated conference.

E Carolina LB Pernell Griffin is preparing to match his team high 128 tackles last year.

Memphis DL Marcus Bell was voted 2nd Team CUSA in '99 & makes my 1st team this year.

C Doug Fosfeld of Cincinnati joins OL teammate Mike Love on my 2nd Team.

# 1999 C-USA STANDINGS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| S Mississippi | 6 | 0 | 189 | 88 | 8 | 3 | 310 | 172 |
| E Carolina | 4 | 2 | 191 | 133 | 9 | 2 | 319 | 197 |
| Louisville | 4 | 2 | 196 | 180 | 7 | 4 | 412 | 331 |
| Memphis | 4 | 2 | 158 | 96 | 5 | 6 | 232 | 182 |
| UAB | 4 | 2 | 140 | 129 | 5 | 6 | 248 | 279 |
| Houston | 3 | 3 | 131 | 152 | 7 | 4 | 254 | 211 |
| Army | 1 | 5 | 125 | 197 | 3 | 7 | 216 | 298 |
| Tulane | 1 | 5 | 127 | 236 | 3 | 8 | 279 | 399 |
| Cincinnati | 0 | 6 | 121 | 167 | 3 | 8 | 275 | 289 |

DL Jeff Boyle of Wyoming heads a list of 5 Cowboys that stampeded onto my 1st Team.

New Mexico SS Rantie Harper is solid against both the run & the pass.

Wyoming QB Jay Stoner made my Preseason 3rd Team in '99 & is an Honorable Mention in 2000.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 MOUNTAIN WEST TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Jason Thomas, UNLV | Matt Newton, CSU | Bret Engemann, BYU |
| RB | Jeremi Rudolph, UNLV | Larry Ned, SD St | Holmon Wiggins, N Mex |
| RB | Kevin Brown, UNLV | Scott McKay, AF | Rahsaan Sanders, CSU |
| WR | Margin Hooks, BYU | Dallas Davis, CSU | Nate Turner, UNLV |
| WR | Steve Smith, Utah | Derrick Lewis, SD St | Frank Rice, CSU |
| TE | Gray McNeill, SD St | Tevita Ofahengaue, BYU | Jose Ochoa, CSU |
| C | Matt Dayoc, AF | Mike Irvin, Wyoming | Justin Borvansky, CSU |
| G | Tony Terrell, UNLV | Broderick Lancaster, CSU | Brian Choi, N Mex |
| G | Sam White, Utah | Teag Whiting, BYU | David Hildebrand, AF |
| T | Jon Samuelson, N Mex | Doug Kaufusi, Utah | Mike Houghton, SD St |
| T | Rob Kellerman, Wyoming | Tim Stuber, CSU | Adam Goldberg, Wyoming |
| DL | Patrick Chukwurah, Wyoming | Ryan Denney, BYU | Andy Bowers, Utah |
| DL | Garrett Smith, Utah | Chris Hoke, BYU | Ma'Ake Kemoeatu, Utah |
| DL | Jeff Boyle, Wyoming | Jerome Haywood, SD St | Hans Olsen, BYU |
| DL | Setema Gali, BYU | Scott Parkhurst, UNLV | Justin Pendry, AF |
| LB | Rick Crowell, CSU | Justin Ena, BYU | Corey Nelson, AF |
| LB | Jeff Holtry, BYU | CJ Zanotti, AF | James Sunia, UNLV |
| LB | Kautai Olevao, Utah | Adam Wade, CSU | Mike Barnett, N Mex |
| CB | Kevin Thomas, UNLV | Walter Bernard, N Mex | Gideon Smith, Wyoming |
| CB | Andre Dyson, Utah | Jernaro Gilford, BYU | Stephen Persley, N Mex |
| SS | Rantie Harper, N Mex | Elan Edwards, BYU | Al Rich, Wyoming |
| FS | Jared Lee, BYU | Arnold Parker, Utah | Brian Russell, SD St |
| K | Aaron Elling, Wyoming | Owen Pochman, BYU | CW Hurst, CSU |
| P | Ray Cheetany, UNLV | Tom Waring, Wyoming | Golden Whetman, Utah |
| KR | Alex English, Wyoming | Steve Smith, Utah | Duane James, UNLV |
| PR | Steve Smith, Utah | Dallas Davis, CSU | Scott McKay, AF |

**Mountain West Notes:** This is just the second year for the conference but this is a quality league that is very capable of filling all of its bowl slots with strong teams. UNLV is the most improved team in the NCAA and the top 3 teams should battle down to the wire. Last year there were two weaklings in the conference but no team really fits that bill this year. The Rebels are the first team to have their entire backfield make my first team all conference in any league.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kevin McDougal, CSU | 10 | 207 | 1164 | 5.6 | 8 | 116.4 |
| Mike Anderson, Utah | 10 | 195 | 977 | 5.0 | 10 | 97.7 |
| **Mike Thiessen, AF** | **9** | **160** | **823** | **5.2** | **8** | **91.9** |
| **Larry Ned, SDSt** | **11** | **162** | **894** | **5.5** | **11** | **81.3** |
| Jonas Lewis, SDSt | 11 | 157 | 812 | 5.2 | 2 | 73.8 |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CM | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **T.D. Croshaw, Utah** | **146** | **83** | **56.9** | **7** | **1176** | **8.05** | **14** | **146.6** |
| Eric Jaworsky, NMex | 68 | 44 | 64.7 | 1 | 498 | 7.32 | 4 | 142.7 |
| Kevin Feterik, BYU | 452 | 277 | 61.3 | 15 | 3554 | 7.86 | 25 | 138.9 |
| **Jay Stoner, WY** | **222** | **135** | **60.8** | **7** | **1859** | **8.37** | **8** | **136.7** |
| **Matt Ray, UNLV** | **67** | **36** | **53.7** | **0** | **541** | **8.07** | **3** | **136.3** |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| Kevin Feterik, BYU | 11 | 88 | -77 | 452 | 3554 | 3477 | 316.1 |
| **Matt Newton, CSU** | **11** | **31** | **-65** | **324** | **2368** | **2303** | **209.4** |
| **Jay Stoner, WY** | **9** | **66** | **-94** | **222** | **1859** | **1765** | **196.1** |
| **Jack Hawley, SDSt** | **11** | **71** | **90** | **266** | **1942** | **2032** | **184.7** |
| **Mike Thiessen, AF** | **9** | **160** | **827** | **83** | **599** | **1426** | **158.4** |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ray Cheetany, UNLV** | **11** | **65** | **45.4** | **2950** |
| Jesse Sowards, BYU | 11 | 51 | 43.7 | 2227 |
| Deone Horinek, CSU | 11 | 56 | 42.0 | 2351 |
| Scott Gribben, AF | 11 | 57 | 41.9 | 2386 |
| **Tom Waring, WY** | **11** | **52** | **41.6** | **2164** |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Margin Hooks, BYU** | **11** | **60** | **1067** | **7** | **97.0** | **5.5** | **17.8** |
| **Steve Smith, Utah** | **11** | **43** | **860** | **8** | **78.2** | **3.9** | **20.0** |
| **Cliff Russell, Utah** | **9** | **34** | **601** | **3** | **66.8** | **3.8** | **17.7** |
| Wendell Montgomery, WY | 11 | 41 | 733 | 5 | 66.6 | 3.7 | 17.9 |
| **Dallas Davis, CSU** | **11** | **51** | **665** | **3** | **60.5** | **4.6** | **13.0** |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jaron Dabney, BYU | 15 | 354 | 0 | 23.6 |
| **Duane James, UNLV** | **17** | **400** | **0** | **23.5** |
| **Troy Mason, UNLV** | **15** | **347** | **0** | **23.1** |
| **Scott McKay, AF** | **14** | **302** | **0** | **21.6** |
| Damon Gourdine, SDSt | 13 | 277 | 0 | 21.3 |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Steve Smith, Utah** | **29** | **495** | **3** | **17.1** |
| **Dallas Davis, CSU** | **32** | **541** | **2** | **16.9** |
| **Sean Pierce, SDSt** | **14** | **122** | **0** | **8.7** |
| Jon Jennings, WY | 26 | 224 | 0 | 8.6 |
| **Duane James, UNLV** | **15** | **116** | **1** | **7.7** |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 MT WEST FORECAST

**1. Utah** - McBride has his usual talented bunch on hand and has a good shot at defending the Mt West co-title from last year. It looks like the top 5 teams in the league have a talent edge on the bottom 3. Utah has the best schedule among the contenders. Their 3 road games are all against the lower level which means they are winnable and all the contenders must travel to Salt Lake as the Utes have 4 conference home games. As long as they take advantage of that home field edge, they get my call for conference title honors this year.

**2. BYU** - The Cougars must break in a new QB but have 3 very capable candidates throwing to perhaps Edwards' best group of WR's yet! The O-line and running game should be much stronger and I look for the defense to overcome some top notch graduation losses to be even better. They must face both Utah and Colo St on the road with a killer non-conf slate but have the talent to handle it and will be a major player in the title chase, as always.

**3. Colorado St** - The Rams have the most returning starters in the league and were co-champs last year which makes them a big time contender and probably the preseason favorite of the media. Last year the media called for a 6th place finish for them while I had them 2nd and they were co-champs. They do have 4 Mt West home games but travel to Utah and Air Force. I look for Lubick to get them back to another bowl and they have a shot at the title.

**4. UNLV** - The Rebels could be the most improved team in the NCAA this year but do draw a tough schedule with 7 road games overall including 4 in conference play. Good thing Robinson knows how to prepare a team for the road (3-3 last year with a much weaker team). They would need a road upset of one of the top 3 to actually move into the contender's role, but they are my surprise team in the Mt West this year. If you check out the all conference teams above, you will see they are getting up to the talent level of the big boys.

**5. Air Force** - The Falcons have just 7 returning starters. Before you write off their season, keep in mind they rarely have a lot of starters back and in 1998 they went 12-1 with just 9 starters back. Their offense is loaded in the backfield and should be more potent and DeBerry always finds a way to replace defensive starters. This team is always a contender and I feel the top 5 in this league are a step above the bottom three. AF should have yet another winning year under DeBerry.

**6. New Mexico** - The Lobos were not very good last year but still somehow managed to win 3 conference games and this year they are a much stronger team. They get both Wyoming and SD St at home which should result in W's but do have 4 conference road games as opposed to 4 at home last year. They showed last year that they are capable of upsetting the tough teams in this league winning a couple as double digit dogs. Long said they were not a contender last year but now says they are and they can be if they bag a road win or two.

**7. San Diego St** - The Aztecs may have had the most talented team in the Mt West last year but every break went against them and they finished just 5-6 despite outscoring opponents 272-226. Their defense was ranked #16 in the country but now must replace 9 starters and looks much weaker. The offense will need a reworked offensive line to quickly gel, but could be potent with much improved QB play. I usually like to call for teams that were much better than their record showed the previous year (like SD St) to have big rebounds but the schedule is rough including 4 conference road games.

**8. Wyoming** - Dana Dimel is now in Houston and Vic Koenning is the new head man. He should have good success at this school in years to come but this looks like a rebuilding year. They have just 9 starters back overall and QB Stoner is surrounded by perhaps the most inexperienced set of skill players in the country. The defense will rely heavily on JUCO's. I doubt a young team like this will be able to win on the road in conference play and they have 4 Mt West games on the road. I will call for their first losing season in 8 years.

CB Kevin Thomas of UNLV is one of a surprising super 6 Rebels on my 1st Team.

AF Falcon LB CJ Zanotti (#54) returns after an injury & lands on my 2nd Team.

LB Kautai Olevao & the rest of the Utes have their sights set on the conference crown.

## 1999 RECORDS FOR MT WEST TEAMS

| | vs Mt. West/WAC Foes | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| BYU | 5 | 2 | 185 | 98 | 8 | 3 | 332 | 230 |
| Colorado St | 5 | 2 | 190 | 148 | 8 | 3 | 328 | 246 |
| Utah | 5 | 2 | 236 | 143 | 8 | 3 | 363 | 194 |
| Wyoming | 4 | 3 | 178 | 179 | 7 | 4 | 302 | 270 |
| San Diego St | 3 | 4 | 159 | 139 | 5 | 6 | 272 | 226 |
| New Mexico | 3 | 4 | 148 | 216 | 4 | 7 | 240 | 298 |
| Air Force | 2 | 5 | 149 | 170 | 6 | 5 | 264 | 218 |
| UNLV | 1 | 6 | 95 | 247 | 3 | 8 | 160 | 324 |

OT Ryan Diem of N Illinois beat out Temple transfer Konrad Dean to make my 1st team.

Huskie RB William Andrews scored 9 TD's & avg'd more than 100 ypg in 1999.

QB James "Butchie" Washington of Akron has improved every year with the Zips.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 MAC TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Walt Church, E Mich | Mike Bath, Miami | James Washington, Akron |
| RB | Chester Taylor, Toledo | William Andrews, N Ill | Vince Webber, C Mich |
| RB | Robert Sanford, W Mich | Chanston Rogers, Marsh | Ernest Pitts, Marsh |
| WR | Steve Neal, W Mich | Corey Alston, W Mich | Jammarl O'Neal, C Mich |
| WR | Nate Poole, Marsh | Sly Johnson, Miami | Lavel Bailey, Akron |
| TE | Matt Kelly, E Mich | Gregg Kellett, Marsh | Joel Reikowski, KSU |
| C | Rich Chorak, E Mich | Nick Otterbacher, Toledo | McAllister Collins, N Ill |
| G | Jimmy Cabellos, Marsh | Brian Hallett, KSU | Chad Ludwig, Ball St |
| G | Nick Glowacki, Ohio | Michael Schaefer, Toledo | Jeff Hinson, W Mich |
| T | Ryan Diem, N Ill | Konrad Dean, Akron | Jim Harding, Toledo |
| T | Rob Fehrman, BGSU | Matt Brayton, C Mich | David Patton, Ohio |
| DL | Paul Toviessi, Marsh | Bob Petrovic, Miami | DJ Durkin, BGSU |
| DL | Andy Aracri, Miami | Jake McLean, Toledo | Darian Tate, N Ill |
| DL | Jimmy Parker, Marsh | Brandon Hicks, BGSU | James Turner, E Mich |
| DL | DeJuan Goulde, Toledo | Jermaine Kyles, E Mich | Lewis Miskowicz, N Ill |
| LB | Kevin Rollins, Toledo | Chris Shelly, Buffalo | Darvin Lewis, C Mich |
| LB | Cameron Saulsby, N Ill | Max Yates, Marsh | Mario Evans, W Mich |
| LB | Ken Philpot, E Mich | Abdullah Muhammad, C Mich | David Gardner, Toledo |
| CB | Daninelle Derricott, Marsh | Tedaro France, C Mich | Dwight Smith, Akron |
| CB | David "Bop" White, Ohio | Maurice Hines, Marsh | Brandon Godsey, Miami |
| SS | Jermaine Hampton, N Ill | Chad Long, BGSU | Ira Singleton, Toledo |
| FS | Brian Leigeb, C Mich | Jade Winchell, Ball St | Joe Sellers, Ohio |
| K | Brad Selent, W Mich | Kevin Kerr, Ohio | Todd France, Toledo |
| P | Dave Zastudil, Ohio | Kent McCullough, Miami | Curtis Head, Marsh |
| KR | Shawn Shoemaker, KSU | Rashad McDade, W Mich | Brian Greenleaf, Marsh |
| PR | Jurron Kelly, KSU | Steve Neal, W Mich | Brandon Payne, Akron |

**MAC Notes:** First year Commissioner Rick Chryst has implemented an NFL type policy to scheduling in which the teams with the best records will play the teams with the tougher records in cross over games and the teams with the weaker records will face the weaker competition. The big question in MAC play is will it be a year that Marshall reloads or rebuilds? The Herd has 5 players on my 1st team and 19 overall (including honorable mention). E Mich has 4 on the 1st team but Toledo is 2nd in amount of overall players with 15 including HM.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Travis Prentice, Miami | 11 | 354 | 1659 | 4.7 | 17 | 150.8 |
| **Chester Taylor, UT** | **11** | **182** | **1176** | **6.5** | **12** | **106.9** |
| **William Andrews, NIU** | **11** | **240** | **1127** | **4.7** | **9** | **102.5** |
| **Robert Sanford, WMU** | **12** | **221** | **1092** | **4.9** | **8** | **91.0** |
| Eric Flowers, CMU | 9 | 200 | 766 | 3.8 | 11 | 85.1 |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chad Pennington, Marsh | 405 | 275 | 67.9 | 11 | 3799 | 9.38 | 37 | 171.4 |
| Tim Lester, WMU | 470 | 282 | 60.0 | 13 | 3639 | 7.74 | 34 | 143.4 |
| **Mike Bath, Miami** | **295** | **138** | **46.8** | **13** | **2523** | **8.55** | **24** | **136.7** |
| **Chris Finlen, NIU** | **199** | **118** | **59.3** | **11** | **1551** | **7.79** | **12** | **133.6** |
| **James Washington, UA** | **240** | **131** | **54.6** | **9** | **1896** | **7.90** | **12** | **129.9** |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| Chad Pennington, Marsh | 12 | 55 | 105 | 405 | 3799 | 3904 | 325.3 |
| Tim Lester, WMU | 12 | 55 | -35 | 470 | 3639 | 3604 | 300.3 |
| **Mike Bath, Miami** | **11** | **69** | **-97** | **295** | **2523** | **2426** | **220.6** |
| Jose Davis, Kent St | 11 | 114 | 370 | 315 | 1969 | 2339 | 212.6 |
| **Pete Shepherd, CMU** | **11** | **48** | **-8** | **320** | **2295** | **2287** | **207.9** |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dave Zastudil, Ohio** | **11** | **60** | **43.3** | **2595** |
| Brad Kroft, Ball St | 11 | 59 | 41.8 | 2463 |
| **Curtis Head, Marsh** | **12** | **48** | **41.1** | **1974** |
| **Mike Masucci, Buff** | **11** | **57** | **40.8** | **2324** |
| **Matt Steffen, WMU** | **12** | **46** | **40.4** | **1857** |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Drew Haddad, Buff | 11 | 85 | 1158 | 6 | 105.3 | 7.7 | 13.6 |
| **Jammarl O'Neal, CMU** | **11** | **59** | **1085** | **6** | **98.6** | **5.4** | **18.4** |
| **Nate Poole, Marsh** | **12** | **71** | **1122** | **9** | **93.5** | **5.9** | **15.8** |
| Trevor Gaylor, Miami | 11 | 53 | 1028 | 11 | 93.5 | 4.8 | 19.4 |
| **Steve Neal, WMU** | **12** | **74** | **1113** | **11** | **92.8** | **6.2** | **15.0** |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| James Williams, Marsh | 15 | 493 | 1 | 32.9 |
| **Rashad McDade, WMU** | **37** | **898** | **1** | **24.3** |
| **Ira Gooch, CMU** | **15** | **343** | **1** | **22.9** |
| **Steve Little, Miami** | **14** | **311** | **0** | **22.2** |
| **Sean Schembra, Ball St** | **22** | **485** | **0** | **22.1** |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brandon Payne, UA** | **14** | **175** | **1** | **12.5** |
| **Steve Neal, WMU** | **15** | **149** | **0** | **9.9** |
| Drew Haddad, Buff | 21 | 202 | 0 | 9.6 |
| **Raynald Ray, Ohio** | **29** | **270** | **0** | **9.3** |
| Adrian Reese, Ball St | 17 | 134 | 0 | 7.9 |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 MAC FORECAST

**MAC EAST 1. Marshall** - For the first time since they joined the MAC, they are in a rebuilding year. They must replace 11 quality starters including their QB. Last year's squad had almost everyone back and this year's team is clearly weaker, nonetheless, they were far enough ahead of their division brethren to remain atop despite the losses. I will call for a loss or two in MAC play but Pruett may have them reloading instead of rebuilding.

**2. Miami (Oh)** - With Marshall in a rebuilding year, this would be a prime season to finally edge them out for the title. Unfortunately they must replace RB Prentice and the bulk of their offensive line. The defense will be improved but winning in Huntington on Nov 11 will be a difficult task. They do draw some beatable opponents from the West and host both BG and Ohio and have enough firepower to grab second place.

**3. Bowling Green** - BG has a scheduling edge on the teams that I rank 4th and 5th in this division. All are very close talentwise but BG, which is very tough at home, gets both of those contests in the friendly confines of Doyt L. Perry Stadium. I might have put them as high as 2nd but unfortunately they draw Toledo from the West and that will likely be a MAC loss. I called for a winning season from them last year and they disappointed me but they have a solid shot at one this year.

**4. Akron** - The Zips have been making solid strides and are coming off a great 7-4 campaign and are improved on both sides of the ball. They have 6 home games this year and pull a couple of beatable opponents from the West. QB Butchie Washington makes them exciting and they must be considered a contender this year in a very competitive division.

**5. Ohio** - OU was the youngest team in the MAC last year and looks much stronger this year especially with their QB now an 18 year old soph with a much more experienced line in front of him. They do have 3 tough MAC road games as well as Marshall at home. If they pull an upset in one of those games they can move higher. Spots 2 thru 5 in the MAC East are VERY tight and they are an upset away from a better finish.

**6. Kent St** - The Flashes upset BG last year and almost upset teams like Pitt, Miami (Oh) and Akron. The defense looks much stronger on the front 7. The offense will continue to improve as long as the new QB does well. They do host BG, Akron and Ohio and also did well at home last year, therefore finishing higher than 6th is a possibility.

**7. Buffalo** - Buffalo showed what happens when a weak IAA team steps up into IA ball and that was an 0-8 conference record. They are a much improved team but the majority of the MAC looks stronger this year and it may take a year or two for the Bulls to catch up. They will be tougher in 2000 but probably still winless in the MAC.

**MAC WEST 1. Toledo** - This team is loaded in 2000 with one of their best teams yet. They host Marshall & have the talent to win that as well as defeat WM on the road. This team is capable of 9 or 10 regular season wins and is my clear favorite to appear in the MAC Title Game which could mean a rematch with Marshall on the road.

**2. Western Michigan** - This team was more than just QB Tim Lester over the last few years, but he does leave big shoes to fill. Talentwise they are near the top and they do get their toughest 3 games in the West Div all at home. The home game vs Toledo should be the determining factor in the MAC race.

**3. Northern Illinois** - NI has made great strides under coach Novak who bit the bullet in his early years and played a lot of frosh. He loses just 3 seniors from the two deep of what I called a surprise team in '99 and one that finished in 2nd place in the West. They are a definite threat for the title. They must face W Mich on the road, and Toledo may be a class ahead of them this season or I would have pegged them higher. They do draw Buffalo from the East while the top two are tangling with Marshall. They could surprise once again.

**4. Eastern Michigan** - With a QB like Walt Church, a veteran squad and a new attitude this could be a surprise team in the MAC. The West appears to have 3 top teams and 3 bottom, however, EM could easily elevate itself into the upper half with an early season upset or two which would give them confidence.

**5. Central Michigan** - The Chips have a new HC & 14 returning starters. If RB Vince Webber can stay healthy, they should have a much improved offense. The defense also has 7 starters back. They must face EM on the road & the Eagles have the advantage of a bye week prior therefore it looks like a fifth place finish.

**6. Ball St** - The Cardinals do draw Buffalo from the East so they should bag at least one MAC win this season. They are a much more veteran squad than in '99 with 43 upperclassmen as opposed to just 22 last year. They host East Mich on Oct 14th and that is their big shot at escaping the basement.

FS Brian Leigeb led C Michigan in tackles each of the last three years.

OT Matt Brayton's large frame (6-7 305) helps him anchor the CMU O-Line.

Last year WR Jammarl O'Neal of C Mich set a MAC frosh receiving record!

## 1999 MAC STANDINGS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EAST** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Marshall | 9 | 0 | 332 | 121 | 12 | 0 | 442 | 134 |
| Miami (Oh) | 6 | 2 | 238 | 166 | 7 | 4 | 335 | 264 |
| Akron | 5 | 3 | 231 | 200 | 7 | 4 | 315 | 314 |
| Ohio | 5 | 3 | 227 | 178 | 5 | 6 | 271 | 287 |
| Bowling Green | 3 | 5 | 213 | 237 | 5 | 6 | 296 | 312 |
| Kent St | 2 | 6 | 159 | 257 | 2 | 9 | 213 | 376 |
| Buffalo | 0 | 8 | 96 | 333 | 0 | 11 | 130 | 426 |
| **WEST** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** | **W** | **L** | **PF** | **PA** |
| W Michigan | 6 | 3 | 267 | 211 | 7 | 5 | 373 | 342 |
| Toledo | 5 | 3 | 240 | 157 | 6 | 5 | 293 | 229 |
| N Illinois | 5 | 3 | 237 | 204 | 5 | 6 | 289 | 289 |
| E Michigan | 4 | 4 | 216 | 211 | 4 | 7 | 239 | 338 |
| C Michigan | 3 | 5 | 173 | 222 | 4 | 7 | 229 | 344 |
| Ball St | 0 | 8 | 117 | 249 | 0 | 11 | 157 | 361 |

Bart Hendricks of Boise St had a 22-13 ratio & also ran for 357 yards.

CB Dempsey Dees is one of 5 Broncos on my 1st team.

LB Kareem Williams shares 2nd team honors with BSU teammate Shaunard Harts.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 BIG WEST TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Bart Hendricks, Boise St | John Welsh, Idaho | K.C. Enzminger, N Mex St |
| RB | Jonathan Adams, Ark St | Kenton Keith, N Mex St | Anthony Tenner, Idaho |
| RB | Ja'Quay Wilburn, N Tex | Davy Malaythong, Boise St | Chris Barnes, N Mex St |
| WR | Robert Kilow, Ark St | Jeffrey Townsley, Idaho | Jay Swillie, Boise St |
| WR | Jeb Putzier, Boise St | Rossi Martin, Idaho | Aaron Jones, Utah St |
| TE | Mike Roberg, Idaho | Casey Poppinga, Utah St | Marcellus McCray, N Mex St |
| C | Matt Hancock, N Mex St | Jeremy Wallace, Idaho | Junior Pututau, Utah St |
| G | Brett Morton, Idaho | Tony Wragge, N Mex St | Jamie Pond, Ark St |
| G | John Crossley, Ark St | Andrew Lott, N Tex | Josh Kay, N Tex |
| T | Garry Johnson, Ark St | Patrick Venzke, Idaho | Garrick Jones, Ark St |
| T | Rick DeMulling, Idaho | Derek Olley, Boise St | Mick Rodemeyer, N Mex St |
| DL | Bobby Hammer, Boise St | Nick Onaindia, Utah St | Matt Martinez, Idaho |
| DL | Wil Beck, Idaho | Maci Davis, Ark St | Oliver Soukup, N Mex St |
| DL | Steve Mascorro, N Mex St | Ryan Knowles, Idaho | Zach Weber, Boise St |
| LB | Brent Passey, Utah St | Kareem Williams, Boise St | Anthony Stevenson, N Mex St |
| LB | Chris Nofoaiga, Idaho | Shaunard Harts, Boise St | Tony Newson, Utah St |
| LB | L.P. Spence, Ark St | Blake Eagal, Utah St | Bradford Glover, N Mex St |
| LB | Brad Kassell, N Tex | D'Wayne Taylor N Mex St | Fred Pertile, N Tex |
| CB | Dempsey Dees, Boise St | Jascon Willis, N Mex St | Dennis Gibbs, Idaho |
| CB | Robert Canidate, N Mex St | Tony Walker, Utah St | Cleavon Bradshaw, Idaho |
| SS | Travis Burgher, Boise St | Sean Mitchell, Ark St | Ed Rankin, Idaho |
| FS | Brad Rice, Idaho | Donald Malloy, N Mex St | Quintin Mikell, Boise St |
| K | Ben Davis, Idaho | Brad Bohn, Utah St | Nick Calaycay, Boise St |
| P | Andy Kohl, N Mex St | Steve Mullins, Utah St | Jeff Edwards, Boise St |
| KR | Tony Walker, Utah St | Chris Lacy, Idaho | Robert Kilow, Ark St |
| PR | Emmett White, Utah St | Vern Benard, Idaho | Robert Kilow, Ark St |

**Big West Notes:** This is the last year of the Big West and they have supplied entertaining football during their existence. This year's title chase looks like a 4 horse race with Boise St, Idaho, New Mexico St and Arkansas St all having shots at the title. This conference has not had a repeat champ since Nevada (now in the WAC) and the last 3 years have seen Utah St, Idaho and Boise St all come from nowhere to take the title. That must give teams like New Mexico St and Ark St the confidence that they will have a 5th different champ in as many years. Bart Hendricks was the offensive MVP of the conference last year but might get a run for his money from Jonathan Adams if the big back lives up to his billing.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL CONF LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Demario Brown, Utah St | 11 | 279 | 1536 | 5.5 | 14 | 139.6 |
| Chris Lemon, Nev | 11 | 238 | 1170 | 4.9 | 12 | 106.4 |
| **Ja'quay Wilburn, N Tex** | **11** | **234** | **1016** | **4.3** | **2** | **92.4** |
| Lamont Zachery, Ark St | 11 | 172 | 846 | 4.9 | 4 | 76.9 |
| **Anthony Tenner, Idaho** | **11** | **179** | **764** | **4.3** | **9** | **69.5** |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CM | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **David Neill, Nev** | **423** | **247** | **58.4** | **7** | **3402** | **8.04** | **20** | **138.2** |
| **Bart Hendricks, Boise St** | **350** | **202** | **57.7** | **13** | **2740** | **7.83** | **22** | **136.8** |
| **Andy Shatley, Ark St** | **61** | **33** | **54.1** | **1** | **428** | **7.02** | **4** | **131.4** |
| **K.C. Enzminger, NM St** | **236** | **112** | **47.5** | **5** | **1878** | **7.96** | **14** | **129.6** |
| **Cleo Lemon, Ark St** | **230** | **105** | **45.7** | **8** | **1569** | **6.82** | **15** | **117.5** |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| **David Neill, Nev** | **11** | **100** | **209** | **423** | **3402** | **3611** | **328.3** |
| **Bart Hendricks, Boise St** | **12** | **119** | **357** | **350** | **2740** | **3097** | **258.1** |
| **K.C. Enzminger, NM St** | **11** | **125** | **358** | **236** | **1878** | **2236** | **203.3** |
| **Jeff Crosbie, Utah St** | **11** | **61** | **115** | **361** | **2007** | **2122** | **192.9** |
| **Cleo Lemon, Ark St** | **10** | **33** | **-94** | **230** | **1569** | **1475** | **147.5** |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Smith, Ark St | 11 | 42 | 44.4 | 1864 |
| John Baker, N Tex | 11 | 82 | 43.1 | 3535 |
| **Jeff Edwards, Boise St** | **12** | **62** | **42.8** | **2653** |
| **Andy Kohl, NM St** | **11** | **62** | **42.5** | **2632** |
| **Steve Mullins, Utah St** | **11** | **51** | **42.4** | **2161** |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trevor Insley, Nev | 11 | 134 | 2060 | 13 | 187.3 | 12.18 | 15.4 |
| Ryan Shaw, NM St | 11 | 44 | 844 | 6 | 76.7 | 4.00 | 19.2 |
| **Aaron Jones, Utah St** | **9** | **54** | **653** | **4** | **72.6** | **6.00** | **12.1** |
| Cleavon Brooks, Nev | 10 | 51 | 714 | 3 | 71.4 | 5.10 | 14.0 |
| **Robert Kilow, Ark St** | **11** | **57** | **783** | **5** | **71.2** | **5.18** | **13.7** |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chris Lacy, Idaho** | **15** | **419** | **1** | **27.9** |
| **Jamie Hickenbotham, Ark St** | **11** | **290** | **0** | **26.4** |
| Mike Wakefield, NM St | 20 | 479 | 1 | 24.0 |
| **Emmett White, Utah St** | **17** | **407** | **0** | **23.9** |
| **Robert Kilow, Ark St** | **20** | **435** | **0** | **21.8** |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Emmett White, Utah St** | **24** | **361** | **0** | **15.4** |
| Damien Schilling, Boise St | 32 | 347 | 0 | 10.8 |
| **Robert Kilow, Ark St** | **18** | **167** | **1** | **9.3** |
| **Ty Jackson, N Tex** | **17** | **135** | **0** | **7.9** |
| **Vern Benard, Idaho** | **32** | **246** | **0** | **7.7** |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 BIG WEST FORECAST

**1. Boise St** - The Broncos dominated the Big West down the stretch last year winning their final 5 games by an average score of 48-19 and then upset Louisville in the bowl game. Their defense does look a little weaker and the offensive line is a question mark but Big West MVP Bart Hendricks is back at QB and they have the overall talent to repeat as champs. They do get their toughest game (Idaho) at home where they were 8-0 last year and are my pick to win a very tight race.

**2. Idaho** - The Vandals have perhaps the most talented team in the conference as they have 20 players on my all BW team including 7 first teamers. They are one of my co-favorites for the title. There are 4 reasons why I do not pick this team at #1. A) They have 7 road games and do not play at the Kibbie Dome again this season. B) They must face Boise St on the road. C) They have a new coach. D) Sometimes all of the players listed in the spring do not make it to the fall roster due to the coaching change. It would not surprise me to see the Vandals bag their 2nd title in 3 years despite those facts as they are very talented.

**3. New Mexico St** - Last year I called New Mexico St my surprise team of the Big West and picked them for 3rd, higher than anyone else in the country had predicted. They proved me to be correct and finished a solid 3rd and might have had a shot at the title if not for a banged up RB corps. This year they do lose 10 starters but still field a quality squad. They will not be able to sneak up on anyone but will clearly be a major contender in the Big West chase and should bag another winning year despite 3 road games in conference play.

**4. Arkansas St** - I really like the job Joe Hollis is doing here and now that he is the new athletic director you can look for softer non-conference slates in the future. Unfortunately they have a tough one this year so a winning record looks beyond reach. That does not rule them out of conference contention however and they have 3 Big West home games and a road trip to Utah St, so they could easily bag 3 or 4 Big West wins and that makes them a CONTENDER. I like the talent that is in place for the 2000 season and Arkansas St will have to be taken seriously.

**5. North Texas** - NT always plays a tough non-conference slate and has had their moments like their upset of Texas Tech last year. They have their lowest amount of returning starters since '95 and only 12 seniors on a young squad. This looks like a rebuilding year for NT and Dickey's talk of being more aggressive on defense may backfire. They have played a lot of close games and pulled some upsets by playing a bend but don't break defense and with their weak offense they can ill afford to give up big play TD's to their opponents. The Eagles do host Utah St this year and those two appear to be a clear distance back from the contenders. A win in that game could mean escaping the cellar.

**6. Utah State** - Not only do the Aggies have to replace 22 seniors from last year, new coach Mick Dennehy slashed 18 scholarship players from the roster in a post-spring cut. That should put them among the nation's leaders in lettermen lost. Now add in that they are going from a run based attack to a pure pass offense and look weak at all the skill positions on offense and you have the makings of a rebuilding year. Dennehy got some players' attention with the post spring bloodbath and this shows that he means business, but the benefits will probably not show up until the 2001 season when this will be a veteran team that is familiar with his systems. That road trip to N Texas has me calling for a basement finish.


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## 1999 BIG WEST STANDINGS

| | Conference | | | | All Games | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | PF | PA | W | L | PF | PA |
| Boise St | 5 | 1 | 248 | 111 | 9 | 3 | 396 | 246 |
| Idaho | 4 | 2 | 159 | 157 | 7 | 4 | 304 | 283 |
| N Mexico St | 3 | 2 | 120 | 97 | 6 | 5 | 311 | 274 |
| Utah St | 3 | 3 | 127 | 134 | 4 | 7 | 234 | 301 |
| Arkansas St | 2 | 3 | 106 | 151 | 4 | 7 | 246 | 332 |
| Nevada | 2 | 4 | 177 | 219 | 3 | 8 | 283 | 418 |
| N Texas | 1 | 5 | 81 | 149 | 2 | 9 | 118 | 291 |

Boise's strong offense figures to keep PK Nick Calaycay busy this year.

RB Jonathan Adams of Arkansas St is shown here eluding a would-be tackler.

SS Sean Mitchell of Arkansas St tries to force a fumble while making the tackle.

LB Anthony Denman of Notre Dame is 1 of a dozen Irish on my 1st team in 2000.

UCF WR Kenny Clark had 6 TD's last year & aims for a big senior season.

QB Victor Penn will be the pilot of an entertaining Golden Knight attack.

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 INDEPENDENT TEAM

| | 1st team | 2nd team | 3rd team |
|---|---|---|---|
| QB | Brian Madden, Navy | Victor Penn, UCF | Arnaz Battle, ND |
| RB | Tony Fisher, ND | Julius Jones, ND | Omari Howard, UCF |
| RB | Raheem Lambert, Navy | Jamison Palmer, MTSU | Darren Brister, LL |
| WR | Sean Cangelosi, LA Tech | Javin Hunter, ND | John Fitzsimmons, UConn |
| WR | Kenny Clark, UCF | Kendall Newson, MTSU | Brandon Rampani, Navy |
| TE | Jabari Holloway, ND | Rashad Drayton, UConn | David Newman, LA Tech |
| C | Chris Lorenti, UCF | Jeff Faine, ND | Brock Lillis, MTSU |
| G | Mike Gandy, ND | Garrrett McCray, UCF | Mark Campoli, UConn |
| G | Jim Jones, ND | Philip Yeh, Navy | Willie Comerford, UCF |
| T | Hoot Stahl, Navy | John Teasdale, ND | Barry Hall, MTSU |
| T | Jordan Black, ND | Padraic McGinnis, ULM | Jonathon Raush, LL |
| DL | Brad Wimsatt, Navy | Darrell Campbell, ND | Wes Stephens, MTSU |
| DL | Jamie Nichols, LA Tech | Lance Legree, ND | Walter Sampson, LL |
| DL | Anthony Weaver, ND | Josh McKibben, UCF | Fred Harley, UCF |
| DL | Grant Irons, ND | Terrance King, MTSU | Jamar Wilkins, UConn |
| LB | Shaka Martin, Navy | Tony Hardman, UCF | Rocky Boiman, ND |
| LB | Anthony Denman, ND | Keith Pauldo, MTSU | Rashad Jones, Navy |
| LB | Otis Robinson, ULM | Ryan Hamilton, Navy | Brandon Smith, UConn |
| CB | Clifford Jefferson, ND | Henry Whitehead, ULM | Roderick Pernetter, LATech |
| CB | Charles Tillman, LL | Bas Williams, Navy | Travis Fisher, UCF |
| SS | Cedric Robinson, ULM | Damian Demps, UCF | Matt Cieslak, LL |
| FS | Chris Lepore, Navy | Tony Driver, ND | Mario Kelso, MTSU |
| K | Nick Setta, ND | Justin Mink, ULM | Javier Beorlegui, UCF |
| P | Joey Hildbold, ND | Javier Beorlegui, UCF | Randy McGillivray, UConn |
| KR | John Simon, LA Tech | Julius Jones, ND | Edward Mack, UCF |
| PR | Julius Jones, ND | Hansford Johnson, MTSU | John Bernard, LL |

**Independent Notes:** The amount of Independent schools will shrink once again next year after temporarily going up by 1 (Connecticut) this season. UL Monroe, Louisiana-Lft and Middle Tenn St will become members of the Sun Belt next year and Louisiana Tech moves on to the WAC. Connecticut will join the Big East in 2003. With Notre Dame in this group, they naturally dominate the Independent team with 22 members of the Irish getting mentioned. Louisiana Tech and Central Florida have flirted with bowl berths the last two years but have rough schedules and ND appears to be the only team from this group with a shot at the postseason.

## 1999 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

### RUSHING

| | G | CAR | YDS | AVG | TD | YDSPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brian Madden, Navy** | 9 | 180 | 897 | 5.0 | 9 | 99.7 |
| **Brian Broadwater, Navy** | 7 | 154 | 626 | 4.1 | 8 | 89.4 |
| **Taber Small, UConn** | 11 | 199 | 757 | 3.8 | 14 | 68.8 |
| **Darren Brister, LL** | 11 | 195 | 729 | 3.7 | 4 | 66.3 |
| **Tony Fisher, ND** | 12 | 156 | 783 | 5.0 | 5 | 65.3 |

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

| | ATT | CMP | PCT | INT | YDS | YPA | TD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tim Rattay, LT | 516 | 342 | 66.3 | 12 | 3922 | 7.60 | 35 | 147.9 |
| Jarious Jackson, ND | 316 | 184 | 58.2 | 14 | 2753 | 8.71 | 17 | 140.3 |
| **Wes Counts, MTSU** | 390 | 249 | 63.8 | 13 | 2603 | 6.67 | 14 | 125.1 |
| **Victor Penn, UCF** | 455 | 262 | 57.6 | 11 | 3078 | 6.76 | 16 | 121.2 |

### TOTAL OFFENSE

| | | RUSHING | | PASSING | | TOT OFFENSE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G | CAR | NET | ATT | YDS | YDS | YDSPG |
| Tim Rattay, LT | 10 | 46 | -112 | 516 | 3922 | 3810 | 381.0 |
| **Victor Penn, UCF** | 11 | 100 | 168 | 455 | 3078 | 3246 | 295.1 |
| Jarious Jackson, ND | 12 | 140 | 464 | 316 | 2753 | 3217 | 268.1 |
| **Wes Counts, MTSU** | 11 | 91 | 81 | 390 | 2603 | 2684 | 244.0 |
| Brian Hoffman, UConn | 11 | 93 | 237 | 264 | 1681 | 1918 | 174.4 |

### PUNTING

| | G | NO | AVG | YDS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John White, ULM | 11 | 65 | 42.6 | 2771 |
| Keegan Ray, MTSU | 11 | 52 | 42.6 | 2213 |
| Mike Morelli, UConn | 11 | 66 | 41.0 | 2709 |
| Tray Calisch, Navy | 11 | 59 | 40.9 | 2416 |
| Chris Shaw, LL | 11 | 61 | 40.3 | 2461 |

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

| | G | CT | YDS | TD | YDSPG | CT PG | CT AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Lee, UCF | 11 | 87 | 1133 | 5 | 103.0 | 7.9 | 13.0 |
| **Delwyn Daigre, LT** | 11 | 71 | 1084 | 9 | 98.5 | 6.5 | 14.1 |
| **Sean Cangelosi, LT** | 11 | 62 | 943 | 10 | 85.7 | 5.6 | 15.2 |
| **Kendall Newson, MTSU** | 11 | 69 | 918 | 5 | 83.5 | 6.3 | 13.3 |
| **James Jordan, LT** | 11 | 81 | 820 | 11 | 74.9 | 7.4 | 10.2 |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **John Simon, LT** | 15 | 371 | 0 | 24.7 |
| **Julius Jones, ND** | 26 | 603 | 0 | 23.2 |
| **Edward Mack, UCF** | 24 | 513 | 0 | 21.4 |
| John Vereen, Navy | 26 | 550 | 0 | 21.2 |
| **Jamison Palmer, MTSU** | 29 | 572 | 0 | 19.7 |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | TD | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jordan Younger, UConn | 15 | 238 | 2 | 15.9 |
| **Hansford Johnson, MTSU** | 21 | 272 | 0 | 13.0 |
| **Julius Jones, ND** | 15 | 195 | 1 | 13.0 |
| **Britt McGriff, UCF** | 10 | 82 | 0 | 8.2 |
| **Billy Hubbard, Navy** | 35 | 259 | 0 | 7.4 |

## PHIL STEELE'S 2000 INDEPENDENT FORECAST

**1. Notre Dame** - ND had their first 7 loss season since 1963 last year but will return to a bowl this year with a winning season. They look stronger on both sides of the ball. How high the Irish move up in the rankings will depend on September. If they manage to come out of that brutal month with 2 or 3 wins, then the rest of the schedule will vault them towards a Top 10 spot. Davie is already under a lot of pressure and that September slate is not an ideal one with Texas A&M, Nebraska, Michigan St and Purdue, but fans will be happy with how the team finishes out the year.

**2. UCF** - While QB Victor Penn is no Daunte Culpepper, he is a solid QB that will benefit from a much more mature offensive line and a softer schedule and he should pilot one of the most explosive offenses of the Independents. The defensive front 7 is my concern and that will be the key to their success this year. If they come together quickly, an 8 win season is not out of the question and that is how many wins they will need for a bowl bid with 3 IAA opponents. This will be an entertaining team in 2000.

**3. Louisiana Tech** - LT has had back to back record setting QB's and Brian Stallworth should have some fine stats with his running ability creating even more headaches for defensive coordinators. With only 11 starters back and 8 road games, including trips to Kansas St, Auburn, Penn St & Miami (Fla), this will be a rebuilding year. Even with 12 games they will not match last year's 8 win total. Look for LT to build for their move to the WAC next year and a 6 or 7 win season would be good this year.

**4. Navy** - Weatherbie has done well with experienced squads and should have one of his best ever back 7's on defense. He also has the two headed QB combo (runner and passer) which led them to a bowl in 1996. They must face four bowl teams from last year as well as ND and Air Force but should be favored in as many as five games which means they have a solid shot at returning to the plus side of the ledger.

**5. Middle Tenn St** - The Blue Raiders were basically a IAA team playing a mostly IA schedule last year and this year will more closely resemble a IA team. They have 3 IAA caliber teams on their schedule which should result in wins and should bag some IA wins which eluded them in '99 as they host both UL Monroe and Louisiana-Lft. Eighteen returning starters make them a stronger club and this schedule is conducive to more W's.

**6. UL Monroe** - The Indians have recorded 4 straight 5 win seasons and have the schedule to do so once again. Keep in mind that when that streak started they were predominantly taking on IAA teams and have just 3 on this year's slate. They are getting closer to the UCF's and LA Tech's of the Independents and how they fare vs LL and Mid Tenn St will determine whether they can break through on the plus side of .500. QB Andy Chance made my HM Independent team and should have a big year in the spread offense.

**7. Louisiana-Lft** - The Ragin' Cajuns have had a lot of names recently like SW Louisiana and UL Lafayette but the results have been the same with just 5 wins in 3 years. They are one of the most improved teams in the country this year with 17 starters back. They do have a couple of pivotal games which will determine how high they finish in the Independent group but they must face UL Monroe and Middle Tenn St on the road which is why I place them here. However, they do have a solid shot at doubling last year's win total.

**8. Connecticut** - The Huskies are much stronger than last year but keep in mind that they were just 4-7 vs a IAA schedule last season and now step up to IA ball. They still have 4 IAA opponents on the slate and have an NFL caliber WR in John Fitzsimmons. UConn got a new stadium approved for the year 2003 and will likely use this year to continue to build for their first year of conference play.

## 1999 INDEPENDENT RECORDS

*All Games*

| | W | L | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Louisiana Tech | 8 | 3 | 389 | 306 |
| UL Monroe | 5 | 6 | 186 | 322 |
| Notre Dame | 5 | 7 | 348 | 331 |
| UCF | 4 | 7 | 277 | 318 |
| Navy | 4 | 7 | 307 | 297 |
| Connecticut | 4 | 7 | 255 | 394 |
| Mid Tennessee St | 3 | 8 | 272 | 379 |
| Louisiana-Lft | 2 | 9 | 203 | 415 |

Notre Dame DL Grant Irons has 110 career tackles in 370:42 minutes.

Chris Lorenti is the CENTERpiece of the UCF Knights OL Round Table.

ND RB Tony Fisher will benefit from a much improved Irish O-line.

# OFFSHORE GAMBLING, BUYER BEWARE by Phil Steele

Back in the early '90's, offshore sportsbooks began to sprout up. For example, countries such as England, Costa Rica, etc., have legal sportsbooks currently operating within their borders. With the proliferation of these establishments, I am sure that most folks are familiar with them by now.

When offshore places first came into being, we had many of our customers call and ask if I would recommend one. Since they were brand new and I knew very little about them, I did not even offer an opinion at the time.

As it turns out that was the best option. We had many people call us the first few years with horror stories about not getting paid on time or at all & about how their offshore sportsbook changed a line after a play had been made. Naturally, when you are dealing with a firm in a foreign country, perhaps the most important factors are that you can trust who you are dealing with and that they will treat you in a fair and honest manner.

I have had many of these offshore places contact me and ask for my endorsement. When approached, I would investigate each company's background and history. I am known throughout the industry for my honesty and integrity and did not want to have any of my customers take my advice and then fall victim to one of those dishonest offshore places I mentioned earlier. I would not recommend a place unless I was comfortable with their operation.

Finally, in 1996 I checked out an outfit from Costa Rica called Global Sports Connection. I found nothing but praise for the way they ran their business. All winnings were sent out in a timely manner and there were no line disputes. Customer service was solid and I felt I had found a place that I could finally recommend with confidence. This turned out to be a good decision as we heard nothing but good things about Global Sports (who by then had changed their name to betmaker.com) from our customers that had done business there.

Still something was nagging at me. If you read my book "Ten Keys to a Winning Season" you know that I strongly believe in the value of having "multiple outs" through which to make wagers. In that book I recommended that bettors "shop around" all the Vegas casinos to find the best line since often half points make a big difference in a season. Since I do believe in this so strongly, I really wanted to find another offshore sportsbook with which I was completely comfortable. The GREAT news is that this year we are endorsing TWO sportsbooks & that will offer customers the "multiple outs" that I mentioned above.

First off, on Page 259 you will see an ad for Sportingbet.com. This is a company based in Britain that has incorporated betmaker.com into their business. This is an example of change making them even better. I am thoroughly convinced that, if anything, they will be EVEN BETTER than betmaker.com in all areas. They are a publicly traded company on the English version of the NASDAQ (OFEX), and in the fall will be moving up to a full English stock market listing. Think about that, this is a publicly traded company (with 112 million public shares) that has to follow all the rules & regulations of the British government. Is there a better assurance that you will get your money on time and will not be bogged down with problems? Call 1-877-620-9013 to talk to the customer service reps at Sportingbet.com.

I am also pleased to announce my endorsement of Millenium Sports out of Costa Rica. If you look below & on both the inside front cover & back cover of this magazine, you will see advertisements for Millennium Sports, an offshore establishment in Costa Rica that was founded in 1995 & in fact was one of the sportsbooks I originally investigated in the mid 90's. At that point I was not 100% comfortable with them but recent changes in their infrastructure have convinced me that they are worthy of this recommendation. I can say that I am comfortable referring any & all clients to Millennium Sports, and I urge everyone reading this to call 1-800-824-1637 & find out for yourself.

I am excited to welcome Millennium Sports to my 2000 Preview, and also quite pleased to be maintaining the relationship with betmaker.com through Sportingbet.com. I give my endorsement to both companies & urge all of my customers to set up accounts with BOTH places, and that will give you the "multiple outs" that are so important.

One final note, I GUARANTEE that I do not earn a single penny from either company due to my subscribers' losses and never will. The fact that some sports services actually DO that is a COMPLETE conflict of interest. I repeat, I do not earn a single penny based on my customers' losses. I recommend Sportingbet.com & Millennium Sports because I feel they are both honest and well-run offshore sportsbooks and will maintain the high level of customer service that I value.

# TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

## By Phil Steele

Turnovers can have a big impact on games and on how a team's season goes. They also lead to many misleading final scores. ALL of the previous week's misleading final scores are listed on the front page of Power Sweep and by reading them each week you can uncover some solid line value for the upcoming week. Let's take a look at a couple of examples from last year.

Arizona St travelled to South Bend last year and suffered six turnovers (3 int's and 3 fumbles). In the game, they actually had a 24-18 FD advantage and were only outgained 450-437 but were destroyed 48-17. ASU was a double digit dog the next week at Washington and this time proved the influence that turnovers have on the results of a game. ASU was plus 4 in the turnover margin with 6 Washington fumbles and got their first win in Seattle since 1989, 28-7.

Air Force upset Washington on the road by a 31-21 margin early in the year. A closer look shows that the Huskies had a 20-18 FD edge but were foiled by a -4 in the turnover category. The next week Washington was a home dog vs an even stronger (than AF) Colorado team, but both teams were even in turnovers and Washington won that game outright for an "upset." Meanwhile, the next week Air Force which looked so great thanks to the turnovers, were 9 point HF's vs Wyoming and lost outright by a 10-7 score.

Arizona St was at it again later in the season. They faced Stanford and outgained the Cardinal 425-399 but suffered a ridiculous -5 in turnovers and lost 50-30. The next week they were a home underdog to Arizona but ended up even on turnovers and won easily by a 42-27 count.

Arkansas went into Alabama early in the year and were dominated on both sides of the line of scrimmage but somehow thanks to a +5 in turnovers managed to stay close and only lost 35-28. The next week they were 8' point road favorites at Kentucky but were -1 in turnovers and were whipped 31-20.

Colorado faced rival Colo St in the opener and were "destroyed" 41-14 in Gary Barnett's first game. This was a misleading final as CU actually had a 373-336 yard edge but the culprit was -4 turnovers. The next week they were -24 against San Jose St but won easily 63-35 in a game they led 63-22.

Fresno St seemingly dominated Colorado St at midseason by a 44-13 margin. Once again this was a misleading final score. Colo St had a huge 21-11 FD edge but were -4 in the turnover margin. The next week FSU went to face SMU on the road. FSU was a 14' point favorite but without the benefit of the turnovers were upset 24-14 in the Thursday Night game.

Maryland looked like a bowl team as they whipped North Carolina 45-7 to move to 5-2 and were just 1 win away from qualifying. A closer look shows that NC actually had a 19-17 FD edge in that game but the Terps were +6 in the turnover category. Not only did Maryland struggle the next week vs Duke, losing 25-22 as 9' pt favs, but they lost the last 4 games overall.

I could list many more examples, but as you can see, turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. They also can lead to some solid line value during the course of the season. **Each week in Power Sweep I provide a section called "Misleading Final Scores" which allows you to take advantage of the public's perception of a final score.** Turnovers not only can be a difference in a game, but the difference between a winning and losing season.

The majority of last year's big turnaround seasons were foreshadowed in this article. Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA all finished with double digit positive turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 in the '98 season!!! In 1999 those 4 were just 19-26!! Wow, turnovers can equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened last year when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Rainbow Warriors made this article as they were -10 in 1998 in turnovers but finished +1 in 1999. Here are some more examples.

In 1998 a couple of teams that made this article had big dropoffs. Colorado St was a 9-2 team in '97 and returned 14 starters. They were thinking Jan 1 bowl game. In '97 they were +27 turnovers and in '98, without that benefit, they were home for the holidays at 8-4. LSU was the SEC West favorite with 15 returning starters from their 9-3 team of '97. They went from +13 in turnovers, to +1 and had a shocking fall to 4-7. Two other big droppers were Navy (from 7-4 to 3-8) and Oklahoma St (bowl to no bowl).

Duke was a Cinderella team in 1994. They went 8-3 thanks in part to a +15 turnover edge. They made this article in '95. The Blue Devils were only +2 in '95, and without all the breaks, fell to 3-8.

Another team that made this article in '95 was Mississippi St. The Bulldogs finished 8-3 in 1994 with +13 turnovers. In 1995 they lost the benefit of those breaks and went to -6 and their record fell to 3-8.

In 1991, California was 9-2 and went to the Citrus Bowl. They benefitted that year from a remarkable +17 turnovers. The very next year, with 13 returning starters, they fell to 4-7! Were the turnovers a factor? They went from +17 in '91 to -13 in '92!

Cincinnati was 8-3 in 1993 thanks to +16 turnovers. In 1994 they dropped to -13 in turnovers. This swing was reflected in their record (2-8-1).

In 1995 Louisville benefitted from +21 in turnovers and had a successful 7-4 year. In 1996, with an improved squad, they were -17 and had a losing record.

One of the best examples is S Mississippi. In 1991 they were 4-7. They had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a miserable year turned out shockingly well. S Mississippi went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters. A bowl seemed in the offing. The 1993 record was only a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers. It looks like good luck or bad luck can have an impact on a team's final record.

Teams that benefitted from double digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 7 years, 109 teams have had this good fortune. Of those 109, 66 have had weaker records the following year (61%) including last year when 13 of 18 (72%) got weaker with one having the same record! Only 30 teams (28%) have improved their record and the other 13 had the same record. Listed below are last year's fortunate:

### GOING DOWN?

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boise St | +11 | S Miss | +11 |
| Illinois | +13 | Stanford | +10 |
| Kansas St | +18 | Texas | +13 |
| Marshall | +16 | USC | +14 |
| Michigan | +10 | Wisconsin | +11 |
| Oregon | +11 | | |

Here are some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year & drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

Three hard luck teams in 1993 turned into BOWL teams in 1994. E Carolina was 2-9 with -13 turnovers, Oregon was 5-6 and -14, and TCU was -12 and 4-7. All three teams went from double digit negative turnovers to positive turnovers and went from losing records to bowls in 1994!

In 1995 I listed the 9 teams that had double digit negative turnovers in 1994 and of the 9, SEVEN had better seasons in the W/L column. Georgia Tech showed the most improvement, going from 1-10 to a 6-5 winning season after being -21 in turnovers in 1994. In 1996 there were two big gainers. N Carolina was -16 in turnovers in '95 but rebounded and ended up 10-2. Wyoming had been 6-5 in '95 with -12 turnovers but went up to 10-2 in '96.

In 1997, 8 of 10 teams that were off negative double digit turnover years improved their record. Wash St was -10 in turnovers and they made this column. You probably know the story by now but they went from 5-6 all the way to 10-1 and the Rose Bowl. Two teams (Missouri and Pitt) went from -10 or more turnovers and poor seasons in '96 and turned into bowl teams in '97.

In 1998, 8 of 11 teams in this category had better records and most of them showed significant improvement. BYU, Illinois, Texas, Rutgers and Louisville all improved by anywhere from 3 to 6 games in the win column!

Last year 10 teams went from double digit negative turnovers to stronger seasons including Hawaii who simply went from 0-12 in 1998 to a super 9-4 last year the largest turnaround in NCAA history. Clemson and Illinois also went from losing teams to bowl squads.

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they were headed for better fortune the next year. In the past 7 years, 79 have been minus double digits in turnovers. Of those 79 teams, 57 (or 72%) have had better records the next year! Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

### GOING UP?

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | -12 | San Jose St | -11 |
| Georgia Tech | -12 | Tulane | -10 |
| Iowa St | -10 | Utah St | -11 |
| Kent St | -11 | | |

If you like this type of information, you will love the front page of Power Sweep. Each week in "This Week's News and Notes," I review such information as well as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2000!

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# PHIL STEELE'S 2000 PRESEASON TOP 40

Here is my year 2000 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my power ratings. As an example - Colorado is my #20 team this year in terms of talent but they take on the toughest schedule in the country and barely made the Top 30 on this list. TCU and Utah do not rank in my Top 30 in terms of overall talent but make the Top 25 thanks to their ability to rack up wins vs their weaker schedules. My Top 25 is based on how I project the teams to finish the year & it has always done quite well. These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season.

**1. Florida St** It is very tough to repeat as National Champs. However, this Seminole edition could be even more complete than the '99 version and should avoid the close calls (2) they had in ACC play last year. There are two real tests as they travel to face Miami (Fla) and host Florida. If either of those two upsets them, you can plug that team into the favorite's role. As you can tell by their ranking, I expect them to overcome those tests as they have my #2 rated offense this year and #1 rated defense.

**2. Nebraska** No magazine was higher on Nebraska than I was last year as they were my preseason #1 team. I still feel they were the best team in 1999 and would have been favored over FSU had the two met. This year their offense will return to being the best in the country after a couple of years of not holding that title. The defense suffered some significant losses including their defensive coordinator but I still rate that unit 6th best in terms of talent. They must travel to Top 5 Kansas St during the year. If they win at K-State they will face a tough Big 12 Title Game.

**3. Florida** Spurrier could go from the worst of times to the best of times in one season. They finished out of the Top 10 for the first time since 1990 last year. That was with a young defense and erratic QB play. This year they have my #2 rated defense but face both Tennessee and Florida St on the road. This team is capable of handling both of those tasks. It looks like Florida at Florida St will be a semifinal for the National Title Game.

**4. Miami (Fla)** The Hurricanes seem to be ready to step back into the national title contender role on a yearly basis after probation took them from that spot the last 5 years. They have some tough games on the schedule but host Florida St on Oct 7. A victory over the 'Noles vaults them to the top. Look for a return to the elite level for Miami this year.

**5. Kansas St** KSU has had some huge seasons as of late thanks in part to a soft schedule. This year I rank them #5 overall in terms of talent! They get Nebraska at home which will be a national title elimination game. A win there could have them in the National Title Game if they get past the Big 12 Title Game. This could be Snyder's year.

**6. Alabama** The Tide avoids Florida in SEC play and while they must travel to face Tennessee, this team is capable of winning there. They may end up playing the Gators in the SEC Title Game and have the talent to finish the season unbeaten. They have my #3 overall rated defense in the country and are FINALLY back to being a national title contender.

**7. Texas** The Longhorns have my #3 offense in the country led by QB's Applewhite and Simms and also have my #5 rated defense. They should be favored in every game this season and have a great shot at an undefeated season. That would mean a showdown with either Nebraska or Kansas St in the Big 12 Title Game; they are legitimate title contenders. Last year I said there were 6 in the race with Virg Tech being #6. This year the field expands by 1 with 7 major combatants.

**8. Georgia** For years Coach Donnan has been trying to break into the upper two of the SEC East and this year has a team that is very capable of doing so. The Dawgs have my #7 rated offense and #12 rated defense. They get Tennessee at home and Florida at a neutral site. They have a great shot at a double digit win season.

**9. Michigan** It will be extremely difficult for any team to get through the rugged Big 10 without a loss and that is why the top Big 10 team ranks down here at #9. They get most of the tougher Big 10 games at home but must play at both Ohio St and Purdue. They are my choice to get to the Rose Bowl this year.

**10. Wisconsin** I compile 5 sets of power ratings at the start of the year and let them play out each team's schedule in my computer. All 5 had the Badgers finishing the year at 11-1 with the lone loss being at Michigan. If that scenario unfolds, they would likely lose out on a tiebreaker and just miss a third consecutive Rose Bowl appearance.

**11. Ohio St** The Big 10 is making quite a run here. Ohio St finished #2 in the country twice from '96-'98 and should regain their powerhouse form this year. There are 6 other top 25 teams from the Big 10 and OSU faces them all.

**12. Virginia Tech** No magazine had the Hokies rated higher than I did last year and I included them in my national title contenders. While exciting QB Vick is back, the defense is clearly weaker but it will still be another top notch year in Blacksburg.

**13. Penn State** I would have picked the Lions higher but QB Rashard Casey's status is unknown as I write this in late May. They must face Ohio St and Michigan on the road. However, if Casey is available, they will have another solid year.

**14. USC** They have the most talent in the PAC 10 and if Hackett does not bring home a conference title this year, it will be most disappointing. They have my #4 rated defense in the country and super QB Carson Palmer.

**15. Clemson** Bowden did a great job last year with a young team. In a similar situation at Tulane he went undefeated with an experienced and talented group like he has this year. Of course that Tulane team did not have to play FSU.

**16. TCU** If you read my "Who Plays the Toughest Schedule" article then you know the Frogs have the talent and definitely the schedule to get through this season UNBEATEN. Like Marshall and Tulane the last 2 years, that does not make them a title contender.

**17. Washington** Since they avoid USC in PAC 10 play, the Huskies must be considered co-favorites to get to the Rose Bowl. They do face Miami, Fla and Colorado on the non-conf slate but have the potential for a double digit victory total.

**18. Texas A&M** The Aggies have the talent to have a shot at overtaking Texas in the South but also draw ND, Kansas St and Colorado outside the division. While their offense must find a new QB, the defense ranks #9 in my preseason ratings.

**19. East Carolina** This team has a shot at another high ranking during the season and could grab as many as 10 wins, but do have to face Southern Miss on the road late in the year. This group is even more talented than last year's top notch group.

**20. Tennessee** The Vols are in a rebuilding year but still rank #13 in my talent ratings. They not only face Florida and Georgia from the SEC East but have Bama and S Miss outside it. They may end the title hopes for some of those mentioned.

**21. S. Mississippi** The Eagles face their usual difficult non-conf slate but get their toughest CUSA test (E Car) at home. This should be yet another successful year for Bower and once again they will be carried by a strong defense.

**22. Utah** The Utes play 3 PAC 10 teams on the non-conf slate and have some rough Mt West games but 3 of my sets of power ratings had them going 11-0 this year with their soft schedule! They should end up with a Top 25 caliber record.

**23. Oklahoma** OU actually ranks #15 in my talent ratings BUT have to face both Texas and Texas A&M away from home and draw BOTH Nebraska and Kansas St from the North. After a 4 game home stand to start the season, they have 5 of the last 7 on the road.

**24. Colorado St** Lubick does a great job here and after the media called for them to finish 6th in the Mt West last year (I had them 2nd) they were a surprise. However, they should be the media's favorite this time around. They play the 5th easiest schedule amongst the top 89 teams.

**25. LSU** I pick a surprise team every year and here they are. Nick Saban inherits a very talented and experienced team that caught a lot of tough breaks last year and that should mean a big turnaround and possible bowl bid.

**HERE ARE TEAMS #26 THROUGH #40**

**26. Minnesota** The Gophers have my #13 rated defense!
**27. Purdue** Will this be the year they start beating the big boys?
**28. Notre Dame** Could be a rough start but a solid finish to the year.
**29. Colorado** The Buffs must face the nation's toughest schedule.
**30. Mich St** #22 in my talent ratings but #3 toughest slate.
**31. UCLA** Back to the postseason after a 1 year absence.
**32. Virginia** Should be at least another 7 win season for Welsh.
**33. Fresno St** An easy schedule parlayed with Hill's best team yet.
**34. Auburn** Should have been in a bowl LY & will be stronger TY.
**35. Ole Miss** McAllister leads them to another bowl.
**36. Oregon** The Ducks were the best in the PAC 10 last year.
**37. Georgia Tech** This year they do it with defense!
**38. Tulane** A surprise team that is much improved.
**39. Illinois** Top 25 talent but a rough Big 10 schedule.
**40. UNLV** Another big surprise team in 2000.

# TEN KEYS TO A WINNING SEASON

**By Phil Steele**

Back in 1990, I wrote a book entitled "Ten Keys To a Winning Season." In 1996 and again last year I revised Ten Keys and published a second and third edition. In Ten Keys I discuss some of the basics that will enable you to have a big winning season forecasting football in 2000!

The first chapter is **"Welcome To Reality."** This chapter deals with having the proper expectations for the upcoming season. First, your goal should be to make a profit while watching football. Notice, I did NOT say, "Make a Million Dollars," "Get Rich Quick," or the infamous, "Bury your Bookmaker." If you want to get rich quick, then go buy another book. I will only promise to make you a solid profit.

The first chapter also warns against falling into traps set by con "Sports Services" that tell you a game is a "Lock" or a "Can't Lose" game. There are too many things that can happen in any football game to call it a sure thing. Anything can happen! If you see one of these ads, or have someone tell you over the phone that a game "can't lose", do yourself a favor and HANG UP THE PHONE!

Furthermore, the first chapter addresses all the pitfalls of gambling. It warns against betting more than you can afford to lose. This system makes sure you do not double up when you are losing, and talks about some of the slick salesmen, (a.k.a. conmen) who operate in the sports service industry. There are two important thoughts to remember, the first is to not believe ads that tout 80% to 90% winners for a season. You will find that none are documented by an honest source. Did you know that to make money wagering on football you only need to hit 52.5%?

The second point is, if you hear a handicapper say, "Call and talk to me personally," he is not much of a handicapper. I work 16 to 20 hours a DAY during the football season. You will not be able to get me on the phone because I am studying for the upcoming weekend! I am a handicapper, not a salesman.

Chapter Two deals with **"Money Management"** and is vital to anyone trying to make a profit wagering on football. At the start of every year you must set aside a starting bankroll. One rule is to never exceed 5% of your bankroll on any one play. I rate my Late Phone selections from 1★ to 5★ with 5★ being the highest. Have you ever read those ridiculous ads in the paper with their 100★, 500★ or 1000★ games? It is comical the way these conmen try to prey on the people who can least afford to be preyed upon.

A classic example came a few years ago. One service (who shall remain nameless, but you will see his ridiculous ads) put out his 500★ NFL LOCK of the Year! Yes, 500★'s is over hyped and ridiculous. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LOCK! Just when you thought this conman had stooped to his lowest, two weeks later in the SAME publication he put out his 1000★ NFL LOCK of the Year! They say there is a sucker born every minute and no doubt this guy owns the mailing list! Enough talk about that garbage, let's get back to talking about making a profit.

Using the money management method, you increase or decrease your bankroll each week. This depends on how much you win or lose in Las Vegas on football. The next week your wagers would increase or decrease. You would still be wagering just 3% to 5% on any single play. This would keep you from doubling up when winning or losing. This will keep you far ahead of the game. Problem gamblers get into trouble by trying to "win it all back" on one play, or trying to make a fortune when they are "Hot." Doubling up is a terrible strategy and those that do it only double up until they go BROKE. Please, avoid the urge and stay with money management. In Chapter Two, I take you through the winning and losing weeks of one particular season. You will be able to see exactly how the system WORKS!

Chapter Three is **"The NFL Preseason - A Different Ballgame"**. The NFL Preseason must be handicapped completely different than the regular season. In the last 11 years, Northcoast Sports had the highest winning percentage of all the services documented by The Sports Monitor in preseason football. I review some of the KEYS to preseason football in this section.

Chapter Four is **"Preparing for the Battle".** Here I go through things you need to know in preparation for the upcoming season. WARNING! There is a lot of hard work and study. If you think you can "study" football for half an hour and pick winners, you probably have had MANY losing seasons.

Chapter Five is **"The Complete Handicapper."** THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHAPTERS! You should never make a play based purely on angles or trends. You should never make a play based purely on situations or a team's emotion, either. Lastly, you should never make a play based strictly on the talent differences. You should use ALL THREE! In College Football, I rank the methods of handicapping in order of their importance.

Fundamental Handicapping is most important. This is where you match up teams to discover who has the edge on the offensive and defensive lines. How does one teams WR's matchup with the others DB's? Which team has more talent on the field? I am first and foremost a Fundamental Handicapper!

Situational Handicapping is second in line of importance. You look at whether a team may letdown after a big game, look ahead to a big game, or be sky high for their current opponent based on revenge or the rivalry. Playing against a team at its weakest or playing ON one at its emotional peak can deliver many winners.

Third on the list is Technical Handicapping (angles and trends). You will notice this book is loaded with angles and trends for college football. Remember, this method is the least important of the 3. I have listed all of these angles in the book so you do not have to spend hours researching, and I hope you find them very interesting. You should study angles and work them into your handicapping, but do not base a play strictly on an angle!

Chapter Six is **"Fundamental Handicapping,"** Chapter Seven is **"Situational Handicapping"** and Chapter Eight is **"Technical Handicapping"**. Each chapter delves deeper into these 3 methods.

Chapter Nine is **"Fine Tuning - Looking For The Edges."** It talks about the value of half points, playing on streaks, and looking for contrarian plays. It also warns you against such things as isolated plays.

Chapter Ten talks about the **Sports Service Industry.** Services that lie about their records and make ridiculous claims about "Lock games" etc. Services actually invent their own "monitoring services" that falsely "document" their own made up records. I have found two honest monitoring services in the country. I recommend...

The Sports Monitor - Oklahoma City, OK
(1-405-721-5018)

SportsWatch - Las Vegas, NV
(1-702-547-4568)

In closing, if there is a chapter you would like to see completely, call our offices at 1-800-654-3448. We will send you any ONE chapter free. The book sells for $19.95. If you mention this preview and send in the questionnaire on pg. 262, I will sell it for just $9.95. I hope you found this article informative, and GOOD LUCK IN '00!!!

# • Spring Notes 2000 •

Whew! Here it is late May and I am finally wrapping up my 2000 College Football Preview Magazine. I began working on this magazine way back in December and it has been my main focus since the Super Bowl. I write almost every word myself, and as you can see, it's a lot of words. The words are actually the easy part. The exhaustive part is doing the study and research on each team required to analyze them. I went through all of last year's notes and newspaper articles, studied the offseason moves and the freshmen signings. I actually started writing some of the teams back in January and finalized some of the teams in March. This year we did an exhaustive search of all the teams happenings during the spring and I have incorporated those changes into the pages themselves. I did this editing in May and you will notice a lot of references to how a player performed in the spring or any injuries that were sustained.

I received a good portion of the information from newspapers on the Internet (isn't technology grand?) but also from our "fax finders" and wire stories from the AP. Our 'fax finders" fax us their local papers' most interesting articles on the team. I underline all the pertinent info and it is typed verbatim into my weekly Fax Report so I can review the important information that was read during the week. Each week in Power Sweep, we have a section called the Fax Report where some of the latest injuries and notes are reviewed.

While I have chronicled most of the spring happenings in the text of the pages, I also wanted to give you a rundown of some of the spring games. Sometimes spring games can decide who will be the starters for the year and you get a glimpse of future stars. Some coaches make the spring game the most important scrimmage of the spring and use it to see how their players perform under fire. Some, like Kentucky's coach Hal Mumme, view it as the least important. This year UK QB Jared Lorenzen struggled in all the major scrimmages vs the 1st string defense and Mumme awarded the starting QB job to incumbent Dusty Bonner. In the spring game Lorenzen had a huge day but keep in mind that Mumme stacks the game with the 1st string playing the backups, so his accomplishments were vs 3rd and 4 string DB's including walk-ons. I know I like to know how the teams did in their spring outings so here are some various reports from around the NCAA.

**Air Force -** Fisher DeBerry aired it out during the spring Blue and Silver scrimmage with only 179 yards rushing while the Falcon QB's combined for 414 yards passing. Starting QB Mike Thiessen missed some of the spring including the spring game playing baseball and Keith Boyea, who was competing with Thiessen last year for the backup job until he was suspended, had a huge spring. In the game he hit 14 of 16 passes for 254 yards and 2 TDs and added 51 yards rushing on 18 carries. They actually had good weather for the Blue-Silver game for the first time in years. WR Ryan Fleming, who had 8 receptions all last year, had 7 receptions for 156 yards and 2 TDs in the spring leading the Blue to a 33-10 win over the Silver. The Blue team rolled up a 412-181 yard edge and also had a 15-8 first down edge.

**Alabama -** 25,355 fans were on hand and they were mostly interested in who would win the QB derby but Andrew Zow and Tyler Watts remained fairly even with Zow slightly ahead after the spring. The RBs had a big spring game with Ahmaad Galloway rushing for 114 yards on 8 carries and Santonio Beard having 106 yards on 19 carries. Watts hit 8 of 14 for 100 yards with 1 TD and 1 INT. Zow hit 5 of 11 for 71 yards with 1 INT. During the spring scrimmages, Zow hit 25 of 38 for 365 yards while Watts hit 13 of 23 for 183 yards.

**Auburn -** Rudi Johnson rushed 11 times for 98 yards including a 54-yard 3Q run to lead the Blue to a 28-10 victory over the White. The game's No. 2 rusher Michael Owens had just 18 yards on 3 attempts and 3 starting offensive linemen missed the game with injuries. Also top WR Ronney Daniels was among 11 players that missed the game due to injury. White QB Allen Tillman hit 13 of 22 for 168 yards with 2 TD's. Ben Leard played sparingly and hit 6 of 8 passes for 32 yards. Daniel Cobb hit just 3 of 9 for 32 yards with a TD.

**Baylor -** QB Greg Cicero continued his solid spring and hit 15 of 24 passes for 182 yards. His favorite target all spring was Andra Fuller and he snagged the Gold's only TD pass in the 17-7 come-from-behind win over the Green. Fuller had 5 TD's in the scrimmage the week earlier and had 7 catches for 120 yards. The Gold team dominated both halves finishing with a 330-65 yard edge in total offense, but the Green led 7-0 at the half with a 47-yard interception return for a TD. Derek Lagway was the leading rusher with 52 yards on 10 carries.

Don't fret Hokie fans!! Although Michael Vick did struggle in the spring game, he will be back to his freewheeling self once the season starts.

**Boston College** - The Maroon and the White battled to a 29-29 tie as the White team rallied from a 20-point 3Q deficit. In the second scrimmage of the spring, RB Cedric Washington looked to easily hang on to his starter's job as he rushed for 117 yards on 19 carries. VHT backup William Green had 12 carries for 18 yards. In the spring game, however, Green threw his hat back in to the RB ring. He had 140 yards rushing on 18 carries with 1 TD for the White while Washington had 64 yards on 13 carries with 2 TDs for the Maroon. Starting QB Tim Hasselbeck missed the spring while recovering from groin surgery and Brian St Pierre hit 14 of 26 for 225 yards with 1 TD and 1 INT for the Maroon. Kevin Kiley (PS#59) hit 13 of 20 for 146 yards and 1 TD. While FB JP Comella had a solid spring in terms of running and receiving, he was definitely lacking in the blocking category and had O'Brien talking about possibly moving Ryan Burch, who moved to MLB, back to FB. I still look for Burch to stay at MLB. Kicker Sandro Sciortino, who had a problem with the trajectory of his kicks all spring, struggled in the game. He attempted a 52 yarder but booted it right into the blockers and missed a couple of PAT's. He did nail a 41-yd FG on the final play for the tie. In the game, the Maroon team was made up of BC's first team offense and second team defense while the White had the first team defense and second team offense.

**BYU** - Bret Engemann led the White team to a 27-21 win over the Blue in BYU's Blue/White spring game. Engemann hit 12 of 23 passes for 248 yards and 2 TD's while Charlie Peterson, who is battling for the starting job, hit 18 of 30 passes for 250 yards. Third string QB Brandon Doman hit 8 of 12 passes for 68 yards in relief of both. RB Paul Peterson capped a strong spring with 70 yards on 9 carries after having 233 total yards in another scrimmage in March. DE Brett Keisel looked solid after moving from TE and had 2 sacks, 2 pbu's and 2 QB hurries.

**Clemson** - The Orange team (offense) defeated the White team (defense) 37-12 in a game in which Woodrow Dantzler cemented his starting QB position. Dantzler hit 22 of 34 passes for 237 yards and a TD and also ran 10 times for 25 yards. The game featured 91 passes and 58 rushes and backup QB Matt Schell hit 10 of 18 passes for 187 yards and 2 TD's. The game was played in front of 18,000, the largest ever for a Clemson spring game. Willie Simmons, who was bothered by a sprained ankle, hit 13 of 34 for 82 yards with 2 int's.

**Colorado -** JUCO QB Bobby Pesavento had the lead for most of the spring in the QB chase but Zac Colvin came back into contention with a strong spring game. Colvin passed for 185 yards and 2 TDs in snowy conditions hitting 12 of 20 passes with 1 INT. He guided the Black team to a 15-6 win over Pesavento's Gold squad. Pesavento, who had an impressive scrimmage earlier in the spring hitting 18 of 23 for 272 yds, completed 18 of 38 passes for 170 yds with 1 INT. The game was cut short after 3 quarters due to the snow covering up the yard lines. Barnett is one coach that takes the spring game seriously as he split the

93-man roster evenly and said that how a player performs in it is important. The OL, which was inexperienced to begin with, was also missing a few bodies and Vince Reed was the team's leading rusher with 47 yards on 10 carries. Marcus Moore led the Black with 23 yards on 13 attempts. The most improved defensive player of the spring was FS Medford Moorer who led the Buffs with 8 tkls.

**Colorado St** - It wasn't much of a game for CSU as the game was played in snow and with only 5 healthy offensive linemen. QB Matt Newton led a 65 yd TD march on the opening drive and RB Rahsaan Sanders had 2 carries for 29 yards in limited action. The defense controlled the rest of the contest which was not really a game as at times they placed the ball at the opposing 20 for redzone drills. Only a handful of fans attended and Lubick's main concern was to suffer no further injuries and in that respect, the game was a success. The defensive star of the day was RS frosh CB Dexter Wynn who had numerous PBU's. Newton hit 6 of 11 passes for 62 yards while Cutlip hit 5 of 6 for 69 yards.

**Duke** - D. Bryant reinforced a strong spring by leading the Blue squad to a 21-7 victory over the White in a spring game played in soggy conditions. Bryant hit 15 of 24 for 215 yards for the Blue with walk-on D. R. Cash being his favorite target having 5 receptions for 104 yards. Bobby Campbell for the White hit 12 of 29 for 186 yards and the leading rusher for the White was Duane Epperson with just 16 yards on 7 carries. The leading rushers for the Blue were Chris Douglas who had 41 yards on 11 attempts and Alexander Wade with 32 on 4 carries.

**East Carolina** - On a rainy day played in front of a practically empty Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, neither the offense nor the defense had the advantage in the Purple and Gold scrimmage. QB Richard Alston hit 8 of 16 for 105 yards and David Garrard hit 7 of 14 for 77 yards. RB Jamie Wilson had 77 yards on 8 carries including a 58-yard TD run.

**Florida** - The Orange and Blue game was a nine-on-nine event due to injuries on the offensive line. Spurrier did not have enough players for a full allotment and two linemen were removed from both sides of the scrimmage, which was played in front of 22,500. QB Brock Berlin hit 8 of 12 for 130 yards and Rex Grossman hit 9 of 14 for 142. Projected starter Jesse Palmer hit just 3 of 8 for 55 yards, but Spurrier reiterated that he was the #1 QB heading into the fall.

**Florida St** - Bobby Bowden divided the spring squads evenly instead of the usual 1st-team offense vs 1st team defense that he normally employs in the spring. QB Chris Weinke threw for 164 yards and 2 TD's and Marcus Outzen 163 yards and 2 TD's and the Garnett and Gold tied 27-27 in front of 18,000. Overall Weinke hit 7 of 15 and Outzen 9 of 21 with Weinke having no interceptions and Outzen suffering three. Travis Minor had a scintillating 75-yd TD run for the Garnett.

**Illinois** - The Orange and Blue spring game was a matchup of the first team (Blue) vs the backups and it was no contest as the Blue rolled to a 27-0 win. On the third play, Kurt Kittner hit a 51-yard TD pass to Brandon Lloyd who could be this year's gamebreaker at WR as he finished third in the Big 10 indoor track & field meet in the 60 meter hurdles and high jump. Overall he had five receptions for 100 yards. Kittner hit 22 of 38 for 230 yards. The White QB's were RS frosh Dustin Ward, who hit 5 of 11 for 40 yards, and Walter Young, who hit 4 of 8 for 29 yards taking on the No. 1 defense. Rocky Harvey rushed for 48 yards on 5 carries and Antoineo Harris added 31 yards on 6 carries. RS frosh FB Carey Davis got plenty of action with 12 carries for 60 yards as starter Jameel Cook missed the game due to injury. In the game, Kittner had 3 TD's and 0 INT's showing he may be ready for a repeat of his outstanding 24-5 ratio of last season, but keep in mind his stats were compiled vs the backup defenders.

**Indiana** - Backup QB Tommy Jones (PS#48) continued to shine and in the spring game hit 14 of 26 passes for 293 yards and 2 TD's to lead the Red to a 19-10 victory over the White. QB Antwaan Randle El hit just 11 of 28 for 185 yards with 1 TD and 1 INT. Randle El was limited as Cameron did not run any option plays. After the spring game, Randle El seemed receptive to seeing more playing time at WR this year partially due to the large amount of dropped passes by the receivers in the spring.

Based on the results of spring, Indiana's Antwaan Randle El is more "receptive" to possibly logging some time as WR.

**Iowa** - Despite the fact the Hawkeyes were coming off a 1-10 record, they still drew 19,281 fans on a sunny day for the spring game. The Black shirts defeated the White shirts 21-14. QB Scott Mullen missed the spring due to injury. John Beutjer hit 7 of 11 passes for 101 yards and 1 TD for the Black shirts. Playing for the second teamers (White shirts), he completed 9 of 11 for 106 yards with 1 INT, which was returned 38 yards for a TD in the first quarter. He did have a 33 yard TD to Kahlil Hill for a 21-7 lead late 3Q. Hill should be back to his All Big 10-caliber self and spent his suspended season bulking up and getting faster. He had 5 catches for 82 yards in the spring game and has an improved attitude. Kyle McCann hit 13 of 15 passes for 136 yards and 1 TD for the Black shirts and was 4 of 6 for 41 yards with the second team with each one leading a TD drive. The leading RB was FB Jeremy Allen who had 37 yards rushing and another 26 receiving

**Iowa St** - Sage Rosenfels had a big game leading the offense to 422 yards and 48 points in the spring game. Basketball player Stevie Johnson decided to try out for the team. At 6-4, 225 he's an imposing strong safety and he led the team playing on the first team defense with 7 tkls in the spring game. He may also be used as WR and has a 39 inch vertical leap. The Cardinal, made up mostly of first teamers, spotted the White 16 points and ended up winning 48-16 with the White garnering just 77 yards total offense. Backup QB Gerrin Scott hit 2 of 8 for 38 yards vs the first team defense.

**Kansas** - There was an upset in the Blue and White game. Even though the teams were evenly divided, the Blue was slightly favored because they had QB Dylen Smith and he was the most impressive QB, hitting 11 of 19 passes for 165 yards. He led the team to an 85-yard TD drive just before the half and a 7-0 lead. The White, however, ended up the winners despite being out firstdowned 14-9. They returned a fumble 68 yards for a TD in the 3Q and backup QB Dyer hit Winbush with a 48 TD pass in the 4Q. The Blue was stopped on 4th and 1 at the White 21 yard line. Winbush had 41 yards on 7 carries and Reggie Duncan (PS#39) led the Blue with 45 yards on 16 carries. Backup FB Daniel Coke had 40 yards on 6 carries. Dyer hit 4 of 6 passes for 56 yards for the White and Jonas Weatherbie hit 5 of 8 for 52 yards. Jeff Hilliard was 2 of 4 with 1 INT. The leading receiver was Barry Goodrich, who also had a great spring game last year. LB Andrew LeClair had 2 INT's.

**Kansas St** - 13,742 were on hand for the Purple and White game. Backup QB Eli Roberson started for the White squad and faced the second team defense. He had a 73-yard TD run on the first play. He finished with 186 yards and 3 rushing TDs on 13 carries and also had 75 yards passing while hitting 9 of 23. Roberson switched teams in the second half to the Purple and led the final 63-yard TD march capped with a 1-yard TD sneak with 2:54 left. The Purple, which was comprised of the first team offense and second team defense won 30-28. Starting QB Jonathan Beasley hit 11 of 24 for 160 yards and had 27 yards rushing but keep in mind he was playing against the Wildcats' outstanding No. 1 defense. David Allen had 66 yards on 19 carries at RB and backup Josh Scobey had just 25 yards on 10 carries. FB Johnno Lazetich led the Purple with 68 yards on just 5 carries. Third string QB Jeremy Milne hit 10 of 18 for 119 yards but did suffer two interceptions. MLB Warren Lott, who was injured in '98 and still recovering last year, showed signs that he could be 100 percent as he led all tacklers with 7 stops.

**Maryland** - The Red team, which was comprised mostly of first stringers, defeated the White 24-14. The most impressive QB in the spring was JC transfer Shaun Hill who hit 13 of 16 passes for 152 yards and engineered scoring drives for both teams. The returning starter Calvin McCall hit just 7 of 12 passes for 129 yards and no TDs and Soph Latrez Harrison hit 7 of 10 passes for 96 yards with 1 TD.

**Miami (Fla)** - The Hurricanes have one of the top defenses in the country and it had the upper hand in the spring game. QB Ken Dorsey hit 9 of 16 for 119 yards with 1 TD and 1 INT. RB Clinton Portis had 77 yards and Jarrett Payton had 24. Santana Moss hauled in a 65 yard scoring strike, living up to his


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Heisman candidate status. Kicker Todd Sievers hit just 2 of 5 FG attempts. 12,500 were on hand for the game and Miami debuted their new uniforms with alternate color striping running vertically down the jerseys and pants.

**Michigan** - For the second straight year Michigan held a glorified practice for its spring game due to a lack of personnel at some positions. The starters were on the home team and spotted the visiting team a 17-0 lead in the two quarter game and the visitors held on for a 23-22 win. There wasn't a lot of success running the ball as the longest gain was a 15 yard run on a draw. Two OL starters sat out and the third played sparingly and the top two RB's Thomas and Fargas did not have any carries.

**Michigan St** - For the first time since 1994 (when Spartan stadium was closed for renovation), the Spartans did not hold a Green and White game. Coach Williams said that with the amount of injured players, they didn't have a lot of depth along the offensive and defensive lines. Instead they held a controlled scrimmage that was open to the public. In the scrimmage, Ryan Van Dyke hit 17 of 25 for 219 yards as Williams stacked the deck with the first stringers taking on the backups. TJ Duckett saw just enough action to show off his promise as he ran three times for 50 yards and 1 TD. TE Ivory McCoy had 7 receptions for 133 yards and earned MVP honors. The first string defense, which had an outstanding spring, limited the White team to 27 yards total offense and 2 first downs. The kicking game struggled all spring and Williams said he may sign another freshman kicker over the summer to cure their ills. The Green only won the game 18-8, but the White's only scores came on a pair of blocked 2 pt conversion tries that the defense returned for 2 points and Williams generously awarded 4 points for each score. The first team offense scored three TD's on their first 4 possessions but came up short on all extra points and the Green finished the game with a 322-27 yard edge and 14-2 first down edge.

**Minnesota** - The Maroon team was made up of the first team offense and the second team defense. The White team was made up of the first team defense and second string offense. The Maroon came out the winner 31-29. Asad Abdul-Khaliq hit 13 of 20 for 184 yards and 2 TDs, rebounding nicely after throwing an interception on the game's first play. At the conclusion, Glen Mason said, "there is no doubt that we are a better team right now than last year at this time." RB Tellis Redmon rushed for 134 yards on 20 carries for the Maroon as star RB Thomas Tapeh was injured in the final week of spring and missed the game. Renato Fitzpatrick gained 76 yards on 15 carries. JC Travis Cole completed 6 of 10 passes for 103 yards with a TD and RS frosh Benji Kamrath hit 4 of 12 passes for 42 yards.

**Mississippi** - Eli Manning took the blue team 70 yards in 11 plays for the winning TD in the Grove Bowl spring game played before 16,800, the largest at Ole Miss since 1978. Romaro Miller guided the Red team. Manning hit 12 of 19 passes for 157 yards in a game where the defense was not allowed to hit the QB. Deuce McAllister rushed for 70 yards on 11 carries for the Red team. Romaro Miller hit 7 of 14 passes for 64 yards and Cutcliffe said "I thought Romaro had an outstanding spring."

**Missouri** - 9,812 fans showed up on a sunny day for the Missouri spring game. Many were there to watch the brand new Missouri offense which actually features the forward pass. Kirk Farmer was the QB of the first team Black offense and hit 19 of 35 for 200 yards as the Black won 21-9. Jim Dougherty hit 7 of 14 for 70 yards with no TD's and 1 INT and Darius Outlaw was just 2 of 8 for 18 yards with no TDs for the backups on the Gold squad. Zack Abron, who had an impressive spring including 152 yards in one scrimmage, was the top rusher with 76 yards on 19 carries. In the spring game, Missouri passed 57 times for 288 yards and had 50 runs for just 77 yards and appeared committed to the new offense. While Smith says he will not decide on a starter until the fall, it does look like Kirk Farmer is definitely ahead of the other two candidates.

**Nebraska** - The Huskers offense was without starting QB Eric Crouch and I-Back Dan Alexander, who both sat out the game due to injury and the young, inexperienced defense (which had been rolled over by the Husker offense during most of the spring) dominated in the spring game. DE Kyle Vanden Bosch had 3 sacks and had Coach Solich saying he will be among the great players in the country which is a big statement because Solich usually is understated about his players. Keep in mind the Huskers did have walk-ons at the important QB position. The only major injury of the spring game was Bobby Newcombe who dislocated his left elbow on a punt return in the Red and White game, but is not expected to require surgery. FB Judd Davies had 2 TD's.

**North Carolina St** - QB Phillip Rivers emerged from the spring as the leading candidate for the starting spot even though he broke the index finger on his throwing hand a few days before the spring game and will not be able to throw for 6 to 8 weeks. Jatavis Sanders, who is battling him for the spot, hit 10 of 20 for 155 yards in a light drizzle in the annual Red-White scrimmage. True freshmen Tokie McCray and LaGrant Maye hit just 4 of 12 passing and the leading rusher was Carlos Doggett, who had 45 yards on 16 carries, as starter Ray Robinson was held out of the game. The defense looked more aggressive and had 9 sacks in the game.

DE Karon Riley of Minnesota hopes he and his Golden Gopher mates can make another bowl appearance this year.

**Northwestern** - Randy Walker split the squad into the first team offense and second string defense (White) vs the first string defense and second string offense (Purple). The Purple was the winner in the spring game 20-14. QB Zak Kustok, for the losers, hit 21 of 34 passes for 165 yards. WR Teddy Johnson had 10 receptions proving to be the favorite target. The first team offense did not have Damien Anderson who did not play. True freshman RB Gilles Lezi, who was in for the spring, had 46 yards on 9 carries and Kevin Lawrence had 26 yards on 9 carries. Louis Ayeni, who was moved to WR most of the spring, did get five carries for 41 yards. Matt Danielson hit 2 of 5 passes for 39 yards including a 33 yard TD and Bob Barz hit 4 of 8 for 54 yards. The big news of spring game was that Walker unveiled the no huddle offense and ran most of the plays from the shotgun. Don't expect such drastic changes in the fall though as they are still a conservative offense.

**Ohio St** - The Scarlet and Gray game was played before 21,897 and the Scarlet team consisted of 1st stringers who simply dominated with a 34-0 win. The Scarlet piled up 506 yds total offense while holding the Gray to 164 yds. QB Steve Bellisari, in limited action, hit 5 of 6 passes and RB's Derek Combs and Jerry Westbrooks both topped 100 yards rushing. Backup QB Craig Krenzel hit 11 of 21 passes for 107 yards and Scott McMullen (PS#42) hit 10 of 20 for 181 yards. Normally Cooper split the squads into the first team offense and 2nd team defense vs the 1st team defense and 2nd team offense. He altered the format this year because he felt his team needed to gain confidence and regain its swagger. The Scarlet had a 22-5 FD edge and the top players including WR's Rambo and Germany played a little over 1Q. Mission accomplished.

**Oklahoma** - In a bit of an upset Josh Heupel's Red Team was defeated by the White 31-13 in the spring game played before an estimated 20,500 fans. Heupel hit 16 of 26 for 214 yards including an 80-yard TD pass on the first play but suffered an interception which was returned for a TD. Patrick Fletcher and Nate Hybl hit just 1 of 7 passes for 10 yards with 2 INT's and another one was returned for a TD. Hybl was the starting QB for the White and when on that squad hit 10 of 13 for 109 yards with 1 TD. When Fletcher played for the White, he hit 8 of 11 passes for 23 yards. Jason White was just 4 of 11 for 20 yards. RB Quentin Griffin did not play. The star of the game was S JT Thatcher who had 67 and 45 yard INT returns for TD's. Bob Stoops came out of the game pleased as they suffered no injuries. The White team consisted of defensive starters and offensive reserves. Dwight Mikisek was the game's leading rusher with 67 yards on 13 carries.

**Oklahoma St** - Coach Simmons did not split the squad as he usually does, instead he played the first string vs the second string in the spring game. TB Reggie White had 160 yards on 17 carries which bolds well as OSU did not have a single 100-yard rusher in a game last year. Jamaal Fobbs missed most of the spring with injury. OSU is opening up the offense this year with more passing and Rashaun Woods had 8 catches for 84 yards. Tony Lindsay had a solid spring game and Ben Bowling was very limited due to a broken hand. Aso Pogi took most of the snaps behind Lindsay but was 0-9 vs the first team defense in the second half. OSU's punt return coverage may be pitiful but they have some explosive returnmen as Gabe Lindsay had a 31 yard punt return for a TD and a 43-yarder called back and Bryant returned another 70 yards for a TD.

**Penn St** - Prior to the spring game Joe Paterno mentioned how important it was to field a Top 10 defense this year, even in the face of losing 9 defensive starters. In the spring game, the defense stuck to its basic alignments and wasn't allowed to hit the QB and it turned out to be a high scoring affair. QB Rashard Casey directed 2 TD drives on the first three possessions and the Blue team won 33-28. Casey played for the White team and hit 13 of 25 passes for 205 yards and 2 TD's. 50,000 fans were on hand making for one of the larger

spring game crowds. Matt Seneca hit 12 of 18 passes for 145 yards with 1 TD and 1 INT. Paterno was high on WR Rod Perry during the spring and he caught 5 passes for 59 yards. Eric McCoo rushed 7 times for 47 yards and had a 75 yard TD reception from RS frosh Sean Schellenger. The defense had a 99 yard INT return for a TD by Bruce Branch on the final play of the game. The two teams combined for 217 yards rushing in a game that was basically controlled by the offenses for both teams.

**Pittsburgh** - The defensive coordinator had to be happy with the results of the spring game as defense dominated in a 38-14 win. The defense got points for TD's, safeties, series stops and turnovers. The offense only made 2 late TD's. True freshman CB William Ferguson, a VHT (PS#27), had 2 interceptions. QB David Priestley missed spring due to injury and John Turman hit just 11 of 24 passes for 154 yards and 1 TD. Rod Rutherford (PS#9) looked as inexperienced as he is, hitting only 4 of 14 for 55 yards. With RB Kevan Barlow out of the lineup due to injury, Tory Cox moved to the 1st string and led the team with 65 yards on 16 carries and also had 65 yards on receiving. RB Nick Goings practiced most of the spring with ankle problems and had a bone chip removed after the spring and could be ready to emerge in the fall.

**Purdue** - The players picked sides in this Black and Gold game. Drew Brees, who was the loser in the '99 spring game, led the Gold team to a 35-14 victory. The Black had the top 3 RB's and the majority of the 1st string offensive line, while Brees got to work with most of the talented WR's. One of the stars in the spring was Brandon Hance (PS#14), a true freshman who emerged as the backup QB with a solid spring. Hance hit 9 of 14 for 159 yards and 2 TD's and also rushed for 48 yards on 4 attempts, also playing on the Gold team. Brees hit 14 of 25 for 202 yards. The game was played in front of a crowd of 9,000, a record for a Purdue spring game. RB Sedrick Brown was the top rusher with 70 yards on 10 carries but Tiller said that Montrell Lowe and Steve Ennis were 1-2 in the RB slot out of the spring.

**Rutgers** - QB Mike McMahon sat out the spring game still recovering from injury but should be close to 100 percent for the fall. Chad Schwenk, who had an impressive spring, completed just 11 of 23 passes for 109 yards on a wet rainy day. The new 3-4 defense dominated and won the spring game by a 22-3 margin using the modified scoring system where the defense was awarded points for stalled drives, safeties and turnovers. Rutgers was without 17 players overall, but almost all are expected to be back for the fall. Shawn Seabrooks and Brandon Shaw showed off their improved secondary with each nabbing an INT. In the offseason I read how some fans and teammates were questioning whether Mike McMahon should be the starter due to his poor stats for his first two years. Let's keep in mind last year in his first five games he faced California, Texas, Boston College, Wake Forest and Virginia Tech, all of whom had top notch defenses. Chad Schwenk's most impressive games were vs defenses like Temple and Navy. Now while Schwenk will be improved so will McMahon, and if McMahon gets the starting job this year you can look for him to have some great stats after two games as they open the season with Villanova and Buffalo.

**Sacramento St** - Yes, I know the Hornets are a I-AA team but this little blurb has little to do with what happened in the spring. There was not enough room on the I-AA page but I just wanted to talk about RB Charles Roberts. He has AVERAGED 2170 yards per season over his career and needs just 1264 more to top Ron Dayne's rushing total. He also has a shot at the I-AA overall rushing record, needing 2,030 yards to surpass Brian Shay from Emporia State who is the all-time leading rusher in all divisions. Hopefully Charles will be successful in his chase.

**San Diego St** - The Aztecs did not have one big scrimmage in the spring but did have three during the course of practices and the numbers that jump out at me are the fact that Jack Hawley, who took most of the snaps in the spring, hit 47 of 77 for 556 yards and 3 TDs. Last year Hawley was a JUCO transfer that struggled to adjust to the IA game and made far too many costly mistakes at the wrong times. In one of the spring games he hit 13 of 23 for 188 yards with 1 TD and more importantly, 0 INT's. Of course, Hawley was throwing against a defense that has just 2 returning starters from last year. He says the difference is like night and day saying he now can pick up blitzes easier and knows where his WR's will be. The leading ballcarrier in the game was JC transfer Tim Harper who had 52 yards on 7 carries. Larry Ned had 9 rushes for 43 yards and backup QB Lon Sherrif went thru a Ryan Leaf-type shoulder surgery in April and his status is questionable for the season.

**SMU** - Returning starting QB Josh McCown hit just 12 of 25 for 181 yards and after being in command of the starting job, might get some heat as Kelan Luker hit 20 of 28 for 310 yards and 4 TD's in the Mustangs' annual Blue/Red game. WR Brian McDerman, who had 6 rec's last year led, everyone with 10 catches for 166 yards.

**South Carolina** - The White defeated the Black 21-16 in the spring game although the Black had a 423-220 yard edge. RB Derek Watson had an 88 yard punt return for the White while rushing 57 yards on 13 carries. QB Eric Kimrey hit 14 of 27 for 130 yards but had 2 INT's. Phil Petty QB'd the Black team and hit 14 of 35 passes for 263 yards and Andrew Pinnock rushed for 88 yards on 15 carries. The Black led 13-9 at the half but the White got a fumble return for a TD and a 4Q TD to pull out the win. Holtz's commitment to the new pass offense appears legitimate as the spring game had 68 pass attempts and only 55 rush attempts but the defense dominated most of the spring.

**Syracuse** - There was no winner of the QB battle at Syracuse as all candidates still have a shot at the starting job. Chad Elliott got the best crowd reaction in the spring game with a couple of 50 yard bombs that just missed connecting. Troy Nunes led the team to its only scores as the Orange won a lackluster game in front of a crowd of just 1,000, 13-0. Pasqualoni says that he will hold four major scrimmages in August as opposed to his normal three in order to clarify the QB picture.

Sac St RB Charles Roberts hopes to breake the IAA rushing record.

RB LaDainian Tomlinson of TCU rested this spring to gear up for fall.

**TCU** - LaDainian Tomlinson will definitely have fresh legs this fall as he did not participate in any of the Frogs spring scrimmages and that is a good strategy as he had almost 2000 yards rushing last year and Franchione knows what he can do. TCU held 3 scrimmages and the spring game and QB Casey Printers was sharp, hitting 63% of his passes. The defense controlled most of the "games" and in the final spring game the White beat the Purple by an 8-7 score. QB Sean Stilley threw for 132 yards with a 77 yard TD. Tremaine Butler who is battling for the backup QB spot got a 1 yard QB sneak and passed for the two point conversion to deliver the win.

**Tennessee** - Phil Fulmer would have liked to have seen one QB take charge in the spring but it did not happen. He said he preferred to go into the fall with 2 QB's contending for the starting position but still has all four. In the spring game AJ Suggs had the best stats, hitting 5 of 8 passes for 76 yards. Casey Clausen hit 4 of 13 for 83 yards. Joey Matthews was 5 of 9 for 148 yards. John Rattay continued to struggle hitting just 2 of 10 for 19 yards and to me looks most likely headed for a redshirt. The White team beat the Orange team 31-13 and the leading rushers in the game were Kurston Biggers with 58 yards on 15 carries and Troy Fleming with 52 yards on 7 attempts.

Texas QB's Chris Simms and Major Applewhite were not able to compete for the job in spring as Applewhite was held out due to injury.

**Texas** - Chris Simms dislocated the ring finger of his throwing hand on the first series but still hit 10 of 11 passes for 129 yards directing the Orange squad (made up of 1st stringers) to a 26-10 victory before a record crowd of 22,000. Adam Hall, who decided to transfer after the spring, led the White team hitting 4 of 5 passes for 85 yards and a TD. Major Applewhite remains sidelined and is still a question mark for the fall recovering from knee surgery.

**Tulane** - The QB battle continued to heat up and JP Losman, who started off way behind at the beginning of spring, is closing in

on starter Patrick Ramsey. Losman hit 12 of 21 passes for 192 yards and 1 TD in the spring game. Ramsey, playing a limited role, hit just 5 of 9 for 47 yards with each directing 2 scoring drives vs the Tulane backups. The Green won the game 28-3 with the Green team consisting mostly of starters.

**UNLV** - QB Jason Thomas, who is 6-4 240, has a rocket for an arm and was timed at 4.46 in the 40 in the spring, hit 4 of 8 passes for 89 yards and 1 TD and 1 INT in the spring game. He also showed his mobility, rushing for 81 yards on 6 carries. Jason Vaughan hit just 3 of 5 passes for 21 yards and Matt Ray 1 of 4 for 18 yds with 1 INT. RB Kevin Brown had a 54 yard TD run and finished with 78 yards on just 5 carries. Jeremi Rudolph had 10 yards on 4 attempts. 1,200 fans showed up for the game and S Amar Brisco, who was just granted a 6th year of eligibility, had 2 of the defense's 3 INT's including one he returned 41 yards for a TD.

QB Carson Palmer of USC hit 67% of his passes for 155 yards in the spring game.

**USC** - QB Carson Palmer led the Cardinals to a 14-10 victory over the White played before 4,000 fans in the Trojan spring game. Palmer hit 14 of 21 for 155 yards and Mike Van Raaphorst hit 11 of 22 for 95 yards for the White. RB Malaefou MacKenzie had 87 yards rushing on 10 carries including a 71-yd TD run and Sultan McCullough had just 26 yards on 8 attempts.

**Utah** - The Utes did not really have a spring game as in their final scrimmage McBride kept most of his starters out including his top 2 QBs. In the two scrimmages that the starters played during the spring, TD Croshaw completed 13 of 17 passes for 166 yards and 2 TDs while Darnell Arceneaux hit 10 of 21 for 156 yards and 1 TD. D'Shaun Crockett was clearly the top RB and had 76 yards and 9 carries in those scrimmages. Croshaw seemed to have the upper hand in the QB race but Arceneaux closed in the final week and the job is still up for grabs.

**Vanderbilt** - The offense won the Black and Gold spring game using a modified scoring system. QB Greg Zolman hit 6 of 10 passes for 48 yards while Tim Olmstead hit 4 of 11 for just 34 yards. 3rd string QB Benji Walker hit 6 of 12 passes for 100 yards and also rushed for 29 yards and had a pair of TD's. All three QB's were victimized by dropped passes. Surprisingly, the leading ballcarrier was Chris Mitacek who rushed for 26 yards on 5 carries with McGrath and Williams combining for 37 yards on 6 attempts.

**Virginia Tech** - It was a rough spring game for Michael Vick as he hit just 2 of 11 passes for 26 yards with one interception and his Maroon team lost to the White 10-7. Vick's playmaking abilities were limited by the fact the plays stopped as soon as the defenders touched Vick. A lot of the plays that were blown dead, of course, would not have been in a real game. Andre Davis had an 84 yard punt return for a TD for the Maroon's only score and RB Lee Suggs had 72 yards on 12 carries. On the positive side from the spring game, a defense that lost 9 starters dominated play for both the Maroon and White and 21,000 fans showed up. The offenses had a combined 244 yards and hit just 6 of 32 passes.

**Wake Forest** - It wasn't exactly the type of spring game you would have expected from budding superstar C. J. Leak as he hit just 4 of 13 passes for 19 yards. Wake is having to replace 26 seniors from last year's Aloha Bowl winning team and also is missing 14 players due to injuries and was barely able to field two rosters. Jamie Scott was the leading rusher with 50 yards on 10 carries and Tarence Williams had 42 yards on 5 carries.

**W Michigan** - In the Broncos spring game the first string was the winner 16-14 after spotting the rest of the squad a 14 point lead. The QB's were said to have finished in a dead heat in the spring. Jeff Welsh hit 12 of 18 passes for 104 yards with an INT in the 1H. JC transfer Ryan Harris hit 13 of 20 for 168 yards with 2 TD's in the 2H. Coach Darnell said the defense is more attacking and has a solid personality this year.

**West Virginia** - The biggest news of the Blue and Gold game was that RB Quincy Wilson, who had a strong spring, went down to a torn knee ligament in the first quarter and will RS this year. He was the No. 2 RB at the time of the injury. The defense of the Blue squad ended up winning the scrimmage 57-51 over the Gold but the defense controlled the game. The offense got points for TD's and FG's and was awarded a point for each first down. The defense got points for forcing punts, 7 points for a defensive TD and 6 for forcing a turnover. Don Nehlen said after the game, "we have a starting 11 that can really run this year" referring to the defense. The first team defense led 26-2 at the end of the first quarter while not allowing a first down on 7 of 9 possessions and the offense had just 24 yards. QB Brad Lewis hit 8 of 19 for 111 yards while Scott McBrien hit 10 of 18 for 176 yards, 2 TD's and 1 INT. Nehlen pitted each unit against itself with first team against first team and second against second, etc. During the spring OC Bill Legg thought the OL was the strength of the offense but in the game, the Gold ran for just 80 yards on 61 attempts (1.3) and the QB's were sacked 14 times. Avon Cobourne had just 16 yards on 12 carries. WR Shawn Terry had 4 receptions for 97 yards (24.3) and could have earned the team's No. 3 WR slot.

**Wisconsin** - Approximately 20,000 fans showed up and the Cardinal used 2 fourth quarter TD's to defeat the White 28-24. Backup QB Jim Sorgi hit a 55 yard TD pass to Lee Evans for the game winner. Michael Bennett rushed for 88 yards on 13 carries in the first half for the Cardinal and Brooks Bollinger had 87 yds passing while Sorgi finished with 149 yds. Defensively, the Cardinal dominated, shutting out the White and holding them to 52 yards. Backup DE Delante McGrew had 3 sacks for the White. The White was given a 24-0 lead to begin the game and was comprised mostly of second teamers taking on the Badgers first squad. Bollinger hit just 4 of 13 passes.

**Wyoming** - Head coach Vic Koenning had the No. 1 units go against each other for the majority of the spring but for the spring game made it the first string vs the second string. The White squad (made up of the second stringers) was given a 14-0 lead and the Brown ended up winning 21-14 in a game dominated by snow. QB Jay Stoner had a solid day, hitting 12 of 17 passes for 111 yards with 1 TD and no INT's. RS freshman QB Casey Bramlet hit 6 of 7 passes for 72 yards. Brandon Neill hit 3 of 7 for 28 yards and the leading receiver turned out to be Meredeth Maxwell who had four receptions for 42 yards.


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# THE ROAD TO CHATTANOOGA, IAA

by Marlon Haynes

In 1999 the world saw the end of a millennium and also the life of one of the finest men to ever play the game of football, Walter Payton. Payton played football with every ounce of sweat, blood, tears and most of all, heart. It's only fitting that the IAA equivalent to the Heisman Trophy is called the Walter Payton Trophy. IAA athletes are usually undersized, tough and also overlooked, just as Payton was coming out of Jackson St. It also seems appropriate that Adrian Peterson was the recipient of the Walter Payton Trophy in 1999 as it was symbolic of a baton exchange between the past and present.

Adrian Peterson of Georgia Southern is a 1-AA success story.

Peterson (the younger brother of Mike Peterson, linebacker with the Indy Colts and former all SEC linebacker at University of Florida) grew up in Alachua, Florida, a small town north of Gainesville. Peterson has been a Gator fan as long as he could remember. In 1998, Peterson was crushed as Spurrier and his Florida staff signed 3 VHT RB's, but opted not to select him, believing that the 5-9 195 Peterson was too slow to play vs Tennessee and Florida St. Be that as it may, in just two seasons of college football, Peterson is already approaching career records that are over 25 years old and could eclipse 10,000 career yds for all games played, including playoffs.

Peterson leads the Statesmen of Georgia Southern, who return 10 starters from their National Championship team of 1999. Peterson is probably the 1st IAA player to be a Heisman hopeful since Gordie Lochbaum of Holy Cross back in the late 1980's. The Statesmen won't have to look very far for stiff competition as the Southern Conference provides some tough teams. Last year one of their two losses was to #9 Appalachian St (Oregon St was the other). The Mountaineers of Appalachian St, led by 16 returning starters from last year's Co-Southern Conference championship squad, return a pair of veteran QB's in Daniel Jeremiah and David Reaves who have shared the QB duties for the past two seasons. They also have plenty of experienced weapons at their disposal in the RB duo of Karim Razzak and Neil Cornatzer. The pair combined for 1,500 yards rushing and 15 TD's in 1999. The road to another Southern Conference title won't be easy as they open the 2000 campaign at Wake Forest on August 31st and face Georgia Southern on October 14th. Certainly they won't be looking ahead to the road trip to Statesboro since the week before they host Furman. Furman's 1st three games this year are at home and they should be 5-0 before traveling to App St October 7th. In addition, they host Georgia Southern on November 11th for Homecoming. The Paladins return 47 lettermen and 17 starters from their 9-3 squad that knocked the Tar of the Heels of UNC 28-3, on the road!

The Atlantic 10 Conference is one of the premiere D-I basketball conferences in the country. Most of the members play football at the IAA level with the exception of Temple and Virginia Tech, who are members of the Big East in football. This year the A10 loses UConn who moves to IA and will soon play in the Big East as well. There has been discussion that Massachusetts, the 1998 IAA National Champions, is the next A10 team planning the leap of faith into the deep waters of IA football. For now they return a tremendous array of talent. The Minutemen probably could finish in the middle of the pack if they were playing in the Big East. They return AA RB Marcel Ship who has rushed for nearly 2,000 yards in both of the past 2 seasons. He will challenge Peterson of Georgia Southern as the top back in IAA. They also return WR Adrian Zullo who is a member of the U Mass track team with world class speed and caught 81 passes in 1999. Defensively they return Kole Ayi, one of the top LB's in the NCAA. Last year he was runnerup for the Buck Buchanan Award which is given to the top IAA defensive player. Also, two AA DB's return in Jeremy Robinson and Brian Smith, plus Rob Williams transfers in from Auburn to man the corner spot opposite VHT Corey Edwards (4.3 speed, 10.45 100m). Corey was PS#30DB out of high school in 1998 and originally committed to play at the University of Georgia. Obviously with this type of talent the Minutemen will once again vie for IAA supremacy, but they aren't the only A10 squad in contention. The Dukes of James Madison are also looking to make a run at the IAA title. JMU has sent plenty of talent to the NFL lately like Curtis Keaton and Macy Brooks to name a few. Last season JMU finished 8-4 and tied for the A10 title behind the fine running of TB Keaton, (4th draft pick of the Cincinnati Bengals). William & Mary along with Villanova and the Blue Hens of Delaware look to challenge for playoff berths this season as well.

Bobby Bowden is to D-I football as Jim Tressel is to IAA. In the last 5 years, both Notre Dame and the University of Miami have expressed interest in Tressell. However this year the Youngstown St Penguins, fresh off their national runner up finish, will be experiencing somewhat of a rebuilding year. Last year in the Gateway Conference they finished behind Illinois St, who finished 8th nationally and were national semifinalists last season. The Redbirds used a balanced rushing attack in 1999 led by the explosive Willie Watts, who averaged 6.5 ypc a year ago. Watts looks ready to improve on those numbers as evident by his outburst of 143 yds in the Redbirds' spring game. N Iowa also looks strong as they have been regular participants in the IAA playoffs over the past decade. The UNI Panthers return 22 lettermen and 12 starters from last year's 8-3 team and host Illinois St on September 30th. However, they have tough road trips to Youngstown and Boise St to contend with as well.

Looking at yet another conference, last year NC A&T raced to an unbeaten record in MEAC play. However it was the Rattlers of Florida A&M who advanced to the IAA semifinals before falling to Youngstown St late in the 4th quarter. FAMU returns DE Jauron Dailey, a potential NFL 1st round pick. In 1999, Dailey finished with 18 sacks to lead the MEAC and will vie for AA honors. WR Jacquay Nunnally returns with the sub 4.3 speed he displayed this spring while catching 3 TD passes in the Rattlers' spring game. Both Florida A&M and the Aggies of NC A&T will receive stiff competition from the Pirates of Hampton, who finished 8-4 in 1999 and won the Heritage Bowl in Atlanta last December over the Jaguars of Southern University.

In the SWAC, Pete Richardson has turned Southern University into a perennial power. They host Jackson St in New Orleans on Sept 23rd and also non-conference rival Florida A&M in Baton Rouge before the annual State Farm Bayou Classic, which is always a very festive affair vs instate rival Grambling St. The Tigers of Jackson St lose a lot of talent from one of the most explosive offenses the SWAC has ever seen. That's saying a lot when the league has produced such names as Steve "Air" McNair, Jerry "All World" Rice, Willie "Satellite" Totten and the man simply known as Payton. Sylvester Morris oj JSU may have been the best overall WR in college football a year ago and was a 1st Rd DC of KC. JSU also loses Destry Wright's 1,200 yds rushing. They do return Mark Washington, the "Triggerman," of a unit that was one of 4 teams in all of NCAA D-IA or D-IAA to average over 500 yds per contest.

Early in the year, JSU gets their first test when they travel to Memphis to take on the Tigers of Tennessee St of the OVC, who finished 11-0 and were ranked #1 in the IAA poll at the end of the regular season behind the arm of record setting QB Leon Murray. Murray was injured late in the season and the TSU Tigers' chances of their first National Title since the retirement of big John Merritt over 20 years ago were crushed. This year Roy Kidd and his Colonels of Eastern Kentucky should return to their customary spot perched atop the OVC standings. EKU returns 15 starters from a 7-4 team. They also get Tennessee St and instate rival Murray St at home in Richmond.

Out west, offense is the name of the game. Four Big Sky teams were among the Top 13 offenses in IAA for total passing yards. In 1999 the Grizzlies of Montana averaged a colossal 517.3 ypg. Although they passed for 370 ypg, they did offer some balance with Yohance Humphrey who returns after rushing for 1,277 yds and 15 TD's. QB Drew Miller was 1st Team Big Sky and threw for 3,461 yds and 32 TD's! He returns with Jeremy Watkins who had 63 rec for 1,025 yds and 9 TD's plus University of Miami RB Derryl Williams transfers in to add depth. NFL prospect Kamakana Kaimuola (6-5 300) is just one of 4 OL's returning. On defense Montana returns Marcus Wilson (6-1 225) who has 4.4 speed and also was 1st Team Big Sky. Their main competition should be from pass happy Portland St. This is the place where the run-and-shoot was created back in 1975 when Mouse Davis took over as head coach. For 6 consecutive years Portland St led NCAA D-II in passing. Most of the numbers were produced by Neil Lomax who excelled with the St Louis Cardinals. Jimmy Blanchard is the QB of the high powered attack this year and passed for 3,098 yds on 355 attempts last year with 29 TD's and only 3 int's! They would pose more of a threat if they could stop their opponents from posting similar numbers vs their porous defense as they had no defensive starters earn All Conference honors. Another solid team is McNeese St, who returns 47 lettermen and 16 starters from a 6-5 unit that rallied back from a 2-4 start. The emergence of Slade Nagle at QB was the difference for the Cowboys in 1999. Nagle returned home after spending a couple years at Clemson. Nagle finished with 1,095 yds passing in the final 5 games (4-1 record). The Cowboys came from behind to knock off Jacksonville St then pulled one of the biggest upsets of the year defeating then #1 Troy St. The Cowboys will be improved in 2000 and will receive a stiff challenge from Troy St for the Southland Conference title. Troy St is playing in their final season of D-IAA ball before moving to D-IA in 2001.

Now that all is said and done, we present our D-IAA Top 25. This does not figure to be as accurate as the D-IA list because we do not have extensive power ratings on these teams, but we believe this to be a solid attempt at ranking these schools for the 2000 season. We hope your favorite IAA school made the list!!!

**2000 IAA TOP 25**

1. Massachusetts
2. Georgia Southern
3. Illinois State
4. Montana
5. Appalachian State
6. Troy State
7. Florida A & M
8. Eastern Kentucky
9. Furman
10. Southern
11. Youngstown State
12. McNeese State
13. James Madison
14. Northern Iowa
15. N Carolina A&T
16. Portland State
17. Colgate
18. Elon College
19. Stephen F. Austin
20. Jackson State
21. South Florida
22. Hampton
23. Hofstra
24. Lehigh
25. Tennessee State

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# Super Six Angles Week by Week for 2000

### Sept 2nd
Army is 1-5-1 in road openers.
BYU is 2-11 in season openers.
Fresno St is 1-6 in 1st of 2 or more away games.
Louisville is 0-9 in 1st lined home game.
Michigan is 1-5 L/6 in home openers.
Ohio St is 10-3 last 13 home openers.

### Sept 9th
Alabama is 2-8 in 1st conference game.
Colorado is 2-10 vs non-conf teams.
Miami is 8-1 L/9 road openers.
SU winner is 8-1 L/9 in Minnesota vs current Big 12 teams.
Visitor is 9-0-1 L/10 N Carolina/Wake Forest games.
Oregon is 10-3 L/13 road openers.

### Sept 16th
Arizona St is 2-7 in non-conf games L/3 years.
Cincinnati is 2-8 L/10 road openers.
LSU is 7-1 in conference openers.
Memphis is 8-2 L/10 road openers.
Rice is 4-0 SU and ATS L/4 vs Tulsa.
SMU is 1-6 L/7 non-conf games.

### Sept 23rd
Air Force is 7-2 in road openers.
Alabama is 10-2 away off 2 home games.
Cal is 3-12 as a road fav since 1991.
Georgia Tech is 8-1-1 vs N Carolina St.
Navy is 10-2 L/12 vs Big East teams.
Tulane is 7-2 L/9 vs current WAC teams.

### Sept 30th
Colorado St is 13-2 after a bye week.
Favorite is 11-4 in Iowa vs Indiana series.
SU winner is 29-4 L/3 years in New Mexico games.
Oregon is 10-1 in the last of a 2+ homestand.
Texas Tech is 9-2 vs Texas A&M.
UCLA is 1-6 L/7 vs Arizona St.

### Oct 7th
E Carolina is 7-2 L/9 vs Memphis.
Georgia is 2-6 vs Tennessee.
Kansas has lost 6 straight and is 2-8 L/10 vs Kansas St.
San Diego St is 2-6 L/8 vs Wyoming.
The underdog is 9-2 L/11 in Texas/Oklahoma series.
Texas Tech is 7-1 L/8 Homecoming games.

### Oct 14th
Clemson is 7-0 SU & ATS at home vs Maryland.
Florida is 7-1 L/8 prior to a bye.
Visitor is 9-1-1 L/11 in Iowa/Illinois conflicts.
Visitor is 7-1 L/8 in Michigan/Indiana contests.
N Carolina is 7-0 SU and 6-1 ATS vs N Carolina St.
Visitor is 0-8 ATS in Vanderbilt/Georgia series.

### Oct 21st
Alabama is 8-1 as an away dog.
Florida St is 6-2 vs Virginia L/8
Iowa is 2-8 L/10 vs Ohio St.
The SU winner is 6-0 ATS L/6 in Michigan St/Michigan series.
Rice is 10-3 as a HD L/13
S Carolina is 7-1 L/8 vs Vanderbilt.

### Oct 28th
BYU is 8-0 in 2nd of B2B home games.
USC is 3-7 L/10 vs Cal.
Missouri is 7-1-1 L/9 in 2nd straight road game.
Purdue is 0-7 SU, 1-5-1 ATS L/7 vs Ohio St.
Home team is 12-2 L/14 in Virg/N Carolina series.
Washington is 7-1 L/8 games vs Stanford.

### Nov 4th
Colorado St is 12-2 in November since 1995.
In Hawaii/Fresno St series home team is 7-1.
Kansas is 1-12 as an away dog L/13
Kentucky is 10-1 after a bye.
Nevada is 0-7 L/7 November home games.
Temple is 1-7 after a bye week.

### Nov 11th
Duke is 0-6 L/6 vs N Carolina St.
Georgia Tech is 2-8 L/10 home finales.
Illinois is 11-4 L/15 vs Ohio St.
Indiana is 1-9 in home finales that do not involve Purdue.
Iowa is 8-2 L/10 home finales.
Michigan is 9-0 L/9 final home games.

### Nov 18th
Visitor in Cal/Stanford series is 7-1.
Duke is 8-1 in home finales.
E Carolina is 10-1 in 1st of B2B home games.
Home team is 9-3 in Florida/Florida St games.
Memphis is 9-0-2 vs Tulane.
Home team is 2-9-1 in Purdue/Indiana games.

### Nov 25th
Colorado is 11-3 L/14 in final away game.
Visitor is 10-2 L/12 in Pitt/W Virginia games.
Favorite is 1-10 L/11 in Georgia/Georgia Tech series.
Tennessee is 17-0 SU and 12-5 ATS in final road game.
Texas is 12-4-1 L/17 after a bye week.
Texas A&M is 9-2 L/11 road finales.

## ATTENTION!

There are 3 methods of handicapping: Fundamental, Situational & Technical. Of the 3, I rate Technical Handicapping (Angles) as the third most important in college football handicapping. I list all of these trends & angles in this book so you do not have to research them. Please do not get the impression that I am a Technical Handicapper. I use all 3, but **I am first & foremost a Fundamental Handicapper** who looks at the talent differences & matchups between the two teams. I believe Fundamental handicapping is most important, followed by Situational & lastly Technical. (See page 241).

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# DETERMINING NATIONAL CHAMP - BOWLS OR PLAYOFF?

by Phil Steele

One of the hottest topics in college football in the 90's was how to determine the National Champ. There have been many times at the end of the year that one team emerges from the polls as the No. 1 team and National Champion, but many feel that another team or teams were deserving of the title and were not given the proper shot to prove it. I must admit that I am a traditionalist when it comes to college football. I love the rivalries and the tradition of the bowls. During the month of December I am a bowl junkie and I find each bowl to be interesting and feel that they provide teams with a reward for a successful season.

I know that in college basketball the March Madness tournament is a major success. TV ratings are high and everyone in the country participates in their office pools predicting who will be the National Champ. Many have said they would like to see such a tournament for NCAA football as well. They propose a tournament featuring perhaps the top sixteen teams for NCAA football, but I definitely disagree with that point. Here's the main reason why. If you take a look at the NCAA hoops tournament and who is crowned champion, I think you will find that the most dominating team of the basketball season does not always win the championship. How can you say that a team like the 1985 Villanova squad which finished the regular season 16-10 was the best team in the country simply because they won their last 6 games in the NCAA tournament? There were 10 teams during the regular season who were stronger than them. To say at the end of the year that a team that lost 10 games was the strongest team in the NCAA was a joke and meant that the entire regular season was meaningless.

QB Eric Crouch & the Huskers are aiming for another National Title.

The current BCS bowl method of determining the National Champion also has its flaws. The past two years really points this out. In 1998, my No. 1 team in the country in the preseason was Ohio St. There is no doubt in my mind that Ohio St was the strongest and most complete team in the country, but a late season upset to Michigan St cost them a shot in appearing in the National Championship Game. The BCS picked Florida St, a team with one loss and starting a backup QB, to take on Tennessee in the bowl game and the Volunteers eventually won the National Championship. Tennessee was far from a perfect team that year and caught many fortunate breaks to get into the title game and remain undefeated. Had Ohio St played either Florida St or Tennessee in that year's Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes would have been favored by no less than the ultimate authority, the Las Vegas sportsbooks (the ones that make a living by knowing who the stronger teams are). The Buckeyes had to settle for second place after they whipped Texas A&M in their bowl game.

Last year in my magazine, I called for Nebraska to finish No. 1 in the country. No one else had Nebraska listed in the Top 5. The Huskers had a dominating year, but once again, one bad game vs. Texas in which Nebraska had a 429-275 yard edge but could not overcome 6 turnovers did them in. They later avenged that loss to Texas big time in the Big 12 championship game with a 22-6 dominating win proving they were a stronger team than the Horns. They then dismantled Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl even more impressively than the 31-21 final indicates.

Florida St was a good team last year but played their usual soft ACC schedule and even then had some close calls vs Georgia Tech, Clemson and Florida during the season. Virginia Tech was a great story last year going undefeated and getting to the National Title Game. The Hokies benefitted from a soft schedule as well, playing no one near the caliber of Nebraska during the season. Once again had Nebraska played either Virginia Tech or Florida St in the National Title Game, I feel Las Vegas would have placed Nebraska in the favorite's role. The Huskers probably would have defeated either of those two foes as they were the most complete team with the best defense in the country.

QB Chris Weinke & his Seminoles hope to repeat as champs.

As you can tell, I feel that the best team in the country did not win the National Title the last two years and I really think that a team that suffers just one tough loss, but is dominating in every other game, deserves a shot at the National Title Game. I see a lot of proposals for 8 and 16 team matchups but I feel that is going too far. As I previously pointed out, there is no reason to include teams with numerous losses as if they were true National Championship contenders. If they were, they would have taken care of business during the season. I also think that by including teams with 2 or 3 losses in the National Championship picture, you dilute the greatness of college football during the regular season. There ARE many games with National Championship implications during the regular season. As an example, when Florida and Florida St face off every year, normally one is eliminated from the championship race and the other is still alive. Why not let those games keep their "playoff-like" atmosphere thus preserving their importance. If you expand the field to 16, you allow teams to be able to lose games like that and still look forward to the postseason and a shot at the title. I do not want to dilute college football during the regular season and feel that only a select few who meet the challenges deserve to be in the final chase.

Here is my plan to determine the National Champ and actually it is very close to what we have now. It should be feasible in the foreseeable future and I feel it would also establish the true National Champs. To determine the National Champ, I feel they should continue with the BCS rankings but include the top FOUR teams in the BCS chase. The two semifinal games would be played on January 1 (games have been on Jan. 1, 2 & 4 L/2 yrs) and rotate as the bowls do now between the Rose, Orange, Sugar or Fiesta. The top 4 teams in the country according to the BCS would be invited, which if you look at the last two years, this would have included No. 3 Ohio St and No. 3 Nebraska. In this scenario the teams decide who is the National Champ on the field. No. 1 would face No. 4 and No. 2 would face No. 3 in the Jan 1 bowls and after these matchups, the Championship Game would be played during the bye week before the Super Bowl. This would allow the teams plenty of time to prepare and for fans to make travel arrangements given the three to four week span. It also gives football fans something to look forward to during the week that the NFL is not in playoff action.

There would be absolutely no question that it would be a true National Title Game as the top teams would be involved. Now let's take a look at how this would have affected the 1998 and 1999 races. In 1998, Ohio St would have faced Florida St in one of the semifinal matchups. Florida St with a backup QB would have been no match for the Buckeye's top rated defense and Ohio St would have advanced. Tennessee would have matched up with Kansas St, a team that was unbeaten until the Big 12 Championship Game. In that particular game, I would have rated it a toss-up as both would have had a chance to advance. I still feel Ohio St would have polished off whomever emerged from that game but as you can see, I do not feel the best two teams participated in the "National Title" game the BCS presented. Team No. 5 was Arizona and No. 6 was UCLA and I do not feel that either of those teams were National Title caliber. They simply achieved their records by playing in the inferior PAC 10 and really did not have defenses comparable to the top 4 teams. Teams #5 and #6 and so on really do not have the caliber to compete in a title game and these teams do not deserve an expanded field.

Last year Nebraska would have faced Virginia Tech in one of the semifinal games. The Huskers' defense would have contained Michael Vick and in a tight, low scoring game the Huskers would have advanced as their tougher schedule would have had them better prepared. Florida St would have faced whomever the BCS poll had rated in the #4 slot. Wisconsin was #4 in both polls even though they had two losses and 'Bama and Tennessee were #'s 5 and 6 even though both had 2 losses. Kansas St was #8 but with only one loss. A strong case could be made AGAINST all 4 from having a shot at the National Title Game but since you have to pick one, let's say Kansas St was chosen because of their superior record. As you can see, last year there would not have been any complaints of teams left out as it was tough to find one that was at the level of the top 3. Florida St would have dispatched whomever made it and that would have forced a true National Title Game between Nebraska and Florida St, who were in reality the top two teams.

In 1997 the "final four" would have been Michigan, Nebraska, Florida St and North Carolina. This is one year where there would have been little question as to who the top 2 teams were as Michigan and Nebraska should have met in the title game with both teams going unbeaten. If the two had played there would have been no split of the National Title, and a true champion could have been crowned. The #5 team was twice beaten (UCLA) and the #6 team was twice beaten (Florida) and they once again did not deserve a role in the title game chase. The current BCS system which was devised after the 1997 season would also have provided the same outcome as it would have matched the two unbeaten teams but I find fault with a system that would have given us a true title game in just 1 out of 3 years.

For those that complain about adding extra games, only 2 out of 115 teams would be "forced" to play in this big game and I'm sure those student athletes would find a way to complete their studies. The 3 week layoff would probably give enough time for any minor injuries from the Jan 1st bowl game to heal, yet not be as big a layoff as the teams have now during the bowls and may lead to a more crisply played title game. There would be plenty of interest in not just bowl games each year but there would now be THREE games that would capture major ratings as the two preliminary games would be higher rated than any current regular bowl. The other bowls would remain intact, and would be a reward for teams after a solid season and we would have a true National Champion every year. We would also make sure that all of the major regular season games were played with the same importance that they have today, and the polls would be of major interest all year just as they are today.

# Handicapping Tips for 2000

## By Phil Steele

The first season of the new millennium is just ahead of us and I thought I would provide some miscellaneous tips to help you achieve a better winning percentage during the year. Hopefully you will find this article profitable. I have updated some things I mentioned in last year's article, but there **IS** new information so make sure to read on.

I will start out looking at some classic letdown and lookahead situations. Before you go on a big trip you usually spend a little time preparing for it. Do teams get a little distracted the week before traveling to Hawaii? The answer appears to be yes as they are just 15-28 ATS the week prior to a trip to the Islands. This situation certainly has merit, but last year teams in this spot were a surprising 5-1 ATS, so I will have to watch this closely to see if this system stays in effect. The difference may have been the improved play of the Rainbow Warriors, as perhaps teams in the past were looking forward to an easy win and spending time in paradise, and now know they will have to be at the top of their games so lookahead is not as much of a factor.

Let's dissect that one a little further. Trips to Hawaii can be a big thing for anyone, especially college kids. It is a grueling plane flight and then coaches find it tough to keep their team focused in paradise. Hawaii has taken advantage of the visiting teams and are 26-19-1 ATS as a home underdog since 1987, and that record includes a dismal 1-4 showing in the disastrous 1998 campaign. If you discount that season the record of this system climbs up to a 63% success rate.

Bye weeks can be very important for teams. More coaches & athletic directors are realizing this & more bye weeks are popping up on the dockets of many programs. During the course of a long football season, an off week gives the players' bodies a chance to fully rejuvenate and gives their minds a much needed break. The team also gets to spend a couple of weeks preparing for their upcoming opponent. This has proven to be a large advantage, especially late in the season. A recent study shows that teams with bye weeks in the last 3 weeks of the year vs unrested teams have covered the spread 67.3% of the time. That is very impressive and something to look for this year. Teams in that spot were 17-12 (59%) last season and I will be watching out for this system this season.

Giving top notch coaches an extra week to prepare is usually an advantage. We know how well coaches like Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden do in bowl games. Given extra time to prepare they make sure all the details are covered. This also applies during the regular season. Here are some coaches & programs and their performance the week after a bye.

Steve Spurrier (Florida) is now 8-3 ATS after a bye in the regular season. Kentucky has had a couple of coaches but is 10-1 ATS after a bye the last 11. Lou Holtz did a great job with the Irish but lately things have not gone as well for Bob Davie as the Domers are 0-3 ATS after a bye the last two seasons. Speaking of Sweet Lou, he was 9-4 ATS after a bye while at ND. Last year winless SC took on the powerful Gators of Florida but the Gamecocks had the benefit of a bye & lost by just 17 as 27 point dogs. They are in the same scheduling situation this year on November 11th, so keep an eye on that situational play. Oregon plays on a hard home surface that takes its toll in a long season. They recover nicely whenever given a bye and are 9-2 ATS the next week. One other team that fits into this situation is the Lobos of New Mexico. They are 4-0 ATS their last 4 home games after a bye, probably due to the fact that they are much more acclimated to the altitude than their opponents are. This also holds true when looking at New Mexico's 2nd straight home game, as they are 10-3-1 ATS their last 14 tries when they are hosting back to back games. They are in that spot three times this year, so make sure to mark your calender for those occurrences.

Here is another fine winning trend in college football. What if I told you that over the last 17 years there was a certain situation in which underdogs have covered 66% of the time! This system went 11-2 (85%) in 1995! Of those 11 wins, EIGHT were outright upsets! In 1997 this situation for the underdog produced a remarkable 13-1 93% record!! The last three years this system has gone 27-12 (69%). Now what if I told you that no research was necessary to find out the weekly play?

Quite simply, this "system" is to play on the Underdog Play of the Week in my Power Sweep weekly newsletter. For 17 years it has been located on page 6 each and every week. On Sunday night just as the pro games are finishing, I already have the upcoming week's college games analyzed. I get the lines Sunday night and then decide which underdog I like best for the upcoming week. 66% is a great 17 year record and the 27-12 the last 3 years has made a lot of readers happy.

I put a lot of hard work into Power Sweep each week and pack it with information just like this magazine. If you have not yet read an issue of Power Sweep, call our offices at 1-800-654-3448 and we will send you out an issue absolutely free during the football season with no sales pressure! We will not even ask for your phone number so no salesperson will call you.

Moving to another subject, some teams have no trouble adapting to turf changes during the year. Others really struggle on a surface different from their own. Army is a prime example. They are very tough on the artificial turf of their home stadium. When they go on the road and play on natural grass (which is rare) they struggle. They are now 2-21 straight up on natural grass the last 23 games. Since 1991 they are just 6-13 ATS on the real stuff. For Hawaii to play on grass they must travel to the continental U.S. That turns out to be very tough for them. They are just 7-14-1 ATS their last 22 on natural grass, but as the most improved team in the country last year, they went 3-0 both SU & ATS on grass. It will be interesting to see if that new trend continues. Nebraska is built for speed and artificial turf. Their option offense thrives on the fake stuff. They are just 4-8-1 ATS on natural grass during the regular season the last 8 years.

One other thought while discussing turf, even though there is not enough statistical data to have an ATS trend develop. There are several schools that are changing from the hard surface of "traditional" artificial turf & going with synthetic blends that hold up just as well but are not as hard physically on the players. The intent of this change is to prevent injuries and it has seemed to work in the places that have already switched over. I feel more schools should do this because it will only serve to keep the players healthier & fresher for the key late season games. Now, back to handicapping...

I find misleading final scores to be a major source of winners during the season. If you check out my Turnovers = Turnaround article on page 239 you will get an in-depth explanation on some misleading final scores from last year. I have a section entitled Misleading Final Scores on the front page of Power Sweep each week.

I owe a lot of my handicapping and football knowledge to my late father Hank. He was a big football fan and I took it up with the same enthusiasm. I can still remember devising my power ratings as a young teenager, with a lot to learn. My very first lesson on rivalry games was a memorable one. I do not remember the year but it was the Kansas-Kansas St game. My power ratings (yes I did them even then) showed that one of the teams should win by 30 and the Vegas line was just 13! My dad said that rivalry games tended to be closer than expected many times. He was right about that game and since then I have always kept an eye on rivalry games.

In the next column I have listed some big rivalries and their recent ATS histories.

USC-UCLA - These two don't have to travel far and it is one of the biggest rivalries. Not surprisingly the underdog has now won NINE of the last 11 ATS in this series with many outright upsets!

Clemson-South Carolina - Once again the two schools do not have to travel far and this one favors the visitor. This visiting team has also won 9 of 11 ATS and is 15-4 ATS the last 19 years.

Army-Navy - The underdog is 8-4 ATS the last 12 meetings in their fierce rivalry.

Oklahoma-Texas - The underdog is a super 9-3 ATS in this matchup.

As you can see, rivalry games can bring out the best in an underdog team.

Every year prior to the football season, I go over every single college football match up. I look at how the two teams matchup against each other, how they have fared in the past in the series, turf, letdown, lookahead, bye weeks, etc. I then come up with a Preseason "Northcoast Line" on the game. Since this is prepared prior to the season, many things can change by the time October or November rolls around and sometimes the actual line that week is off by as many as 10 to 21 points from my preseason Northcoast Line. The key to a winning season is line value. Two years ago I wanted to see if those big differences meant "line value" once the game rolled around.

I put a brand new section in Power Sweep and appropriately entitled it "Line Value Plays of the Week." It was the first time I had charted them and I let the readers chart them with me. The results have been a fairly solid 61-51 55% winners for the last two years. I will give you a couple of examples from last season.

Early on in the season I knew that Illinois was an underrated ball club and would be VERY improved in 1999. I thought they should be around a 4 to 6 point favorite when they hosted San Diego State on September 11th. I was shocked when I saw that the Aztecs were favored by 3.5. I used the Illini as a Line Value Play that week and they easily covered as they demolished SDST 38-10 to post the "upset" winner. I felt my preseason Northcoast Line really gave me a big edge in this game. Looking at a late season affair, my preseason Northcoast Line for the Wake Forest / Georgia Tech game had the contest at Pick'em. Well, the Demon Deacons came into the game with a 5-5 record & had just lost to lowly Duke. Meanwhile the Engineers were a media darling due the wizardry of Joe Hamilton & coming in at 7-2 & thereby installed as a 9 point road favorite. That gave me 9 points of "line value" and that & other factors persuaded me to make the Deacs my Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep. They did not disappoint, as they delivered a 26-23 victory that spurred them onto an Aloha Bowl berth.

I could list many more plays, but as you see Line Value is very important. If you want Line Value plays like this in 2000, take a few spare weeks and sit down and project the number on every major college contest for the entire upcoming year and keep close track closely of the number. For a more simple and time saving method, you could just pick up that week's copy of the Power Sweep newsletter and let me do the work for you.

There are a couple of other interesting situations that I have discovered through some extra research. As I mentioned earlier in this article a team's performance prior to playing Hawaii tends to suffer just preparing for a big trip. Well, in much the same way you know that after you have hosted a big party or get together that the next couple of days are kind of low key. Well, that works in college football as well after hosting a major opponent. Did you know that after hosting perennial national title contender Florida State teams are a woeful 5-16-1(24%) ATS since 1981? There are other interesting tidbits for your handicapping arsenal but the type is small enough already, so I will save the rest of this type of information for upcoming issues of Power Sweep. Here's to a great 2000!!

# WHAT EXACTLY IS A PS NUMBER??

One very important part of my College Football magazine is individual players' "PS Numbers". You will see them on almost every page and I find them very important in my analysis of a team. If you are a regular reader of Power Sweep or have purchased my magazine before, I am sure you are very familiar with what each player's PS # stands for. This article is for those of you picking up my magazine for the first time and asking the question I list at the top of the page.

A simple definition for a PS # is my ranking of the players at their positions coming out of high school. I personally do not scout all of the high school games and rate each player. Covering college football and the NFL like I do takes 52 weeks of the year as it is. I compile my PS #'s based on many different recruiting services across the country. I like to use all of the biggest and best and also get some from each part of the country. On the bottom right of this page, I list the top recruiting services that I use.

When I receive a recruiting magazine, I translate each one's ranking into a point system from 1-100. We then log each and every player into the computer and give them the total points from each service. This is a very time consuming process. This year's 2000 Freshmen List has 7,576 players on it!!! Many players are listed by just 1 or two sources. Some are mentioned by almost every one. The more they are mentioned by and the higher they are rated in each publication, the more total points they accrue. After the months of entering in all this information is complete, I sort the list by each position and by total points. Naturally the QB with the most total points then becomes PS #1 QB for that year. If a player is PS #99 QB, that means he ranks 99th in total points of all QB's coming out of high school.

Some positions do not have as many players as others. As an example this year's PS #99 TE totaled just 98.9 points in my system. PS #99 OL this year had 358.4 points!! The reason is simple. There are FIVE offensive linemen and just one TE on the field. Naturally there are 5 times as many OL's to choose from as TE's, making it much more competitive. A player with 98.9 points in the offensive line is rated PS #334 OL this year. The PS # is not their overall rank in the freshmen class, but their overall rank AT THAT POSITION in the freshmen class.

I also track JUCO's. A JUCO is a player who went to Junior College after high school and played football there. They use up a year of their college eligibility for every year they play and most come in as Juniors. They are seasoned players and older and usually can make an immediate impact.

So what is the big deal about where they ranked out of high school? I equate it to where a player was ranked in the NFL draft. Obviously, there are some outstanding players in the NFL who were low round draft picks or even signed as undrafted free agents. However, the majority of the all stars in the NFL are higher round draft picks and 1st round picks usually make an impact in their first year.

Colleges are much the same. There are plenty of players without a high PS # who end up making it big. Andre Wadsworth is a prime example. He was a walk-on at Florida St and came in weighing 210 pounds. He bulked up through intensive strength training and ended up a #1 NFL draft pick. Some kids come into college a small 17 or 18 year old and grow into big, strong, fast players and make All Conference teams. Just like the NFL, there are a good number of these types of stories. But also just like the NFL, there are many MORE cases of those players who come in highly ranked out of high school who become stars and make an immediate impact.

I'll give you some examples. LaVar Arrington was PS #1 LB in 1997 and ended up the #2 overall pick in the draft (See NFL Draft a VHT day - page 247). In 1994, Peyton Manning was PS #2 QB and started as a true frosh. TE Tony Gonzalez was PS #1 TE (now with KC Chiefs). Orlando Pace was PS #1 OL and started as a true frosh and like Manning, was the first overall pick in the NFL draft. In 1995 the top 2 RB's were Kevin Faulk and Ahman Green and Randy Moss was PS #1 WR. In 1996, Andy Katzenmoyer was PS #1 LB and he also starred as a true frosh. Tim Couch was PS #1 QB. Ron Dayne was PS #3 RB and rushed for over 2,000 yards as a true frosh. Corey Dillon was PS #3 JUCO and he powered the Washington Huskie's offense. In 1997, Travis Minor was PS #1 RB and he ended up a starter at Florida St. Akili Smith was PS #1 JUCO and he was a high NFL DC. These are just some examples but as you see the lower the PS #, the better chance the player has of making a big impact in college.

I find PS #'s to be very helpful in my handicapping. Many times after players graduate, the talent behind them is unknown because they have not played a lot of college ball. Much like you would expect a first or 2nd round draft pick in the NFL to be able to step into an open starting spot quickly, the higher rated players can usually step in and do well. That is the value of a PS #.

Before I wrap this article up, I would like to go over a couple of commonly used abbreviations that are in the magazine. First of all now that you know what a PS # is, naturally the PS stands for Phil Steele or my rating out of high school. I also use HT often. HT is a highly touted athlete. In the past this has been a player who ranks in the top 100 at his position out of high school. Naturally with 50 states that comes out to about 2 players per state at each position. A VHT is a player rated among the top 20 out of HS. I have changed the HT and VHT (very highly touted) guidelines in the past couple of years. For positions like K, QB and TE the ratings stay the same. WR and RB have two spots on most teams. The HT number is up to #150 and the VHT is up to #30. Most teams play 3 or 4 LB's and that is up to #200 for HT classification and #35 for VHT. The DL's and DB's generally have 4 players per team. The HT classification is now up to #250 at those positions and a VHT is among the top 40 out of HS at their position. The offensive line which has 5 spots is up to #250 as an HT and up to #50 for a VHT.

A quick note about players which you will see in my write-ups. On the offensive line sometimes I will mention that a player was a top notch wrestler in high school. To me, a top wrestler has very good body control and athleticism which makes for a quality linemen.

On the next page are all of this year's top freshmen and JUCO's. This year I am doing it a little different, listing all the players who accumulated 500 points or more in my freshmen ranking. That would explain the different numbers at each position. By the end of the year, many will have played and some will already be stars. If you like this type of information, you will love my 1996-2000 Complete Freshmen Recruiting Report. It is just $15 and lists all of the top recruits for all of the different positions over the last 5 years. Call 1-800-654-3448 to order your copy today.

## RECRUITING SOURCES

I do not scout the high schools personally, but I rely on some great sources to complete my top frosh lists. I subscribe to each of these sources. The colleges themselves use these services' information. Should you want to get the latest on college recruits, I recommend the following sources:

**PARADE • 212-450-7000**
711 3rd Avenue
New York, NY 10017

**SUPERPREP • 714-494-7866**
PO Box 487
Laguna Beach, CA 92652

**TOM LEMMING**
PO Box 59113 • Schaumburg, IL 60159

**PREPSTAR**
22647 Ventura Blvd #359
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

**G&W RECRUITING ADVISOR**
PO Box 2021 • Sanatoga, PA 19464

**THE NATIONAL RECRUITING ADVISOR**
PO Box 26825 • Austin, TX 78755

# PHIL STEELE'S 2000 TOP FRESHMEN

## QUARTERBACKS

1. Brock Berlin — Florida
2. Jason Campbell — Auburn
3. Jeff Smoker — Michigan St
4. Casey Clausen — Tennessee
5. Craig Ochs — Colorado
6. Chance Mock — Texas
7. Zac Wasserman — Penn St
8. Carlyle Holiday — Notre Dame
9. John Rattay — Tennessee
10. Chris Rix — Florida St
11. Brandon Sumner — Georgia Tech
12. Tony Stauss — Northwestern
13. Matt LoVecchio — Notre Dame
14. Brandon Hance — Purdue
15. Zack Mills — Penn St
16. Andrew Walters — Arizona St
17. Kevin Long — Kansas
18. Chris Kelley — Maryland
19. Darian Durant — N Carolina
20. Matt Cassell — USC
21. Timmy Chang — Hawaii
22. Derrick Crudup — Miami (FLA)
23. Jared Clark — Notre Dame
24. Nick Sebes — Stanford
25. Dondrial Pinkins — S Carolina
26. Mark Logan — Georgia Tech
27. Jermaine Gonzales — Michigan

## RUNNING BACKS

1. Marcus Houston — Colorado
2. Albert Hollis — Georgia
3. Sam Maldonado — Ohio St
4. Tyrell Dortch — Michigan St
5. Tyson Thompson — TCU
6. Willis McGahee — Miami (FLA)
7. Willie Green — Florida
8. Dustin Picciotti — Pittsburgh
9. Tony Johnson — Penn St
10. Brandon Royster — Stanford
11. Michael Williams — Arizona St
12. Vontez Duff — Notre Dame
13. Arturo Beltran — Texas
14. Musa Smith — Georgia
15. Jermelle Lewis — Iowa
16. Terry Pogue — Ohio St
17. Adam Taliaferro — Penn St
18. Andre Williams — N Carolina
19. Brandon Joe — Ohio St
20. Walter Reyes — Syracuse
21. Diamond Ferri — Syracuse
22. Shyrone Carey — Tennessee
23. Chris Howard — USC
24. Keith Kelly — Clemson
25. Madison Hedgecock — N Carolina
26. Reggie Benton — Michigan
27. Derick Arnold — Arizona St
28. Bryan Shumaker — Miss St
29. Derron Parquet — LSU
30. Manuel White — UCLA
31. Joey Harris — Purdue
32. Devery Henderson — LSU
33. Pete Gilmore — Penn St
34. Justin Green — San Diego St
35. Jon Ward — Virginia
36. Michael Gasparato — Penn St
37. Tatum Bell — Oklahoma St
38. Renaldo Works — Oklahoma
39. Keith Joseph — Texas A&M
40. Marcus Sanders — Minnesota
41. Tyrone Griffin — Wisconsin
42. Jason Crawford — N Carolina

## WIDE RECEIVERS

1. B.J. Johnson — Texas
2. Charles Rogers — Michigan St
3. Johnnie Morant — Syracuse
4. Carlos Perez — Florida
5. Roy Williams — Texas
6. Willie Dixon — Miami (FLA)
7. Tab Perry — UCLA
8. Lorenzo Crawford — Notre Dame
9. Sammy Moore — Arizona St
10. Reggie Vickers — Florida
11. Ronald Rodamer — Notre Dame
12. Sloan Thomas — Texas
13. Travann Hayes — Wisconsin
14. Kelvin Kight — Florida
15. Mark Jones — Tennessee
16. Stu Schweigert — Purdue
17. Jared Jones — Syracuse
18. Rashad Baker — Tennessee
19. Antwoine Lias — Kentucky
20. Antonio Hargro — Miss St
21. Tony Brown — Tennessee
22. Jabari Greer — Tennessee
23. Jamaal Clark — Illinois
24. Roydell Williams — Tulane
25. Gary Heaggans — Purdue
26. Maurice Shanks — Maryland
27. Ray Ray Bivens — Miss St
28. Jerome Collins — Notre Dame
29. Derrick Hamilton — Clemson
30. Lynaris Elpheage — Tulane
31. Keith Allen — Oregon
32. James Taylor — Michigan
33. Ade Adeyemo — Illinois

## TIGHT ENDS

1. Quinn Sypniewski — Colorado
2. Eric Knott — N/A
3. Sean McHugh — Penn St
4. Chad Mascoe — Florida St
5. Alex Holmes — USC
6. Chris Septak — Nebraska
7. Brock Edwards — Texas
8. Kalen Thornton — Texas
9. Todd McClinton — Clemson
10. Tyler Ecker — Michigan
11. Willie Roberts — Miami (FLA)
12. Jason Lallis — Virginia Tech
13. Brian Casey — Kansas St
14. Willie Walden — Oregon
15. Jim Fisher — Michigan
16. Jon Doty — Kansas St

## OFFENSIVE LINE

1. Kwame Harris — Stanford
2. Wes Sims — Oklahoma
3. Michael Munoz — Tennessee
4. Antonio Hall — Kentucky
5. Shannon Snell — Florida
6. Paul Mociler — UCLA
7. Jason Respert — Tennessee
8. Joe McGuire — USC
9. Chris McKelvy — Penn St
10. Sean Young — Tennessee
11. Carlos Joseph — Miami (FLA)
12. Alex Barron — Florida St
13. Doug Buckles — Mississippi
14. Chris Boggas — Kansas St
15. Danny Dicks — Washington
16. Shane Olivea — Ohio St
17. Nick Marmo — Penn St
18. Alex Stepanovich — Ohio St
19. Lionel Garr — Texas
20. Justin Barton — N Carolina
21. Jeff Gaston — Michigan
22. Paul Fisher — Utah
23. John Dunn — Virginia Tech
24. Mike Erickson — Nebraska
25. Larry Kinnard — Ohio St
26. Sean Poole — Michigan St
27. Kade Comeaux — LSU
28. Wes Britt — Alabama
29. David Baas — Michigan
30. Josh Plisch — Minnesota
31. Josh Jaggers — Kentucky
32. John Ream — UCLA
33. Martin Flaum — Nebraska
34. Max Starks — Florida
35. Andy Christopfel — Michigan
36. Steve Nevarez — San Diego St
37. Brandon Lockheart — Washington
38. Nick Povendo — Nebraska
39. Saul Freund — Pittsburgh
40. Santonio Thomas — Florida

## DEFENSIVE LINE

1. Travis Johnson — Florida St
2. Darrell Lee — Florida
3. Albert Means — Alabama
4. Greg Pauly — Notre Dame
5. Antwan Odom — Alabama
6. Anthony Bryant — Alabama
7. Lynn McGruder — Tennessee
8. Teyo Johnson — Stanford
9. Mac Tyler — Alabama
10. Vincent Wilfork — Miami (FLA)
11. Justin Hinds — Boston College
12. Terrell Suggs — Arizona St
13. Stephen Williams — Indiana
14. Jason Witten — Tennessee
15. Sonny Davis — Texas
16. Sam Ruhe — Penn St
17. Dwight Whitfield — Michigan St
18. Stevie Lee — Texas
19. Will Smith — Ohio St
20. Erik Noll — Penn St
21. Marcel Moses — Texas
22. Clarence Gaddy — N Carolina
23. Marcus White — Auburn
24. Alphonso Townsend — Ohio St
25. Adam Doiron — Texas
26. Jeremy Caudill — Kentucky
27. Maurice Mitchell — Alabama
28. Jeremiah Davis — Penn St
29. Scott Davis — Penn St
30. Ian Scott — Florida
31. Jared Wolfgramm — Arizona St
32. Mondre Dickerson — Tennessee
33. Nate Goodson — USC
34. Ellery Moore — Penn St
35. John Lumpkin — Indiana
36. Eddie Brown — Texas A&M
37. John Paul Jones — LSU
38. Jason Robinson — Penn St
39. Donnell Washington — Clemson
40. Nate French — Auburn

## LINEBACKERS

1. D.J. Williams — Miami (FLA)
2. Eric Moore — Florida St
3. Marco Cooper — Ohio St
4. Mike Goolsby — Notre Dame
5. Darius Jones — Wisconsin
6. Amon Gordon — Stanford
7. Tim Johnson — Penn St
8. Ray Mann — Virginia
9. Larry Stevens — Michigan
10. Ronbrose Jones — Oklahoma
11. Jason Richenberger — Nebraska
12. Michael Boulware — Florida St
13. Travis Harris — Florida
14. Darrion Scott — Ohio St
15. Karlton Neal — Tennessee
16. Hobie Holiday — Georiga Tech
17. Derek Wake — Penn St
18. Greg Jones — Florida St
19. Brooks Daniels — Alabama
20. Aurmon Satchell — Texas
21. Austin Sendlein — Texas
22. Jason Clark — Miss St
23. Robert Reynolds — Ohio St
24. Robert Peace — Tennessee
25. Derek Curry — Notre Dame
26. Tyson Smith — Iowa St
27. Sean Tufts — Colorado
28. Bradshaw Littlejohn — Michigan St
29. Devaughn Darling — Florida St
30. Dan Acri — Penn St
31. Vonta Leach — E Carolina
32. K.C. Bills — BYU
33. Jesse Neumyer — Penn St

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

1. Bryant McFadden — Florida St
2. Yohance Buchanan — Florida St
3. Matt Grootegoed — USC
4. O.J. Owens — Tennessee
5. Dominique Sims — Minnesota
6. Larry Richardson — Arkansas
7. Adam Black — Texas A&M
8. Harold James — Alabama
9. Corey Bailey — Florida
10. Lee Wheeler — Tennessee
11. Carl Walker — Miami (FLA)
12. Adrian Mayes — LSU
13. Gerald Smith — Penn St
14. Tre Orr — Florida
15. Chad Cooper — Virginia Tech
16. Darren Stephens — Oklahoma
17. Richard Johnson — Virginia Tech
18. Ben Emanuel — UCLA
19. Scott Sanden — Penn St
20. Markus Curry — Michigan
21. Brandon Shelby — Oklahoma
22. Kareem Timbers — Wisconsin
23. Carlos Andrews — Alabama
24. Skyler Fulton — Arizona St
25. Jimmy Verdon — Arizona St
26. Marley Tucker — Oregon
27. Brandon Childress — Ohio St
28. Jon Cox — Georgia Tech
29. Jason Leach — USC
30. Jonte Buhl — Texas A&M
31. Antwaun Rogers — Purdue

## KICKERS/PUNTERS

1. Chris Kluwe — UCLA
2. Dave Kimball — Penn St
3. Matt Piotrowicz — Florida
4. Sandro Deangelis — Nebraska
5. Philip Yost — Auburn
6. Adam Finley — Michigan
7. Brennan O'Donohoe — Arkansas
8. Brian Huffman — Northwestern
9. Tony Yelk — Iowa St
10. Josh Huston — Ohio St

## JUCO's

1. Rudi Johnson — Auburn
2. Alton Moore — Auburn
3. Maurice Morris — Oregon
4. Javor Mills — Auburn
5. Antoine Burns — Minnesota
6. Javon Walker — Florida St
7. Earnest Pitts — Marshall
8. Howard Duncan — Oklahoma
9. Jeremy Denson — New Mexico
10. Greg Cicero — Baylor
11. Chad Heydorff — California
12. Kennard Ellis — Florida
13. Olin Hannum — N Carolina St
14. Josh Scobey — Kansas St
15. Chad Elliott — Syracuse
16. Shawn Oglesby — Alabama
17. Mike Frost — Temple
18. Derrick Brantley — Clemson
19. Gary McGraw — Oregon
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# 2000 FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are the Top 75 classes of 2000 signees (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

1. Florida
2. Tennessee
3. Florida St
4. Penn St
5. Texas
6. Notre Dame
7. Alabama
8. Ohio St
9. Miami, Fla
10. Michigan St
11. USC
12. Arizona St
13. Auburn
14. Oklahoma
15. Michigan
16. Stanford
17. UCLA
18. Colorado
19. North Carolina
20. Nebraska
21. Wisconsin
22. Syracuse
23. Texas A&M
24. LSU
25. Georgia Tech
26. Kentucky
27. Virginia Tech
28. Georgia
29. Purdue
30. Minnesota
31. Boston College
32. Arkansas
33. Clemson
34. Mississippi St
35. Oregon
36. Washington
37. Northwestern
38. Mississippi
39. Indiana
40. S Carolina
41. Pittsburgh
42. Maryland
43. Arizona
44. Illinois
45. Virginia
46. Kansas St
47. Oklahoma St
48. Kansas
49. TCU
50. BYU
51. Missouri
52. Tulane
53. San Diego St
54. UCF
55. California
56. Iowa St
57. Duke
58. Baylor
59. Iowa
60. Wake Forest
61. W Virginia
62. Washington St
63. Oregon St
64. Hawaii
65. E Carolina
66. UNLV
67. Mid Tenn St
68. S Mississippi
69. Texas Tech
70. N Carolina St
71. Temple
72. Marshall
73. Ala-Birm
74. Vanderbilt
75. Tulsa

# CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE 2000 RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are my 2000 recruiting rankings for each individual conference. They take into account the strength of the top 10 signees, average signing grade per player and total points in the class. Keep in mind some schools had as many as 30 signees and others as few as 9. The quantity of players was also weighted. There were some surprises. Alabama-Birmingham nabbed the #4 rated group in CUSA in their 2nd year and were #3 last year. Nevada is making a big jump from the Big West to the WAC this year and ended up with the #4 overall class in their new conference. Illinois (which usually fares well) came up #10 in the Big Ten even after their rousing bowl blowout of Virginia. Perennial Pac 10 recruiting power UCLA surprisingly finished 4th in the Conf. Army, Air Force and Navy are not listed because they do not publish a list of signees. I hope your favorite team did well in the recruiting wars.

**BIG 10**

1. Penn St
2. Ohio St
3. Michigan St
4. Michigan
5. Wisconsin
6. Purdue
7. Minnesota
8. Northwestern
9. Indiana
10. Illinois
11. Iowa

**BIG 12**

1. Texas
2. Oklahoma
3. Colorado
4. Nebraska
5. Texas A&M
6. Kansas St
7. Oklahoma St
8. Kansas
9. Missouri
10. Iowa St
11. Baylor
12. Texas Tech

**SEC**

1. Florida
2. Tennessee
3. Alabama
4. Auburn
5. LSU
6. Kentucky
7. Georgia
8. Arkansas
9. Mississippi St
10. Mississippi
11. S Carolina
12. Vanderbilt

**ACC**

1. Florida St
2. N Carolina
3. Georgia Tech
4. Clemson
5. Maryland
6. Virginia
7. Duke
8. Wake Forest
9. N Carolina St

**PAC 10**

1. USC
2. Arizona St
3. Stanford
4. UCLA
5. Oregon
6. Washington
7. Arizona
8. California
9. Washington St
10. Oregon St

**BIG WEST**

1. Idaho
2. Arkansas St
3. N Texas
4. N Mexico St
5. Boise St
6. Utah St

**INDEPENDENT**

1. Notre Dame
2. UCF
3. Middle Tenn St
4. Louisiana Tech
5. Louisiana Lft
6. Connecticut
7. UL Monroe

**BIG EAST**

1. Miami, (Fla)
2. Syracuse
3. Virginia Tech
4. Boston College
5. Pittsburgh
6. West Virginia
7. Temple
8. Rutgers

**C-USA**

1. Tulane
2. E Carolina
3. S Mississippi
4. Ala-Birm
5. Houston
6. Louisville
7. Memphis
8. Cincinnati

**WAC**

1. TCU
2. Hawaii
3. Tulsa
4. Nevada
5. Fresno St
6. San Jose St
7. Rice
8. SMU
9. UTEP

**MAC**

1. Marshall
2. Ohio Univ
3. N Illinois
4. Buffalo
5. Bowling Green
6. Kent St
7. Miami (Oh)
8. C Michigan
9. Ball St
10. W Michigan
11. E Michigan
12. Toledo
13. Akron

**MOUNTAIN WEST**

1. BYU
2. San Diego St
3. UNLV
4. Colorado St
5. New Mexico
6. Utah
7. Wyoming

# 1999 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The amount of each that a team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, in '96, Iowa St returned only 5 punts all year and punted 51 times. Their net punting average was weighted 10 times as much as their punt return average ranking. These ratings do not take into account the accuracy of the FG kicker. I added a new category a few years ago for net TD/blk's. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. Listed are the computer's 1999 final ratings.

| # | TEAM | NET PUNTS | KR OFF | PR OFF | KR DEF | TD BLK |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | WISCONSIN | 39.3 | 24.74 | 12.96 | 14.06 | 3 |
| 2 | OKLAHOMA | 39.9 | 24.77 | 12.68 | 16.32 | 3 |
| 3 | COLORADO ST | 39.5 | 20.13 | 16.68 | 19.55 | 0 |
| 4 | FLORIDA ST | 40.3 | 20.59 | 12.41 | 20.13 | 3 |
| 5 | MINNESOTA | 37.7 | 16.48 | 13.75 | 18.18 | 6 |
| 6 | CALIFORNIA | 39.7 | 23.71 | 10.98 | 19.89 | 1 |
| 7 | MIAMI (FLA) | 36.9 | 19.29 | 13.20 | 16.64 | 4 |
| 8 | KENTUCKY | 39.9 | 23.32 | 13.78 | 18.17 | -1 |
| 9 | SAN JOSE ST | 39.9 | 19.16 | 12.59 | 19.10 | 4 |
| 10 | NEBRASKA | 39.4 | 18.40 | 10.92 | 21.40 | 6 |
| 11 | TEXAS A&M | 42.7 | 18.08 | 8.84 | 20.27 | 4 |
| 12 | KANSAS ST | 32.3 | 24.27 | 11.16 | 15.34 | 6 |
| 13 | OREGON | 37.5 | 24.89 | 10.05 | 17.94 | 1 |
| 14 | TCU | 36.3 | 27.48 | 10.08 | 17.96 | 2 |
| 15 | PITTSBURGH | 39.1 | 19.43 | 14.16 | 17.86 | 1 |
| 16 | VIRGINIA TECH | 37.6 | 24.50 | 12.33 | 20.67 | 2 |
| 17 | GEORGIA TECH | 39.5 | 22.79 | 11.17 | 19.59 | 1 |
| 18 | UTAH ST | 37.6 | 22.62 | 12.73 | 19.63 | 2 |
| 19 | MARSHALL | 37.5 | 24.68 | 5.62 | 16.62 | 2 |
| 20 | MICHIGAN ST | 40.2 | 16.91 | 12.70 | 20.00 | 1 |
| 21 | OKLAHOMA ST | 35.0 | 20.84 | 15.09 | 19.94 | 2 |
| 22 | UTAH | 34.3 | 24.22 | 15.95 | 24.36 | 2 |
| 23 | LOUISVILLE | 34.3 | 23.33 | 11.54 | 19.67 | 3 |
| 24 | TENNESSEE | 39.8 | 23.64 | 9.20 | 22.47 | 2 |
| 25 | FRESNO ST | 39.0 | 20.64 | 10.62 | 20.22 | 2 |
| 26 | W MICHIGAN | 35.4 | 22.27 | 10.96 | 16.96 | 1 |
| 27 | AUBURN | 38.1 | 21.69 | 11.00 | 23.72 | 3 |
| 28 | NEW MEXICO ST | 39.9 | 21.77 | 7.20 | 20.11 | 1 |
| 29 | W VIRGINIA | 36.3 | 21.55 | 7.52 | 18.59 | 4 |
| 30 | IOWA | 37.6 | 20.60 | 9.50 | 17.11 | 1 |
| 31 | ARKANSAS ST | 37.0 | 21.68 | 10.05 | 19.96 | 2 |
| 32 | BOISE ST | 35.7 | 21.35 | 10.76 | 20.45 | 4 |
| 33 | WYOMING | 36.6 | 24.81 | 7.90 | 18.47 | 1 |
| 34 | E CAROLINA | 36.9 | 21.41 | 14.13 | 20.34 | 0 |
| 35 | DUKE | 38.3 | 23.49 | 10.15 | 22.45 | -1 |
| 36 | PENN ST | 34.7 | 21.18 | 10.89 | 20.09 | 3 |
| 37 | ALABAMA | 38.5 | 23.17 | 9.84 | 22.44 | 2 |
| 38 | ALABAMA-BIRM | 34.4 | 18.00 | 19.13 | 19.83 | 2 |
| 39 | UCONN | 37.0 | 17.69 | 15.68 | 20.00 | +2 |
| 40 | PURDUE | 37.7 | 17.05 | 14.90 | 20.06 | 1 |
| 41 | UNLV | 35.5 | 25.46 | 8.06 | 26.11 | 1 |
| 42 | MARYLAND | 35.3 | 26.43 | 9.47 | 20.85 | -1 |
| 43 | MISSISSIPPI ST | 36.0 | 23.19 | 7.14 | 17.56 | 0 |
| 44 | MISSISSIPPI | 34.9 | 23.42 | 8.48 | 20.05 | 1 |
| 45 | FLORIDA | 36.3 | 21.18 | 8.97 | 21.07 | 2 |
| 46 | UCLA | 36.6 | 21.24 | 7.75 | 20.70 | 1 |
| 47 | N CAROLINA | 40.1 | 20.03 | 3.15 | 22.21 | 0 |
| 48 | SMU | 35.3 | 20.79 | 9.86 | 19.22 | 1 |
| 49 | AIR FORCE | 36.4 | 20.77 | 8.82 | 23.21 | 4 |
| 50 | UCF | 32.9 | 20.07 | 10.95 | 17.84 | 4 |
| 51 | ILLINOIS | 36.1 | 16.27 | 10.97 | 18.32 | 1 |
| 52 | COLORADO | 34.7 | 23.54 | 7.03 | 19.54 | 1 |
| 53 | USC | 36.8 | 18.08 | 9.47 | 20.17 | 1 |
| 54 | OHIO | 36.4 | 19.89 | 10.59 | 17.74 | -2 |
| 55 | BOWL GREEN | 34.1 | 19.16 | 8.47 | 15.25 | 0 |
| 56 | NORTHWESTERN | 35.5 | 19.90 | 8.19 | 17.88 | 1 |
| 57 | ARIZONA | 34.1 | 18.95 | 17.55 | 23.13 | 1 |
| 58 | NOTRE DAME | 35.2 | 23.08 | 12.52 | 24.06 | 0 |
| 59 | CINCINNATI | 39.4 | 19.36 | 6.48 | 19.95 | -1 |
| 60 | VANDERBILT | 35.7 | 19.91 | 7.05 | 16.39 | -1 |
| 61 | MIAMI (OH) | 34.1 | 19.34 | 6.36 | 20.70 | 1 |
| 62 | ARMY | 36.3 | 20.48 | 7.75 | 21.50 | 1 |
| 63 | BUFFALO | 37.7 | 20.15 | 9.62 | 22.88 | -1 |
| 64 | N CAROLINA ST | 32.8 | 18.90 | 10.80 | 20.51 | 7 |
| 65 | TEXAS TECH | 35.0 | 17.85 | 11.65 | 17.50 | -1 |
| 66 | HAWAII | 37.7 | 19.47 | 7.42 | 18.80 | -2 |
| 67 | SYRACUSE | 34.8 | 20.36 | 9.73 | 19.06 | -1 |
| 68 | KANSAS | 33.9 | 21.58 | 10.04 | 16.53 | -2 |
| 69 | BOSTON COLL | 32.6 | 21.44 | 10.79 | 20.72 | 2 |
| 70 | CLEMSON | 35.4 | 19.34 | 7.40 | 19.98 | 1 |
| 71 | WASHINGTON ST | 35.8 | 18.54 | 8.00 | 18.97 | 0 |
| 72 | AKRON | 32.7 | 20.13 | 9.57 | 21.00 | 3 |
| 73 | OHIO ST | 35.4 | 18.33 | 9.29 | 19.18 | 0 |
| 74 | E MICHIGAN | 32.8 | 21.69 | 8.80 | 20.79 | 3 |
| 75 | MID TENN ST | 35.5 | 18.61 | 12.32 | 17.07 | -4 |
| 76 | TULANE | 37.2 | 19.00 | 9.79 | 21.85 | -2 |
| 71 | IDAHO ST | 36.5 | 19.70 | 9.71 | 20.41 | -2 |
| 77 | ARIZONA ST | 35.5 | 18.97 | 8.78 | 22.03 | 0 |
| 78 | WAKE FOREST | 34.6 | 22.97 | 10.79 | 30.52 | 0 |
| 79 | MICHIGAN | 33.7 | 19.68 | 8.12 | 20.30 | 1 |
| 80 | S MISSISSIPPI | 35.9 | 17.96 | 12.78 | 20.51 | -4 |
| 81 | HOUSTON | 35.1 | 20.88 | 8.82 | 21.74 | -1 |
| 82 | N TEXAS | 39.2 | 18.00 | 6.48 | 27.47 | -3 |
| 83 | IDAHO | 33.7 | 22.23 | 7.56 | 20.40 | -1 |
| 84 | LOUISIANA TECH | 33.7 | 17.45 | 8.04 | 20.48 | 2 |
| 85 | VIRGINIA | 34.2 | 20.07 | 10.26 | 21.60 | -1 |
| 86 | S CAROLINA | 34.0 | 19.41 | 10.20 | 19.00 | -2 |
| 87 | MEMPHIS | 36.2 | 17.09 | 4.61 | 19.14 | 0 |
| 88 | TOLEDO | 34.5 | 18.44 | 7.00 | 18.67 | -2 |
| 89 | BYU | 35.6 | 22.47 | 5.48 | 25.22 | 0 |
| 90 | INDIANA | 34.8 | 18.70 | 8.29 | 19.02 | -3 |
| 91 | OREGON ST | 32.5 | 21.41 | 8.14 | 18.30 | -3 |
| 92 | GEORGIA | 35.7 | 19.06 | 8.74 | 24.55 | 0 |
| 93 | WASHINGTON | 35.4 | 17.87 | 7.10 | 20.83 | -1 |
| 94 | RICE | 32.4 | 20.81 | 6.10 | 16.04 | -3 |
| 95 | ARKANSAS | 33.8 | 20.52 | 6.06 | 21.24 | -1 |
| 96 | NAVY | 33.9 | 19.32 | 8.16 | 23.32 | 0 |
| 97 | KENT | 32.8 | 18.93 | 8.82 | 21.48 | 0 |
| 98 | LSU | 34.8 | 21.10 | 6.90 | 22.25 | -4 |
| 99 | BALL ST | 34.5 | 17.90 | 7.79 | 21.48 | -1 |
| 100 | SAN DIEGO ST | 32.4 | 19.31 | 7.08 | 21.08 | 0 |
| 101 | IOWA ST | 34.1 | 19.12 | 6.79 | 19.73 | -4 |
| 102 | STANFORD | 30.9 | 21.88 | 7.24 | 21.42 | -2 |
| 103 | LOUISIANA-LFT | 32.0 | 18.33 | 6.35 | 19.94 | -1 |
| 104 | NEW MEXICO | 31.4 | 19.57 | 8.67 | 18.36 | -4 |
| 105 | TEXAS | 30.3 | 19.44 | 6.00 | 19.45 | -2 |
| 106 | TULSA | 34.4 | 16.90 | 8.17 | 22.70 | -3 |
| 107 | UL MONROE | 33.7 | 18.41 | 6.46 | 22.72 | -4 |
| 108 | RUTGERS | 31.6 | 19.06 | 8.44 | 24.04 | -2 |
| 109 | N ILLINOIS | 30.6 | 23.50 | 7.26 | 24.08 | -4 |
| 110 | MISSOURI | 30.7 | 18.53 | 7.40 | 19.32 | -4 |
| 111 | C MICHIGAN | 28.7 | 19.44 | 7.24 | 20.70 | -4 |
| 112 | BAYLOR | 29.7 | 20.65 | 8.79 | 25.28 | -4 |
| 113 | TEMPLE | 30.6 | 17.11 | 7.00 | 20.34 | -5 |
| 114 | NEVADA | 33.3 | 17.97 | 6.96 | 25.69 | -7 |
| 115 | UTEP | 31.3 | 17.10 | 4.45 | 26.40 | -6 |

# 1999 PASS EFFICIENCY RATINGS

Just like the special teams, I fed the pass defense numbers into my computer & ranked the pass defenses. Taken into account were total yards, TD's and opposing QB's faced. If a team faced mostly running offenses and very few solid pass attacks, they rank lower in the ratings even if the % and ratio were solid. As you can see a team like Oregon State (#3), which took on several high flying pass attacks and allowed 49.9%, ranks higher than Oklahoma St (#30) which took on mostly ground oriented attacks, even though OSU only allowed 47.2%. Listed are the raw numbers as well as the computer's final rankings.

| # | TEAM | YPG | % | TD | INT | OPP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | KANSAS ST | 130.1 | 39.8 | 5 | 22 | 7.5 |
| 2 | NEBRASKA | 182.2 | 43.7 | 13 | 20 | 8.1 |
| 3 | OREGON ST | 197.5 | 49.9 | 10 | 14 | 9.3 |
| 4 | WISCONSIN | 188.2 | 50.3 | 8 | 16 | 8.5 |
| 5 | USC | 255.8 | 53.8 | 19 | 21 | 10.1 |
| 6 | FLORIDA ST | 207.4 | 52.7 | 14 | 22 | 9.1 |
| 7 | MARSHALL | 194.5 | 52.5 | 8 | 26 | 7.8 |
| 8 | PENN ST | 197.5 | 51.3 | 14 | 21 | 8.9 |
| 9 | MISSISSIPPI ST | 168.2 | 51.0 | 7 | 20 | 7.8 |
| 10 | CALIFORNIA | 234.7 | 47.4 | 18 | 17 | 9.5 |
| 11 | MIAMI (FLA) | 196.3 | 53.7 | 8 | 19 | 8.3 |
| 12 | CLEMSON | 200.1 | 51.3 | 11 | 19 | 8.2 |
| 13 | UTAH | 188.3 | 49.9 | 7 | 17 | 7.6 |
| 14 | WASHINGTON ST | 210.8 | 52.0 | 14 | 12 | 9.1 |
| 15 | ALABAMA-BIRM | 226.1 | 52.9 | 17 | 19 | 8.8 |
| 16 | SYRACUSE | 194.8 | 55.5 | 10 | 13 | 8.8 |
| 17 | OREGON | 258.2 | 53.2 | 18 | 21 | 9.0 |
| 18 | LSU | 196.8 | 54.0 | 11 | 17 | 8.3 |
| 19 | WASHINGTON | 245.9 | 53.8 | 12 | 15 | 9.1 |
| 20 | FLORIDA | 241.8 | 54.9 | 15 | 15 | 9.1 |
| 21 | TEXAS A & M | 183.3 | 55.5 | 13 | 18 | 8.3 |
| 22 | NORTHWESTERN | 200.4 | 48.3 | 13 | 7 | 8.5 |
| 23 | MINNESOTA | 179.4 | 46.7 | 10 | 8 | 7.3 |
| 24 | MICHIGAN ST | 228.5 | 52.6 | 19 | 14 | 8.8 |
| 25 | VIRGINIA TECH | 184.5 | 49.2 | 14 | 11 | 7.8 |
| 26 | COLORADO | 174.7 | 48.1 | 17 | 17 | 7.4 |
| 27 | BOISE ST | 220.8 | 49.5 | 16 | 17 | 7.7 |
| 28 | S MISSISSIPPI | 204.8 | 51.9 | 9 | 16 | 7.4 |
| 29 | NEW MEXICO ST | 195.2 | 45.3 | 17 | 16 | 7.1 |
| 30 | OKLAHOMA ST | 184.6 | 47.2 | 14 | 13 | 7.5 |
| 31 | IDAHO | 219.7 | 48.5 | 17 | 10 | 8.3 |
| 32 | TENNESSEE | 203.1 | 54.9 | 16 | 21 | 8.2 |
| 33 | ILLINOIS | 218.3 | 53.2 | 15 | 15 | 8.1 |
| 34 | N CAROLINA ST | 202.2 | 53.9 | 12 | 15 | 8.1 |
| 35 | KENTUCKY | 217.2 | 52.5 | 17 | 16 | 8.3 |
| 36 | ALABAMA | 233.3 | 54.9 | 24 | 16 | 9.3 |
| 37 | GEORGIA | 286.4 | 55.4 | 23 | 21 | 9.2 |
| 38 | MEMPHIS | 170.1 | 52.0 | 13 | 9 | 8.0 |
| 39 | UCLA | 254.9 | 53.2 | 22 | 17 | 9.1 |
| 40 | E CAROLINA | 206.6 | 52.2 | 11 | 18 | 7.0 |
| 41 | AUBURN | 260.5 | 56.7 | 16 | 18 | 8.3 |
| 42 | N CAROLINA | 183.3 | 53.3 | 11 | 13 | 8.0 |
| 43 | ARIZONA ST | 222.9 | 51.2 | 18 | 11 | 8.4 |
| 44 | UNLV | 170.7 | 53.3 | 10 | 11 | 7.6 |
| 45 | S CAROLINA | 161.5 | 56.1 | 14 | 8 | 9.3 |
| 46 | ARKANSAS | 202.5 | 53.8 | 12 | 12 | 7.8 |
| 47 | WAKE FOREST | 188.3 | 53.7 | 10 | 13 | 7.4 |
| 48 | UL MONROE | 184.8 | 49.8 | 15 | 10 | 7.6 |
| 49 | MIAMI (OH) | 205.5 | 48.2 | 14 | 14 | 6.9 |
| 50 | TEXAS | 181.9 | 44.8 | 11 | 12 | 6.4 |
| 51 | OKLAHOMA | 217.8 | 50.8 | 19 | 18 | 7.6 |
| 52 | TEXAS TECH | 194.7 | 53.9 | 8 | 11 | 7.5 |
| 53 | FRESNO ST | 252.2 | 54.0 | 17 | 16 | 8.3 |
| 54 | IOWA ST | 148.7 | 54.4 | 10 | 7 | 7.7 |
| 55 | BYU | 205.4 | 51.9 | 17 | 15 | 7.5 |
| 56 | HOUSTON | 210.0 | 46.8 | 18 | 16 | 6.8 |
| 57 | MISSISSIPPI | 260.3 | 57.8 | 15 | 14 | 8.5 |
| 58 | UTEP | 182.8 | 52.1 | 14 | 15 | 7.4 |
| 59 | COLORADO ST | 215.6 | 58.1 | 14 | 12 | 8.4 |
| 60 | NOTRE DAME | 241.5 | 58.0 | 21 | 12 | 9.4 |
| 61 | STANFORD | 288.3 | 53.7 | 21 | 17 | 8.5 |
| 62 | TCU | 188.2 | 52.0 | 14 | 10 | 7.1 |
| 63 | C MICHIGAN | 214.3 | 51.1 | 19 | 12 | 7.6 |
| 64 | N ILLINOIS | 196.5 | 55.3 | 16 | 13 | 7.4 |
| 65 | OHIO ST | 202.7 | 59.7 | 14 | 12 | 8.3 |
| 66 | SAN DIEGO ST | 196.5 | 57.5 | 14 | 12 | 7.9 |
| 67 | W VIRGINIA | 218.4 | 51.7 | 13 | 15 | 7.0 |
| 68 | MISSOURI | 197.0 | 54.4 | 16 | 10 | 7.9 |
| 69 | PURDUE | 227.3 | 55.8 | 15 | 14 | 7.8 |
| 70 | LOUISIANA TECH | 210.3 | 56.1 | 12 | 12 | 6.9 |
| 71 | TOLEDO | 240.2 | 62.0 | 14 | 14 | 8.7 |
| 72 | UCF | 255.0 | 58.6 | 24 | 11 | 9.5 |
| 73 | VANDERBILT | 180.0 | 55.1 | 13 | 6 | 7.8 |
| 74 | VIRGINIA | 232.9 | 56.0 | 22 | 16 | 8.6 |
| 75 | UTAH ST | 229.6 | 53.5 | 21 | 10 | 7.9 |
| 76 | GEORGIA TECH | 228.8 | 54.8 | 17 | 10 | 7.6 |
| 77 | ARIZONA | 234.5 | 55.2 | 21 | 5 | 9.1 |
| 78 | HAWAII | 196.3 | 57.5 | 16 | 17 | 6.8 |
| 79 | WYOMING | 241.5 | 53.2 | 20 | 16 | 7.0 |
| 80 | DUKE | 241.2 | 56.7 | 21 | 16 | 7.6 |
| 81 | NEW MEXICO | 205.0 | 55.3 | 20 | 7 | 8.4 |
| 82 | MICHIGAN | 212.2 | 51.7 | 18 | 10 | 7.0 |
| 83 | LOUISVILLE | 234.7 | 55.5 | 18 | 13 | 7.4 |
| 84 | CINCINNATI | 207.0 | 53.4 | 16 | 15 | 6.6 |
| 85 | RICE | 213.8 | 61.2 | 14 | 11 | 7.8 |
| 86 | INDIANA | 219.0 | 60.0 | 14 | 10 | 8.3 |
| 87 | PITTSBURGH | 255.7 | 55.4 | 22 | 14 | 7.4 |
| 88 | MARYLAND | 247.5 | 59.2 | 20 | 15 | 7.7 |
| 89 | AKRON | 207.6 | 50.2 | 16 | 6 | 6.5 |
| 90 | NAVY | 209.4 | 57.1 | 19 | 11 | 7.1 |
| 91 | E MICHIGAN | 229.4 | 56.3 | 20 | 10 | 7.8 |
| 92 | SMU | 247.2 | 61.4 | 16 | 10 | 8.1 |
| 93 | BAYLOR | 201.7 | 60.8 | 17 | 9 | 7.8 |
| 94 | NEVADA | 230.1 | 53.3 | 22 | 5 | 7.4 |
| 95 | W MICHIGAN | 228.4 | 58.8 | 20 | 10 | 7.2 |
| 96 | AIR FORCE | 203.5 | 57.0 | 17 | 8 | 7.0 |
| 97 | LOUISIANA-LFT | 219.8 | 55.2 | 20 | 9 | 7.5 |
| 98 | ARKANSAS ST | 213.7 | 56.9 | 18 | 10 | 6.6 |
| 99 | TEMPLE | 213.0 | 61.3 | 17 | 13 | 7.7 |
| 100 | KANSAS | 233.4 | 57.2 | 18 | 10 | 7.1 |
| 101 | BOSTON COLL | 236.8 | 61.0 | 17 | 12 | 7.1 |
| 102 | SAN JOSE ST | 235.2 | 57.3 | 20 | 6 | 7.6 |
| 103 | OHIO | 236.5 | 62.3 | 21 | 17 | 7.3 |
| 104 | KENT ST | 173.8 | 56.8 | 23 | 7 | 6.7 |
| 105 | ARMY | 205.1 | 63.8 | 10 | 9 | 6.7 |
| 106 | N TEXAS ST | 183.5 | 61.3 | 13 | 5 | 7.0 |
| 107 | MID TENN ST | 233.5 | 62.2 | 21 | 11 | 7.0 |
| 108 | IOWA | 218.1 | 56.4 | 23 | 6 | 6.6 |
| 109 | BOWL GREEN | 224.5 | 58.7 | 21 | 4 | 6.8 |
| 110 | TULANE | 206.2 | 56.0 | 14 | 15 | 5.0 |
| 111 | BALL ST | 169.4 | 58.0 | 16 | 2 | 6.2 |
| 112 | TULSA | 224.9 | 61.3 | 20 | 10 | 6.5 |
| 113 | RUTGERS | 215.2 | 66.8 | 26 | 4 | 6.9 |
| 114 | BUFFALO | 260.1 | 65.8 | 23 | 6 | 7.5 |


**MONDAY**

**Monday Night Over/Under Play**
46-24 66% Last 4 years!
**Big Dog Play of the Week**
29 Outright Upsets by double digit dogs in 8 years!!
**Early Bird Play**
29-13 69% The Last 4 Years!

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**PAC 10 Play of the Week**
17-9 65% the last 2 years!
**Big 10 Play of the Week**

**WEDNESDAY**

**ACC Play of the Week**
**Independent Play of the Week**
66-44 60% over 9 Years!

**THURSDAY**

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# FREE PLAYS EVERY DAY

## By Phil Steele

In other parts of this magazine, I have touched on the fact that FREE is an often misused term in the sports service industry. If you pick up the newspaper, the ads scream out FREE PLAYS, Call 1-800-XXX-XXXX. What you get when you call is pushy salespeople who do not give you their "Free" plays, until you purchase their "much stronger" plays first. Sports Illustrated did an excellent exposé a few years ago, showing how these boilerroom operations worked.

Unfortunately that is the type of operation that dominates the sports service industry. We are very different at Northcoast Sports. When we say free, we mean FREE. I hope you already sent in for your FREE 2000 Pro Football Preview (see page 261). If you did, you would already know that as promised, there were no pushy salespeople, no phone calls and we did not ask for your phone number. You will have also received our Pro Preview for free as promised. If you have done so, then you already know first hand that when we say free and with no sales pressure, we mean it!

At Northcoast Sports we have ONE set of Late Phone Plays. These plays are not free but will help me illustrate how our FREE selection phones work. Each week we release 3 to 7 College Late Phone Selections and usually 3 NFL Late Phone Selections. We do also provide "Small College Late Phone Plays" and "College Totals Club Plays" for those who can play smaller college numbers and college Over/Unders.

Our one set of Late Phone Releases can be purchased in different ways. Our Executive Club Members sign up for the season and receive EVERY Late Phone Selection that we release. These plays are also given to two different monitoring sources; The Sports Monitor of Oklahoma City and SportsWatch of Las Vegas. If you signed up for a month of our Late Phone Service, you would receive the EXACT SAME Late Phone Plays as our Executive Club Members, which are, of course, the same plays given to the monitors. If you signed up for a week of service, you would also receive the EXACT same plays. If you call the Executive 900 line (1-900-420-3972) you would receive the exact same plays for $15 each. Same plays, just different ways of receiving them.

Every Saturday and Sunday, I designate the Top Weekly College and Top Weekly Pro selection. This is simply my Top Play of the Late Phone selections for the week. Of course, it is part of the EXACT same plays we give the monitors, Executive Club Members, Monthly and Weekly Members. I take this Top Play and put it up on Phil Steele's Inner Circle Line (1-900-288-6225) for $25 per day.

Late Phone Selections are our top 3 to 7 College Selections on Saturday and top 3 Pro Selections on Sunday. With that established, let's take a look at our FREE selection phones. We have 1-800-475-8168, a toll free selection line. We also have LOCAL complimentary phones in 48 different cities (see inside back cover). We have EIGHT FULL SERVICE NORTHCOAST LINES. They are in Cleveland, Honolulu, Chicago, Dallas, New Jersey, Nebraska, Atlanta and Las Vegas. Just like the Late Phone Selections, we have ONE SET of FREE selections, and just different ways to receive them.

To begin, the FULL SERVICE lines are the phones on which you can receive EVERY FREE play we put out. As I mentioned we have Full Service lines in eight different cities at the time of this writing. There is a strong possibility that we will be going to ELEVEN Full Service lines by the time the season starts. I am looking to expand to Alabama, Pennsylvania and Los Angeles this season! If you live in those states, call our offices at 1-800-654-3448 and see if our Full Service line is up and running in your area.

A Full Service line is the ultimate FREE information phone. When you call our Full Service line you will listen to the main menu which will tell all that is available. After listening to the menu, simply select the number of what you want to hear. You can stay on the Full Service line as long as you like. If you listen to the latest Injury Report and Las Vegas line update on Button #5, you can punch in your next choice when the report is finished. If you like, you can stay on the line and listen to all 9 extensions in one phone call.

Here is a list of what each button has on the Full Service lines:

**Button #1** - Scores are updated every hour all day on Saturday. Best of all they are commercial free!!! We do not update the scores on Sunday because the networks do a timely job of updating the NFL scores. If you call a Full Service line and select Button #1 on Saturday, you will receive a complete rundown of all the days scores, including games in progress. They will be in the Las Vegas rotation and commercial free. Sunday morning you can check on a late night game that was not in your local newspaper by calling and getting the complete scoring recap on Button #1.

**Button #2** - Most of our Full Service lines have a local guest handicapper. I pick out honest and reliable handicappers and allow them to put up free selections on a city's line that is near them. At the time of this writing I have two hard working local guest handicappers that provide daily plays. In **Atlanta**, Jeff Borchert of JB Sports gives you free plays daily on Button #2. On the **New Jersey, Chicago, Nebraska and Honolulu** Full Service line, it is Stan Lisowski with his SST update. Daily they provide quality free plays complete with reasoning. They also recap how their plays did the previous day, win or lose.

**Button #3** - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Plays of the Week are the strongest FREE plays available ANYWHERE. I put a lot of care and detail into selecting these plays and they have hit a high percentage through the years. Every Tuesday I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. This stays on Button #3 of the Full Service lines for both Tuesday and Wednesday. As you know my Underdog Play of the Week is 27-12, 69% in Power Sweep over the last three years and has hit 65% winners over 16 years! The complimentary underdog play was usually my #2 choice that just missed out on being the Underdog in Power Sweep. On Thursday, I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week. Four years ago we won a #1 title by The Sports Monitor in NFL totals selections (Over/Unders). I put out my top play as of Wednesday for FREE each week! Five times last season, this play ended up being a Late Phone Play on Sunday! Saturday morning has another big FREE play, as I release my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week. This is simply my highest rated selection that just missed being a Late Phone Play. As an example, if I am using 5 College Late Phone selections, the #6 (and there are usually 40 games to choose from) is the one that I put out as my FREE Play of the Week! On Sunday morning, it is my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week. This is our #4 rated NFL selection each week (we release the top 3 as Late Phone Plays). Why do I put out such quality selections for FREE? I know that once you have called and witnessed first hand the quality of these FREE selections, you will probably come on board for my very best plays by signing up for the Late Phones. All these FREE plays are given out on tape each week.

**Button #4** - A handicapper who has been around longer than I have and is someone I truly respect is Mike Lee. Mike has been on TV and has had his own service since the 70's. He puts up a free play each and every day on Button #4. He usually adds some humor and life to his free plays and always tells you how he did the previous day, win or lose. Check out Button #4 and see why Mike is so widely respected across the country.

**Button #5** - Las Vegas Line Updates and Injury report. If you want to know if a player will be playing this week or just want to find out the latest in injuries, this button is a must call. I put all my current injury information on it daily. I also monitor SEVEN Las Vegas Casinos and provide daily line updates which are provided for newsmatter only. On Saturday morning (anytime after 1:00 AM EST) I put up the Overnight Line, Weather and Injury Report and list all the information you need for all of Saturday's games. Do not go into Saturday without checking out all this up to date and best of all FREE information.

**Button #7** - This Week's Trends and Notes by Phil Steele. I put up timely information for the upcoming week. Included are things like the last 4 week's rankings which tell you where the NFL teams rank recently (just the last 4 weeks of stats are taken into account). My Major Moves, Selected Angles and Systems of the Week have shown a high % of winners.

**Button #9** - Daily Guest Handicapper. A different one each day with quality plays. Sometimes I even give away free Private Play Hotline selections during the week.

That is a lot of information and it is all FREE, on tape and updated every day during the football season. Now you know why I call them Northcoast FULL SERVICE Lines.

Now the question arises- What is given out on the 800 and Local Complimentary lines? These two have the same exact plays daily. They are taken from the Full Service lines. Here is what is available on a day to day basis:

**Monday** - Guest Handicapper. A free play from one of the top handicappers in the country. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service line.

**Tuesday** - Guest Handicapper. A free play from one of the top handicappers in the country. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service line.

**Wednesday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week.** The same great play that is on Button #3 of the Full Service lines every Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Thursday** - A free selection from Phil Steele's Private Play Hotline. A $9 value for free. Same play as on Button #9 of Full Service lines.

**Friday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week.**

**Saturday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week.**

**Sunday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week.**

All three are the exact same plays supplied on Button #3 of the Full Service lines.

If you call 1-800-475-8168 and instead of hearing free plays, you hear a busy signal, that means you live in a city where we have either a local or Northcoast Full Service line. Check out the inside back cover for a complete listing. I hope you take advantage of the finest FREE plays in the country this year!

When I decided to begin publishing a college football magazine, I had two main goals in mind. The first goal was to have a publication that would be so complete that everything I needed for the upcoming football season would be at my fingertips. The second goal was to have the best magazine on the market. The first edition of my college football magazine came out in 1995. At the time, I thought it had as much or more information than any other magazine on the market. Still, in all of my publications, and especially in the magazine, I include a questionnaire asking everyone who reads it to give me their input as to what I can add for upcoming issues. Through the years 1996-1997, I used these questionnaires to add, expand and modify the magazine and clearly felt (as you can see on these pages) that it has more information than any other magazine. That of course does not mean it is perfect and we still put the questionnaire in every year.

There is one source that convinced me make some major changes in the magazine in both 1998 and 1999. Ironically, it is a source that did not respond to a questionnaire and was someone I have never even talked to. In 1997, I was checking out the Internet and found a site that rates preseason football magazines. When I opened it up, I was a little dismayed that my magazine was rated 6th out of approximately or 18 magazines on the market. I was puzzled as to how it could be ranked so low. Upon closer inspection, I found that the site www.stassen.com had about as complete an analysis of college football magazines as my magazine had analysis of college football. It broke down each magazine and rated it in several different categories. The category it gave the primary importance to is the prediction accuracy. The second is the information quality. The third is information quantity. Fourth is coverage of IA football. The fifth is recapping information. The sixth was price. This site then rated each magazine from 1 to 4 stars and came up with a complex rating system giving different weight to each of the categories. It also breaks down each magazine into how many pages are put out per team. Which conferences they have reduced coverage on and which conferences they have no coverage on. How far down the projected roster do they show? How far do they go in the national rankings? How many All-Americans do they list all-conference teams? It also includes into how many top units do they list, the final polls from the previous year, conference finishes and whether they show the game scores for all the teams.

I was fascinated and then read the review that they had for my magazine. One of the reasons we were rated sixth was that the magazine did not include the MAC, Big West and Independents, even though they were IA teams. At the time, my magazine only had the top 88 teams in the NCAA included. I am always looking to improve and instead of getting angry at being ranked sixth and taking this as a knock, I began working on those teams for the next season.

Another reason for the somewhat low ranking was that my prediction accuracy was low. I was stunned as I knew that doing a survey of my magazine vs other magazines, I knew that my preseason Top 25 generally had more teams make it to bowl games than other preseason Top 25's.

The reason for the low ranking in accuracy in the year's '95, '96 and '97 was the fact that I ranked the conferences in their overall finish as opposed to finishing in the division. The reason I did this was twofold. First of all in the NFL, it does not matter what your division record is, simply your overall record, when it comes to NFL standings. Secondly, when the bowl committees pick a team, they usually go with the team that has more wins and is higher rated, over the team that simply finished higher in the division standings. As an example, I'll use Southern Mississippi. Every year in '95, '96 and '97, Southern Miss took on very rough non-conference slates vs teams like Alabama, Penn St, and Texas A&M. They would lose these games and not have a great overall record, while other teams in their division were playing soft non-conference slates and would finish the season with a stronger, overall record. However, in conference games Southern Miss dominated. So by ranking teams in how they fare in their own conferences, you come up with a completely different system than you do picking their overall ratings. Staying in Conference USA for another example, we will look at the 1997 season. I projected Cincinnati second in CUSA play and East Carolina below them in my CUSA rankings because they played a tougher non-conference schedule and thought it would be tougher for them to achieve the winning record. At the end of the season, Cincinnati finished 7-4 overall and went to the Humanitarian Bowl. East Carolina finished 5-6 overall and naturally was home for the holidays. Using the way I predicted conferences at the time, that forecast was very accurate. However, using this particular Internet sites' system to do it, we find that East Carolina finished 4-2 in CUSA play and Cincinnati was just 2-4 in division play. Therefore, East Carolina finished ahead of Cincinnati in the standings.

Arguments could be made for ranking the teams both ways, but after seeing the amount of work that this internet site did in the rankings and respecting that work, I decided to change the way I do my preseason forecasts.

This did have an effect. In 1998, there were a couple of incidents where I had a team ranked higher in my preseason Top 40 rankings than I had ranked in the division. Once again, that was due to the fact I thought they would compile more wins in non-conference games, hence a better overall season. We did get a few calls and letters from people wondering about that and we simply explained that we had now changed to ranking the teams as to how they would finish strictly in their conference rankings. During the 1998 preseason, instead of simply running the teams through my five computer power ratings, which project out wins and losses and coming up with an overall record, I started to break it down to how they will fare in actual conference games. The results in 1998, the first year that I switched systems, was a huge leap in a preseason accuracy ratings by this Internet source. In 1997, they rated my magazine almost at the very bottom of prediction accuracy but as mentioned, I was doing those forecasts on their overall record. In 1998, using their complex scoring system, we finished fifth overall, but only 4 points out of first place. In their scoring system, the lower the amount of points the better. Lindy's finished 1st with 116, followed by Street & Smith with 117, Football Action with 118, Athlon 119, and we were one point back at 120.

There were 21 magazines rated and the bottom ranking was at 140. As you can see we were very close to the top. In their 1998 write-up, there was still some criticism for our smaller IA team coverage, which was simply adding a forecast page and having a paragraph on it. We moved up to 5th in the magazine rankings and once again, I decided to make a change. In 1999, we added a full page for the remaining 26 IA teams and that meant a lot larger maga-

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# WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss records from the previous season. This is a good method but does have its flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' strength from last year. For example, last year Marshall parlayed a soft schedule and a veteran team into a perfect 12-0 mark. This year the Herd suffers some big graduation losses and will not be as strong. Ohio St, which had been #2 in the country in 2 of the previous 3 years, went through a poor 6-6 campaign but will be back towards the top this year. By looking purely at last year's records, the NCAA feels Marshall is a MUCH stronger team than Ohio State! If those two teams met in the opener, the Buckeyes would be favored by close to 3 TD's. That is a PRETTY BIG flaw.

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall record. If a team plays a IAA school that was 12-0 in '99, that would count as a tougher game than facing a team like Nebraska, Florida or Alabama which all had losses.

Listed to the right are my rankings for toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my personal power ratings. At the start of every year I grade each team position by position & assign a grade from 4 to 10. Next I add up all the grades & come up with the total team power rating. This ensures that Marshall is rated lower than Ohio St & also that a IAA team is rated much lower than Alabama or Nebraska. Every preseason I do 5 sets of power ratings and I run all 5 sets through each team's schedule and come up with one final number.

The second area is the amount of home and away games played. As an example, this year Southern Mississippi and several other teams must play 7 road games while Hawaii plays EIGHT home games. Naturally, if a team plays more games on the road, their schedule is tougher.

Here are this year's schedules rated from toughest to easiest. The toughest schedule goes to Colorado, which must play the top 2 teams in the PAC 10, Kansas St, Texas, Texas A&M and Nebraska among others. Iowa was a very close 2nd as they face the rugged Big 10 schedule and also play Nebraska and Kansas St on their non-conf slate. In 1996 Purdue faced the toughest schedule and it ended up getting coach Colletto fired. The schedule got easier for the Boilers in '97 and HC Tiller benefitted as they landed a bowl bid. In '96 Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similar soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! Last year I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" and answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!!

Which team has the best shot at an undefeated season this year mostly due to their soft schedule? **TCU** is a bowl caliber team taking on the 2nd softest slate of the 89 major IA teams! Other solid teams with weak slates are Colorado St, Clemson and East Carolina. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Colorado | 40 | Arizona St | 79 | New Mexico |
| 2 | Iowa | 41 | Houston | 80 | San Jose St |
| 3 | Michigan St | 42 | Oregon | 81 | Rice |
| 4 | Ohio St | 43 | Baylor | 82 | Fresno St |
| 5 | Indiana | 44 | N Car St | 83 | Air Force |
| 6 | Michigan | 45 | Texas Tech | 84 | Arkansas St |
| 7 | Penn St | 46 | W Virginia | 85 | Tulsa |
| 8 | UCLA | 47 | BYU | 86 | SMU |
| 9 | California | 48 | San Diego St | 87 | Colorado St |
| 10 | Purdue | 49 | Arkansas | 88 | Louisville |
| 11 | S Carolina | 50 | N Carolina | 89 | N Mexico St |
| 12 | Alabama | 51 | LSU | 90 | Alabama-Birm |
| 13 | Northwestern | 52 | Virginia | 91 | C Michigan |
| 14 | Vanderbilt | 53 | Wake Forest | 92 | Bowling Grn |
| 15 | Arizona | 54 | Pittsburgh | 93 | Miami (Oh) |
| 16 | Missouri | 55 | Virginia Tech | 94 | Kent St |
| 17 | Duke | 56 | Kansas St | 95 | Idaho |
| 18 | Miss St | 57 | Maryland | 96 | N Texas |
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HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF OUR BOWL WRITEUPS FROM OUR 1999 DOUBLE BOWL ISSUE!

# ALAMO BOWL

**Penn St (9-3)** **At San Antonio, TX** **Texas A&M (8-3)**

| POWER PLAYS PROJECTION | RUSH | PASS | POINTS | TO's | SP TEAMS | A.O.R. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Penn St | 160 | 205 | 26 | 2.9 | – | 109.5 |
| Texas A&M | 110 | 203 | 17 | 2.6 | ✔ | 105.5 |

For the second straight year, the Alamo Bowl has landed a team that near the end of the season was thought to be playing in the NCAA Championship game. Last year, Kansas St lost in the Big 12 Title game and instead of going to play for the NCAA title, they fell all the way to the Alamo Bowl. This year, Penn St was ranked #2 in the country and appeared headed for the BCS game but lost their last three to become the Big 10's fifth pick. This is Joe Paterno's 30th bowl game, breaking the record of 29 set by Alabama's Bear Bryant. These two teams have not met since 1980. Joe Paterno is 19-9-1 SU in bowl games while RC Slocum is just 2-6. The Nittany Lions finished the regular season with a 3 game losing streak & Paterno has never lost 4 straight games. Paterno is an amazing 9-0-2 ATS as a favorite in bowl games. This is also long time assistant Jerry Sandusky's last game as defensive coordinator and his players will want to send him out on a winning note. RC Slocum has compiled a solid recent record in the postseason as he has won 4 straight ATS, all as good sized dogs in games no one gave his team much of a chance to win. Last year they took on the best team in the country at season's end in Ohio St and managed to cover, only losing by 10. PSU took on the 10th toughest schedule. A&M took on the 37th toughest schedule. PSU took on 8 bowl caliber teams if you include Ohio St & Arizona. They were 5-3 ATS in those games, dropping the last 3 of the season. A&M played 5 bowl caliber teams if you include Texas Tech and were 2-3 ATS in those. PSU outscored bowl caliber competition by an avg of 28.4-20.3 while the Aggies were outscored by an average of 26.2-13.6. A&M avg'd just 2 yards rushing vs those teams while PSU avg'd 4.0. The Aggies allowed 3.9 ypc while PSU allowed just 3.0. A&M rates a slight home edge with this game taking place in their home state. Both teams play their home games on natural grass. PSU was 1-1 on the fake stuff this year and is 6-6 ATS the L/4 years. The Aggies were 0-2 on plastic this year but were a solid 8-2 ATS the previous 3 years. PSU, which was 0-5 ATS away from home LY, was 3-2 ATS this year including 3-1 as an away favorite. A&M was just 2-3 ATS on the road after a solid 5-2 ATS last year. The teams did not face any common opponents. This will be a big game for PSU's 14 senior starters. The Aggies have 9 senior starters although both teams have 20 or more upperclassmen starters.

PSU comes in with our #12 rated offense and they use a two QB rotation. Kevin Thompson (6-5 221) threw for 1916 yds (55%) with a 13-9 ratio. Backup Casey hit 62.8% of his passes for 856 yds with a 6-3 ratio and also adds a solid running threat with 438 yds on the ground. Casey's running was curtailed late in the season as defenses were geared to contain him forcing him to throw. Eric McCoo averaged 5.3 ypc in 1998 but was held to 739 yds (5.0) in 1999. FB Aaron Harris added 206 yds (4.1). The Lion receiving corps is filled with VHT's. WR Chafie Fields (6-1 196) led the team with 39 rec's & a solid 17.7 ypc. Eddie Drummond (PS#5) had 35 rec & 18.6 ypc. Paterno has a pair of massive TE's in John Gilmore (260 lbs, PS#8) and Kyle Stewart (256 lbs, PS#9) who combined for 33 catches. Stewart avg'd 19.0 ypc. The Lions O-line avg's 6-5 301 and allowed 40 sks on 336 pass attempts but opened holes for 4.5 ypc. PSU may have the most talented defense in the country but comes in just #10 in our overall defensive rankings. They have a huge defensive line that avgs 6-4 280 and led by probable NFL Top 10 pick DE Courtney Brown who had an amazing 16 sks & 12 tfl. DE Jason Kurpeikis added 10 sks & 9 tfl. Frosh DT Jimmy Kennedy (6-5 341, PS#50) took over the starter's job at the end of the year. The Lions' LB corps is the nation's finest. Latar Arrington will contend to be the top player chosen in next year's NFL draft and is an amazing athlete. He had 10 sks & 10 tfl. MLB Brandon Short is another sure 1st round pick and led the team with 103 tkls & 12 tfl. The 3rd LB, Mac Morrison, is also solid. The Lions ranked #7 in our pass efficiency ratings, allowing just 51.1% vs a very tough slate of opposing QB's with 17 int's and just 14 TD's allowed. What their DB's lack in height, they make up for in athleticism and experience. Three DB's each had 4 int's and all are solid and deep. They're deep as well as the backups are all HT's. PSU has the talent to be one of the nation's finest defenses.

The Aggies' QB Randy McCown (6-3 213) does not have the size of Thompson or the accuracy as he completed just 51.5% for 237 yds with a 14-10 ratio. He also lacks the elusiveness of Casey. The Aggies' rush attack missed Dante Hall at the season's start and just after he finally returned, he was kicked off the team. They missed him as the leading rusher was FB Jamar Toombs with 583 yds (4.0). Eric Bernard became the top TB in Hall's absence with 302 yds (4.8). True frosh Joe Weber (PS#7) had a huge game vs Missouri but did little the rest of the season. At the end of the year after Hall's dismissal & a dismal showing vs Nebraska, the Aggies moved to a jumbo backfield to wear out opposing defenses. Toombs & Tiki Hardeman (5-10 232, Sr) became the starters & they combined for 376 yds rushing vs their last 2 opponents, Missouri & Texas. The Aggies have speed at WR. They're led by Chris Taylor who had 33 rec's (17.9) and Bethel Johnson (5-11 188) who had 27 rec's (19.0). Their 2 TE's are on the smallish side as they avg'd just 236 lbs & combined for only 11 rec's. The O-line has good size at 6-4 296 with 2 senior starters allowing 27 sks but only paved the way for 3.4 ypc. The Aggies' D-line avg's 6-4 267 and is led by DE Rocky Bernard (PS#21) who had 4 sks, 3 tfl. NG Ronald Edwards added 4 sks. The Aggies have been known for their solid LB play throughout the years and Roylin Bradley (PS#3) is their star. He had 7 sks & 9 tfl. They did not get their usual production out of the position, however, as 3 of the top 4 tacklers come from the secondary which is never a good sign. OLB Jason Glenn (PS#17) had 5 sks, 6 tfl and ILB Cornelius Anthony was 2nd on the team with 86 tkls. The Aggies ranked #22 in our pass defense ratings, allowing 55.9% with 17 int's and only 12 TD's allowed. SS Michael Jameson led the team with 5 int's and CB Jason Webster had 4 as well as 10 pbu. The Aggies rank #14 in our overall defense rankings and #42 on offense.

PSU rates a slight edge at K as Travis Forney hit 21 of 26 FG's with a long of 47 and was 16 of 18 inside 40 yards. Terrence Kitchens, for the Aggies, has a powerful leg & nailed a 62 yd FG this year and hit 4 of 6 from 50+. He was less consistent inside the 40, however, hitting just 10 of 15 and was 15 of 23 overall with 7 of those misses being blocked. PSU rates the advantage on the return game with KR Watson avg'g 23.7 & the Aggies' KR Johnson avg'g just 19.3. PSU PR Branch avg'd 11.3 which was much stronger than the Aggies who had just a 6.3 avg on returns without Dante Hall this year. Even with PSU having all those edges, the Aggies get the overall edge due to P Shane Lechler, one of the nation's best, who avg'd 46.5 with a super net of 42.7. PSU's counterpart Pidgeon had a net of just 34.7.

If you look at our checklist page (see page 8), you'll see that PSU has the talent advantage at every single position. In PSU's final game of the season they missed star LB Arrington, who was a late scratch due to a shoulder injury, so their defense is healthy for this game & should be able to shut down the pedestrian Aggie offense. PSU has enough weapons on offense to make this one comfortable. As far as motivation goes, the fact that they have 14 senior starters for Sandusky's final game, and being off 3 losses knowing Paterno has never lost 4 in a row, should be enough motivation. We'll go with the more talented team with solid motivation and preparation edges.

**FORECAST: PENN ST 30 TEXAS A&M 13** **RATING: 3★**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| QB | ✔✔ | - | PSU QB's have more yds, much better %, better ratio & more rush yds as well as size edge. | ST | - | ✔ | PSU has edge in FG's & returns but Lechler has net punt of 42.7! |
| RB | ✔½ | - | A&M lost Dante Hall & their leading rusher is FB Toombs (4.0). McCoo & Harris are solid PSU combo. | CH | ✔✔ | - | No coach is better with time to prepare than Paterno. |
| WR | ✔✔ | - | PSU has more depth at WR & good sized edge at TE. | SCD | ✔ | - | PSU took on the 10th toughest schedule, the Aggies took on the 37th. |
| OL | ✔½ | - | PSU front avg's 6-5 301 & paved the way for 4.5 ypc vs a tough schedule. A&M just 3.4 ypc. | SITE | - | ✔ | This game is in Texas so crowd edge goes to Texas A&M. |
| DL | ✔½ | - | PSU's DL avg's 280 lbs & is led by super DE Courtney Brown. He & DE Kurpeikis combined for 26 sks, 16 tfl. | MTCH | - | - | Penn St has talent edges across the board. |
| LB | ✔½ | - | Arrington & Short were both finalists for Butkus award. Aggie LB's are also solid. | INT | ✔✔ | | 14 Sr's & Sandusky in last game. Paterno has never lost 4 straight. |
| DB | ✔ | - | The Lions rank #7 in our pass eff defense ratings. They have a very talented two deep. | OVERALL - PENN ST by 14 ✔ | | | |

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The College Football season is about to kick off and I really appreciate you purchasing my magazine this season. I want to make it the very best magazine that is available and I would really value YOUR opinion of it. Each year in my Power Sweep Newsletter and in my College and Pro Football Scorebooks, I have published a questionnaire about the publications. This has helped me improve each of them on a yearly basis and almost every addition to each is because the readers asked for it. This is the sixth year of my College Football magazine and I really do want YOUR opinion on everything that you like or even don't like about this year's edition. Please take a few minutes and fill out the form below. I have listed most of the different sections that are in the magazine and broke down the team pages into the 15 different parts that I include on each team. If you love any or all of the sections please mark how you feel below with a great vote. If there is part of the team pages or other areas that you do not read, please let me know. I want the pages to have the information YOU want to see. If there is a statistic or chart you would like to see next year, please fill it in below. As my thanks for you taking your valuable time to fill out our questionnaire you can use it as a coupon for subscriptions or other special Northcoast products and services. Simply check the box at the bottom as to which discount or gift you would like. Also remember to fill out the back of this sheet as you will receive my 2000 Pro Football Preview absolutely free. Please mail this to Northcoast Sports Service, PO Box 35126, Cleveland OH 44135.

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zine, as we expanded by 40 pages in the 1999 season.

Over the summer, I anxiously awaited to see where our ranking would be and I was very pleased to see that we achieved the No. 1 spot in the rankings for the first time in the five years that we were charted by them. Their big knock in the preseason rankings was once again our accuracy as they used a three year accuracy method and that of course included two years in which I rated the conferences by overall record rather than conference record.

I am pleased to report that at the end of the year, we finished in a tie for third as far as most accurate preseason publication out of the 18 magazines listed. Street & Smith once again finished ahead of us and over the last two years, has proven the most accurate magazine in this rating system. In the past two years, Street & Smith has scored a 255 on this site's prediction accuracy system, while my magazine has a 263, eight points behind. Third place over the last two years, and very close behind us, are publications like Football Action (267), and both Lindy's and Athlon with 268.

I know we will not vault to the top of the accuracy ratings this year due to the fact this Internet site bases their accuracy levels on the last three years predictions and that would still have our '97 season included. However, in their last three years predictions even with the 1997 season where I predicted based on overall record, we are now in the Top 5 and hopefully after this season when the '97 magazine is eliminated and the 2001 is included, we will be at or near the top.

I did make another change in the magazine for the 2000 season. As part of the review, they mention that we do not include the spring information in the write-ups. That is not entirely true, approximately 40 percent of the teams were written prior to the spring games, while 60% were written after the spring games in past years. This has to be done as it is impossible to write 110 teams all in the month of May. However, this year I went back and read recaps of every team's spring and you will see the much larger spring game section this year (see pgs 242-246). I also went back in and edited each of the pages to reflect how the teams had done during the spring, once again trying to improve the magazine and make it even better.

If you look below you will find a listing of the top magazines as they have finished in the www.stassen.com rankings over the last 3 years.

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*If you are interested in seeing the overall rankings this summer check out www.stassen.com after June 10, 2000 and their entire rankings should be updated by that point. I have worked hard to continue to improve this magazine and I hope that Phil Steele's College Football Preview Magazine will be near or at the top once again. If you have any thoughts on how I can improve the magazine, please fill out the questionnaire on page 262.*

# SOOO MUCH INFORMATION! So Little SPACE!

You'll find more information packed into these 264 pages than any of my competitor's publications.To do that, I had to cut somewhere, so I have used a lot of abbreviations in the upcoming pages. Most are obvious, but here is a complete list of the abbreviations used.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AA | All American | FR | Freshman | LS | Long Snapper | REDS | Redshirt Frosh | TFL | Tackle For Loss |
| AC | All Conference | FS | Free Safety | LT | Left Tackle | RET | Return | TKL | Tackles |
| AD | Away Dog | G | Guard | LY | Last Year | RFR | Redshirt Frosh | TOP | Time of Possession |
| AF | Away Favorite | HB | Halfback/H-Back | MLB | Middle Linebacker | RG | Road Game(s) | TPG | Tackles Per Game |
| ATS | Against the Spread | HC | Homecoming | NG | Nose Guard | ROV | Rover | TRANS | Transfer |
| AG | Away Game | HD | Home Dog | NL | No Line | RS | Return Specialist | TRUE | True Frosh |
| B2B | Back to Back | HF | Home Favorite | NT | Nose Tackle | RT | Right Tackle | TTL | Total |
| C | Center | HG | Home Game | OC | Offensive Coordinator | RZ | Red Zone | TY | This Year |
| CB | Cornerback | HS | High School | OG | Offensive Guard | S | Safety | VL | Vertical Leap |
| CONV | Conversion | HT | Highly Touted Athlete (Top 100) | OL | Offensive Line/O-Line | SB | Slotback | VHT | Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit) |
| DC | Draft Choice/Def Coor | ILB | Inside Linebacker | OLB | Outside Linebacker | SE | Split End | WR | Wide Receiver |
| DD | Double Digit | INC | Incomplete | OOB | Out of Bounds | SK | Sack/SKS-Sacks | XP | Extra Point |
| DE | Defensive End | INCL | Including | OT | OffensiveTackle | SO | Sophomore | XPNG | Extra Point No Good |
| DL | Defensive Line/D-Line | INT | Interception | PEN | Penalty | SOD | Stopped on Downs | YD | Yard/YDS-Yards |
| DT | Defensive Tackle | JC | Junior College | PBU | Passes Broken Up | SR | Senior | YPC | Yards per Carry/Catch |
| EZ | End Zone | JR | Junior | POY | Player of the Year | SS | Strong Safety | YPP | Yards per Point |
| FB | Fullback | JUCO | Junior College Transfer | PPG | Points Per Game | ST | Special Teams | YPG | Yards per Game |
| FG | Field Goal | JV | Junior Varsity | PR | Punt Returner | SU | Straight Up | 1H | 1st Half, (2H) |
| FL | Flanker | KD | Knockdown for an OL | PS# | Phil's ranking out of HS | T | Offensive Tackle | 1Q | 1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q) |
| FD | First Down | K/P | Kicker/Punter | QB | Quarterback | TB | Tailback | 2PT | 2 point |
| FMBL | Fumble | KR | Kick Returner | RB | Running Back | TD | Touchdown | 2PTNG | 2 point conversion no good |
| FOLL | Following | LB | Linebacker | REC | Receiver/Reception(s) | TE | Tight End | | |

# WHO WILL WIN THE HEISMAN?

The best college football player of the season receives the Heisman Trophy, the most talked about trophy in football. Every week, sports shows list which prospective candidates are rising & falling on the list to win that honor.

Predicting who will win the Heisman is a tough task even with a couple of weeks to go in the regular season and there is always plenty of debate. Naturally, it is even tougher predicting the winner 4 months prior to the season.

In 1998 I listed Ricky Williams of Texas as my Heisman Trophy favorite. Things did not look good for Ricky when the Longhorns were humiliated by UCLA and Kansas St in back to back weeks and he had average games. It was said at the time that his Heisman chances were gone. When the smoke cleared Ricky broke the NCAA career rushing record and was the recipient of the coveted trophy.

Last year I listed Ron Dayne of Wisconsin as my Heisman favorite. Much like Ricky, Ron's chances of winning the Heisman appeared to go out the window after Michigan shut him down and he had fumbled late in the Badger's upset loss to Cincinnati. When the season was over Wisky was in the Rose Bowl and Dayne broke Williams' career rushing mark and won the Heisman.

This year I go for THREE IN A ROW. The year 2000 race is the most wide open I have witnessed in years. There are many quality contenders. Here are the top players for the award including my #1 selection, as I hope to make it 3 straight.

## FAVORITES

**1. Chris Weinke, Florida St**
Chris almost went to the NFL but was only projected as a 3rd round pick. He should be 1st round caliber after this year. He does not have Peter Warrick to throw to but I like the replacements. He also has top notch RB's and a strong OL protecting him. Chris has NFL size at 6-5 240 and threw for 3432 yards (61%) with a 29-15 ratio last year. In two years he is an amazing 21-1 as a starter with a 48-21 TD/Int ratio. It always helps to be playing on a national title contender and I expect him to be 32-1 as a starter after the regular season. Chris is now 28 years old and that maturity helps him deal with the pressures.

**2. Quincy Carter, Georgia**
I must admit, I narrowed the Heisman race down to 2 players in the final days of making my decision. Quincy Carter is not only a great athlete and mobile, but he has a powerful arm, is accurate and makes good decisions as well. He is likely to go higher in the draft than Weinke but does not have quite the supporting cast. He had an 18-6 ratio in '99 with 503 yards rushing. My only concern were his concussion problems at the middle of last year but I expect big things from both Quincy and Georgia this year.

**3. Drew Brees, Purdue**
I love the way this guy throws on the run and he is now in his 3rd year as the starter in Tiller's system. In the spring of 1999, Tiller rested him quite a bit and says that may have been the reason he completed "only" 61% with a 25-12 ratio after hitting 63% with a 39-20 ratio in '98. Drew took most of the reps this spring and could have the best passing numbers in the NCAA this year.

**4. Michael Vick, Virginia Tech**
I have watched A LOT of college football games through the years and witnessed a lot of great individual games by players. Rarely have I come away from a game saying WOW! Over and over, especially when that player's team loses by 19. That was my reaction watching Vick as a freshman in the National Title Game vs Florida St. That was not a cream puff defense that he was playing against either. Vick led the NCAA in pass efficiency last year and finished #3 in the Heisman balloting.

**5. Santana Moss, Miami (Fla)**
Many people feel that Peter Warrick would have won the Heisman last year if not for off field complications. Santana looks like he has all the elusiveness and TD capability of Warrick except Moss has track speed and is faster!! Moss is a two time 60M track champ in the Big East, had 57 receptions (16.7) in '99 and added 671 return yards. If he has a Johnny Rodgers type game (Nebraska 1971) vs Florida St he could vault to the front of the pack.

**6. LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU**
It may seem hard to believe that after I called for a RB to win the Heisman two straight years and last year 3 of my top 5 candidates at were RB's that my top RB is rated #6. LaDainian is a top threat and last year came oh so close to that 2,000 yard barrier (1,974 yards). TCU has the schedule this year to go undefeated and there are very few quality rush defenses that will be lining up against him. He makes another run at 2,000 in 2000.

**7. Josh Heupel, Oklahoma**
OK, we're back to the QB's. Josh threw for 3850 yards (63%) with a 33-16 ratio in his first year at OU and was surrounded by players that had played in a wishbone offense the previous year. This year everyone is experienced and the numbers should be even better.

**8. T.J. Duckett, Michigan St**
This guy has the size of Ron Dayne (255 lbs), and is just as powerful but has 4.45 speed which would make me not want to be an opposing LB or DB. Last year he split time playing LB and RB and still ended up with 606 yards. He is a full-time RB this year and will have a big year. MSU does play a lot of top notch run defenses and it will be tough for him to have a big end to the season with road trips to Penn St, Michigan and Ohio St in the last 5 or I would have ranked him higher.

**9. Carson Palmer, USC**
Carson was hitting 74% of his passes when he went down to injury early last year. At 6-5 220 with a powerful arm, the NFL scouts will be watching him closely. He has a lot of weapons to throw to on offense and should have a big year passing.

**10. Freddie Milons, Alabama**
Here is another all-purpose guy who is a threat to score any time he touches the ball. He was scintillating in the SEC Title Game lining up at WR, QB, RB, KR and PR. He was just a soph last year and should have a huge year.

**11. DeShaun Foster, UCLA**
He made my Western Region cover last year but suffered through an injury plagued season. I like his size/speed package, plus he is a returnman, a good receiver and most importantly a dangerous RB.

**12. Deuce McAllister, Ole Miss**
Speaking of solid size and speed, McAllister is 6-1 220 and has 4.4 speed. He may be the top RB of this senior class in the NFL's eyes. He has been very productive in his career and should have his best year in 2000.

**13. Eric Crouch, Nebraska**
Eric is one of the fastest Husker QB's yet and spent the offseason getting bigger and stronger. He topped 1,000 yards rushing last year, is a solid passer and the leader of probably the most potent offense in the country.

**14. Dan Alexander, Nebraska**
Dan is big (245 lbs) and powerful like a FB but has the speed to pull away from Colorado speedster Ben Kelly on a long run last year. That is a nice combo and running behind the "Pipeline" doesn't hurt his chances.

**15. Marques Tuiasosopo, Washington**
He became the first player in NCAA history to rush for 200 yards and pass for 300 yards in a single game last season when he pulled that feat vs Stanford. The Huskies have the potential for a big season.

**16. LaMont Jordan, Maryland**
I know that to be a serious Heisman contender, your team must be successful and that is why LaMont is listed this low. He had 1,632 yards in 1999 and even more impressive was his 6.1 ypc playing for a 5-6 team!

**17. Anthony Thomas, Michigan**
Thomas rushed for 1,297 yards vs a brutal schedule last year. He took nearly 100% of the snaps and with more depth in the backfield, will have his load lightened and that should mean a fresher, more powerful back.

## CONTENDERS

**18. Travis Minor, Florida St**
2,466 career rush yards and part of a potent offense. PS #1 in '97.

**19. Antwaan Randle El, Indiana**
Exciting player but team performance and a possible move to WR lessen his chances.

**20. Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas**
220 lbs and 4.3 speed. Could be SEC's top rusher this year.

**21. Kevin Brown, UNLV**
He put up big numbers in the PAC 10 (at Wash St) and is now in Mt West.

**22. Bobby Wade, Arizona**
Looks to be the guy to replace Canidate and Northcutt as the Cats' gamebreaker this year.

**23. Jason Thomas, UNLV**
He has Quincy Carter type talent and is even bigger.

**24. Paul Arnold, Washington**
He's bulked up and ready to be the feature back in Seattle.

**25. Eric McCoo, Penn St**
Had an off year in '99 but should be back in top form.

**26. James Jackson, Miami Fla**
4.38 speed. Banged up in '99 (missed 3 games) but still had 889 yds. 5.8 career ypc!

**27. David Terrell, Michigan**
Outstanding size and speed and 71 rec in '99.

## DARKHORSES

The following players are my darkhorses to take home the trophy, as they are not highly hyped preseason contenders but they should have great seasons in 2000!!

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Ladell Betts, Iowa
Ben Leard, Auburn
Rudi Johnson, Auburn
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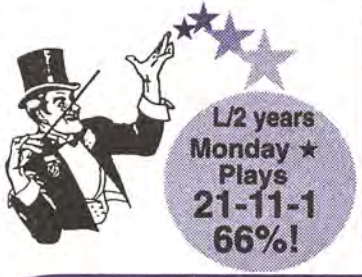


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| Sept 11 | New England | at | NY Jets |
| Sept 18 | Dallas | at | Washington |
| Sept 25 | Jacksonville | at | Indianapolis |
| Oct 2 | Seattle | at | Kansas City |
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| Oct 16 | Jacksonville | at | Tennessee |
| Oct 23 | Miami | at | NY Jets |
| Oct 30 | Tennessee | at | Washington |
| Nov 6 | Minnesota | at | Green Bay |
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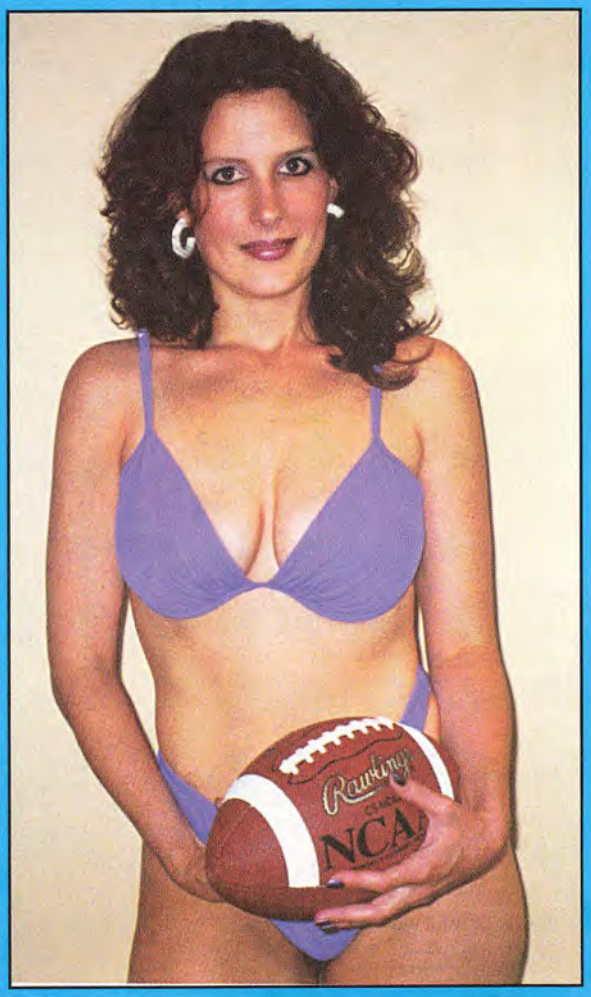


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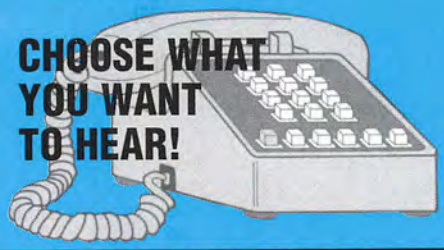


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